

# Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

## Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in ~~The Solstice Rest~~ St Peter's Church, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.15 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, T De Jonge  
R Watts, A Zacks-McGoldrick,  
Apologies: Cllr I West  
Parishioners: One  
Clerk: J Carr

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Statement by the Chairman.</b>
	<p>The Chairman made the following statement:</p> <p>“We now have a firm decision by Highways England for their preferred route for the A303: Amesbury to Berwick Down scheme; including the northern bypass of our own village. Clearly, that isn't going to please everyone in the village, but we have what we have. It's interesting to note that the breakdown in preferences, by the public, for each option indicated that an overwhelming majority, 44% had no preference as to the route - though it is unclear how many of those simply wanted any solution to the current traffic problems or how many wanted the status quo to prevail. That only 35% preferred the northern route and 21% the southern very much reflects the response we had to our own survey at the start of the public consultation process and suggests we should adopt a similar approach in the future where there are such clear divisions within the Parish.</p> <p>Whilst the route is far from ideal, we need to move forward on the basis the road will be built as proposed and seek to maximise the mitigation measures that can be applied to the scheme to reduce the impact on those villagers closest to the new route. We also need to engage with Highways England on a regular and routine basis as the plans develop, to maximise a whole raft of potential benefits to the village. As a Parish Council, we are going to have to be dextrous and agile in how we deal with things. The old way of working, with Parish Council Meetings every two months, is simply not going to be fast enough to work with the timescales of the road planners – so we may need to introduce more regular meetings to meet collectively with Highways England, the Amesbury Area Board, Wiltshire Council and others. We may also need to set up an A303 Working Group to keep things moving forward.</p> <p>Finally, we need to encourage our Parishioners to regularly check the website and the noticeboard to see what is going on.”</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Adjournment for Parishioners' Questions.</b>
	<p>Mr Peter Stoner raised the ongoing issue of the state of the A303 within the 40 mph stretch in the village with particular concern over the length from the Shrewton junction and the eastern speed derestriction sign. Of particular concern is the pedestrian crossing as that is a lifeline to the young and elderly and essential for anyone wishing to catch the bus north to Shrewton and beyond. The Chairman noted that the temporary pedestrian lights function intermittently and have a poor battery life appearing to be the problem exacerbated by an unsuitable inspection periodicity. He noted that both he and Councillor West, and perhaps others, had contacted Highways England on several occasions over the summer since the original damage had been done. He further informed the meeting the Parish Council has no special access to Highway England to rectify the issue above that of a parishioner and although Wiltshire Cllr Darren Henry has contacted Wiltshire Council Highways and they have contacted Highways England they were not prepared to give the Parish council a direct point-of-contact. The Chairman informed the meeting that he eventually</p>

