

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held at the Stonehenge Visitor's Centre, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.00 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, I West
R Watts, A Zacks-McGoldrick,
Apologies: Cllr T De-Jonge, Wiltshire Cllr Darren Henry
Parishioners: None present
Clerk: J Carr

1	Opening Statement by the Chairman.
	<p>The Chairman made the following statement:</p> <p>“This is our first meeting of 2018, so welcome and a happy, prosperous, peaceful and profitable New Year to you all.</p> <p>I anticipate that 2018 is going to be as busy, as important and potentially, as controversial, as 2017 proved to be when it comes to the future of the A304 - At least this time we are forewarned. Our focus is going to be the legacy issues that this throws up; put simply, what advantages can the village win as a result of the disruption the road building will inevitably involve. At the same time, we have to take care of the day-to-day issues of village life in which we are involved, and do our best to improve those.</p> <p>We still aren't engaging with enough villagers on a regular basis - or if we are engaging, we aren't doing it effectively. My evidence for this is a Christmas Tree, left out for the bin men today. Despite rubbish collection and recycling changes being very well publicised on the village website, on Wiltshire Council's website, in the local Press and on the notice board, villagers were still putting out bins for collection and Christmas trees, on the wrong days, suggesting they really weren't keeping themselves informed. We need to think up a few ways of improving engagement.”</p>
2	Adjournment for Parishioners' Questions.
	None present.
3	To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 20th November 2018.
	The minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting were agreed by all present and signed by the Chairman.
4	To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes.
	<p>The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting:</p> <p>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. This action has been stalled for several months with no cooperation from Wiltshire Council; it was decided that</p>
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<p>the Clerk would write to Wiltshire Cllr Brown and ask if he can progress on our behalf</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c. (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 would contact a contractor he had cognisance of, through his previous Wiltshire Council connections, for a quote to encompass the aforementioned areas plus the play park. Following further discussion it was decided that it would be beneficial for the work to be placed out-to-tender; the Clerk would advertise the work noting the requirement for Public Liability insurance and the ability to work on the A303 verges.</p> <p>d. (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. The cost is more than expected so the amount has been increased to £700; however, the required item was out-of-stock.</p> <p>e. (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.</p> <p>f. (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 outweighed the perceived problem; Cllr T De Jonge agreed to survey the gate to see if the problem was indeed a problem.</p> <p>g. (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. Cllr De Jonge will discuss finer details with the landlord.</p> <p>h. (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 contacted Shrewton Parish council for an indication of cost. The Shrewton SIDs were obtained from Radar Speed Signs, the model is Pandora 906, at an individual cost of £2275 + VAT; the data logger licence cost £250 + VAT per unit. Delivery was £30 + VAT. Cllrs unanimously agreed that the individual costs were greater than expected; Cllr Dr Shuttleworth stated that he would personally consider other options for funding and report back.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick – on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Cllr De Jonge - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Cllr De Jonge – on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth</p>
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	<p>i. (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. Following advice from a contractor any work will be delayed until the weather improves.</p> <p>j. (09/17-05) 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. The statement was produced to the satisfaction of Cllrs. <u>Action Closed</u></p> <p>k. (11/17-01) The yellow lines have been installed at the Church Street/A303 junction; however, it has been noted that they are asymmetric which means that cars can still park opposite the entrance to The Hall making access difficult. The Clerk contacted Wiltshire Council who will investigate. Additionally, it has been noted that the quality of the lines is poor and will have to be rectified – this will be passed on to Wiltshire Council for action as well.</p> <p>l. (11/17-02) Cllr Dr Shuttleworth had noted that the road surface centreline is breaking up between Bridge Cottage and Staddles; he reported it using the <i>My Wiltshire</i> App. <u>Action Closed</u></p> <p>m. (11/17-03) The A303 traffic lights have been restored; however, nothing has happened with respect to worn road markings or the condition of the fibre ducting; Cllr Dr Shuttleworth will investigate via his contact with Highways England,</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Clerk – on going</p> <p><u>Action:</u> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth - on-going</p>
5	Planning Applications.	
	<p>18/00392/TCA – Work to Trees in a Conservation Area 1 Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke, SP3 4SW</p> <p>Cllr West declared an interest as the tree overhangs his garage, he correctly participated in the discussion but did not express a preference on a response. The three remaining cllrs stated that they supported the application.</p>	
6	Services including Recreation Facilities.	
	<p>Play Park. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth noted that the play park is in need of a “spring clean”; he will put an advert on the website.</p> <p>Broadband. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Website. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Telephone Box. The refurbishment is on-going – weather permitting.</p> <p>Defibrillator. See paragraph 4g.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth - (01/18-01)</p>
7	Highways & Byways.	
	<p>General. The dog mess problem has got worse – the Clerk will contact the Wiltshire Council dog warden for advice.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> Clerk - (01/18-02)</p>

	<p>Church Street. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth has noted that there has been a build-up of moss on St Peter’s Close, Meadow View and the New Street end of Church Street, this has been on both the road and pavements; the Clerk will inform Wiltshire Council for the Parish Steward’s visit.</p> <p>A303. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth noted that the A303 pedestrian lights failed in early January, he used his contact in Highways England to report the issue – the lights were fixed with 24 working hours.</p> <p>Bypass. The message below was released by Highways England:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>A303 Stonehenge Local Community Forum: get involved</u></p> <p>Does your local group have an interest in the plans to improve the A303 past Stonehenge between Amesbury and Berwick Down? Highways England are setting up a Local Community Forum for people living and working near the road to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find out accurate, up-to-date information about the scheme; • ask questions of the project team; • understand what the scheme means for them and how it will progress. <p>Highways England would like to make sure the forum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • represents a broad section of local communities potentially affected by the scheme; • offers appointed representatives the opportunity to raise matters of interest to their community groups. <p>If you would like to join the forum, Highways England can offer membership to one person per group. If you'd like to be involved on behalf of a local group, please get in touch now with Highways England's project team at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a303stonehenge@highwaysengland.co.uk</p> <p>Highways England are hoping to hold the first forum, to agree terms of reference and working arrangements, in late January.</p> <p>Parishioners are reminded that they should keep a close eye on the Parish Council website –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.winterbournestokepc.org.uk</p>	<p>Action: Clerk - (01/18-03)</p>
8	Environment including Emergency Planning.	
	Nothing to report.	
9	World Heritage Site.	
	Nothing to report.	
10	Police.	
	Nothing to report.	

11	Finance.		
	Money in Account (at close of business 02 Nov 17):	£11,592.72	
	Less un-cleared cheques:	HMRC £116.80	
12	Reports from Councillors.		
	Nothing to report.		
13	Correspondence received since the last meeting.		
	Nothing to report.		
14	Items to be discussed at the next meeting		
	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 19 th March 2018 at the Stonehenge Visitor's Centre starting at 7:00pm. The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.		Action: All cllrs.

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

19th March 2018

A Shuttleworth
Chairman of the Council

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