	took it upon himself to write to the Highways England CEO, Jim O’Sullivan (0300 470 1079) for intervention. This had been copied to both John Glen MP and BBC Wiltshire – finally we have a bit of traction and Highways England have undertaken to provide a response by 27 <sup>th</sup> September.	
<b>3</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017.</b>	
	The minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting were agreed by all present and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>4</b>	<b>To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes.</b>	
	The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting:	
	a. (09/15-02) Contact has not been made with the Wiltshire Council “lighting man” (Stuart Brown); however, things may have moved on with Wiltshire Council now driving the issue. The action is now to establish where Wiltshire Council stands with respect to street lighting. Informal contact with Wiltshire Council has led to the understanding that Wiltshire Council will be leading towards measured light reductions across the county. Official notification has not been received, therefore, the Clerk will inform Wiltshire Council that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council wishes to carry out a trial of a lights-off period between midnight and 5am.	<b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going
	b. (07/16-03) Cllr Dr Shuttleworth noted that many villages had “village gates” at their speed limit entry points and these both enhanced the presence of the speed limit sign and informed drivers that they were entering a possible area of conflict with other road users. The Clerk had established that Highways England (as the “owner” of the A303) would install “village gates”; however, they will not fund the installation. The Clerk would approach the Area Board for a grant to fund installation after it has been established whether or not planning permission is required.	<b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going
	c. (01/17 - 02) The telephone refurbishment is ongoing and would now be treated as normal business. <b>Action Closed</b>	
	d. (01/17 – 01) Cllr West commented that the use of a private contractor to maintain the area surrounding the telephone box / speed camera should be considered and all Cllrs agreed. Cllr West provided the Clerk with details of a contractor he had cognisance of, through his previous Wiltshire Council connections. The Clerk was unable to contact them; Cllr West would take over the action and contact them for a quote	<b>Action:</b> Cllr West – on-going
	e. (01/17 – 04) Enquiries are ongoing regarding whether or not to find a replacement bin-liner or to replace the bin. Finding a replacement liner is proving difficult, as the bin is old, so the option to source a new bin will be followed. It was decided anonymously that the Clerk would buy a new bin costing up to £500; the bin must be cast iron and able to be bolted to a concrete slab.	<b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going
	f. (01/17 – 07) The Clerk will discuss the Parish’s Emergency Plan with Mr Rennie. Unfortunately, the Clerk has been unsuccessful in making contact with Mr Rennie. Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick will take on this action as he is a near neighbour.	<b>Action:</b> Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick – on-going
	g. (05/17 – 03) Cllr West raised the [old] topic of the St Peter’s Close pedestrian gate closure issue. This has long been tolerated as the benefits have	<b>Action:</b> Cllr De Jonge - on-going

	<p>outweighed the perceived problem; Cllr T De Jonge agreed to survey the gate to see if the problem was indeed a problem.</p> <p>h. (05/17 – 05) The defibrillator is housed in a substantial box and requires a 240v power supply. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth has had discussions with the owner of the garage and the Solstice Rest Public House is now the preferred option, subject to discussion with and agreement by the tenant.</p> <p>i. (05/17 – 07) Cllr West suggested that, instead of village gates being erected at the 40 mph speed signs on the A303, flashing speed signs should be considered; as Shrewton has recently installed them, the Clerk would contact Shrewton Parish council for an indication of cost.</p> <p>j. (07/17 – 01) The pigeon problem in the play park has been remedied. <b><u>Action Closed</u></b></p> <p>k. (07/17-02) The “bouncy tarmac” under the single swing has both shrunk and started to peel back. Having contacted the installation company for advice the Clerk will arrange for quotes to rectify the problem and will include replacing the surface under the double-swing equipment in the requirement.</p> <p>l. (07/17-03) The Clerk would re-inform Wiltshire Council of the point-of-contact for Parish Steward work.</p> <p>m. (07/17-04) A prepared statement should the Parish Council or Cllrs be contacted by the Press regarding the ICOMOS statement was prepared and distributed by Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick. <b><u>Action Closed</u></b></p> <p>n. (07/17-05) The Clerk applied to Wiltshire Council for the CIL/R2 monies from the new bungalow on the A303/Shrewton Road junction – Wiltshire Council were unaware that it had been completed.</p> <p>o. (07/17-06) Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth wrote to Mr Grant (Stonehenge Caravan and Campsite) informing him of the Village Events Committee and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and their respective functions. <b><u>Action Closed</u></b></p> <p>p. (07/17-07) The Clerk contacted Mr Peter Stoner (Chair, Village Events Committee) and Olivia Dutton (Secretary, PCC) to inform them of a potential approach from Mr Grant (Stonehenge Caravan and Campsite). <b><u>Action Closed</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Clerk - on-going</p>
5	<b>Planning Applications.</b>	
	<p><b><u>Planning Application 17/06911/FUL</u></b></p> <p>Staddles, 7 Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4SW</p> <p>Full Planning – Single storey rear extension.</p> <p>The application was considered by cllrs and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application.</p> <p><b><u>Planning Application 17/05896/FUL</u></b></p> <p>Greenlands Farm, B3086 (in the dip between the Stonhenge Visitor’s Centre and the Bustard Crossroad), Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4DX</p>	

	<p>Full Planning – Demolition of existing porch and conservatory, and erection of new porch and conservatory to existing dwelling. Conversion of existing dairy barn to holiday letting accommodation (3x1 bed units). Conversion of existing cattle barn to 2 letting units with disabled access and facilities.</p> <p>The application was considered by cllrs and it was unanimously agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council SUPPORTED the application subject to the Highways approval of the entrance and a bat survey.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Services including Recreation Facilities.</b></p> <p><b>Play Park.</b> Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth presented his inspection report and all cllrs noted that the surface under the double-swing has deteriorated significantly. As the “bouncy tarmac” under the single swing required action (07/17-02) there was an opportunity for the double swing surface to be replaced at the same time - Action 07/17-02 would be amended accordingly.</p> <p><b>Broadband.</b> Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth informed Cllrs that now that the majority of dwellings in the Parish have high-speed broadband the next move will be to instigate fibre-to-the-home where the speed will be significantly increased. The plight of the Berwick Road residents was discussed as they are not connected to the Shrewton exchange and are receiving a far inferior service via the Berwick exchange. Linking to the Winterbourne Stoke DSLAM is being considered and discussions are being held with BT; however, no public money would be available for any changes.</p> <p><b>Website.</b> Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth informed Cllrs that although there have been fewer attempts at hacking eastern Europeans are still signing up.</p> <p><b>Telephone Box.</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator.</b> See paragraph 4h.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Clerk (09/17-01)</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Highways &amp; Byways.</b></p> <p><b>General.</b> It has been noted that the roadside planters are approaching the end of their useful lives and require replacing. Following discussion it was agreed that £500 was available for two planters to be purchased. Heather Compton has agreed to plant-up and maintain the new planters – Cllrs thanked her for this generous action. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth agreed to liaise with Heather and facilitate purchase of the planters.</p> <p><b>Dog Mess.</b> All Cllrs noted the amount of dog faeces on Church Street is totally unacceptable. The Clerk will contact the Wiltshire council Dog Warden for guidance and direction though dog owners should note that Dog wardens have the powers to issue fixed penalty notices of £75 to anyone seen not clearing up after their dog. Failure to do this could lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1000.</p> <p>In 2012 Wiltshire Council introduced Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (2005). The Dog Control Orders in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require a person in charge of a dog to clean up after it has defecated on any area of land within Wiltshire which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access with or without payment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – (09/17-02)</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk (09/17-03)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow it to enter a children’s play area which is enclosed buy a fence, wall or similar structure.</li> <li>• Require the person in charge of a dog to put it on a lead of no more than two metres in length when asked to do so by an authorised officer of Wiltshire Council.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk would append a copy of the Wiltshire Council Dog Warden Service pamphlet to the notice board and website.</p> <p><b>A303.</b> An A303 Re-Route sub-committee will be instigated making use of the website forum to disseminate information rapidly; parishioners will have to get issues onto the forum as soon as possible to expect action to be taken. Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick agreed to produce a statement should the Parish Council or Cllrs be contacted by the Press regarding the A303 re-route.</p> <p>It was noted that Parish Council representation at the Amesbury Area Board will become increasingly important as Highways England will be using it as a means to gather and disseminate information; the next Area Board is currently publicised for 7pm on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November in South Newton &amp; Great Wishford Village Hall – this will likely change!</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Clerk (09/17-04)</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick – (09/17-05)</p>						
<b>8</b>	<b>Environment including Emergency Planning.</b>							
	Nothing to report.							
<b>9</b>	<b>World Heritage Site.</b>							
	Nothing to report.							
<b>10</b>	<b>Police.</b>							
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<b>11</b>	<b>Finance.</b>							
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<b>12</b>	<b>Reports from Councillors.</b>							
	Nothing to report.							
<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence received since the last meeting.</b>							
	Nothing to report.							
<b>14</b>	<b>Items to be discussed at the next meeting</b>							
	<p>The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at a location to be confirmed (probably St Peter’s Church) starting at 7:00pm. Cllrs are to note the FY 18/19 precept will be discussed, with the aim to establish a figure, at this meeting. The meeting closed at 8:36 pm.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> All cllrs.</p>						

J H Carr  
Clerk of the Council

20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

A Shuttleworth  
Chairman of the Council

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