

# Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

## Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held at the Stonehenge Visitor's Centre, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.00 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, T Pywell, R Watts, T Dengel  
Apologies: Nil  
Parishioners: Six  
Clerk: J Carr

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Opening Statement from the Vice-Chairman</b></p> <p>Cllr Watts welcomed all present and read out the following eulogy to Douglas West:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“It was with great sadness that we heard the news of Douglas (Dougie) West’s passing last month – he will be greatly missed. We pass on our most sincere thoughts to all of Dougie’s family and many friends.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">As an active member of the Parish, Amesbury and Salisbury District Councils over the years, Dougie has been a major asset and made a significant and lasting legacy on the whole village – we have him to thank for many of the good things that have happened in the village including campaigning for the building of council houses in Meadow View and St Peter’s Close. Dougie also campaigned for the installation of double white lines through the village – who knows how many accidents that this has helped avoid. Finally, Dougie was a regular collector on behalf of the poppy appeal.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">From the members of Winterbourne Stoke Parish council, both past and present, and the parishioners of Winterbourne Stoke, you will be missed”</p> <p>Cllr Dr Andrew Shuttleworth then raised a point-of-order to call forward an important and urgent item from later in the agenda – the Parish Children’s Christmas Party. The item would have been discussed later in the meeting, but it was deemed suitably urgent that a decision should be made early in the meeting. The Clerk explained that money was available and that such spending was within the powers of the Parish Council. The Clerk suggested an amount of £400 which all cllrs agreed; however, Cllr Dr Shuttleworth suggested that instead of a grant that the organisers could be granted £400 on which they could drawdown expenditure – this was agreed unanimously. The Clerk would convey the decision to the organisers. <b><u>Action 11/19-01 Clerk</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk read out the resignation letter from Cllr Tony Zack-McGoldrick:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dear All</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Following a verbal and physical assault on me by a parishioner, I am no longer willing to represent the village as a counsellor. As a result please accept this letter as resignation as Chair of the Parish Council and resignation of the Parish Council effective immediately.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I wish you all the success in the future</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tony</p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that these were issues that fell outside the Parish Council’s ability to resolve. The details behind these allegations were not discussed, as the Clerk informed the</p>
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	<p>meeting that it was now the subject of a police investigation (Crime Number 54190117078) and any discussion could prejudice this.</p> <p>Cllr Dr Andrew Shuttleworth read out the relevant section of Local Government Association’s “Councillor’s Guide to Handling Intimidation” to help explain the actions being taken, particularly the consequences of the duty of care owed by the Parish Council to its employee, the Councillors and parishioners.</p> <p>It was decided that it would be best if the meeting was adjourned until the police investigation was completed.</p>
	<p><b>The Next Meeting</b></p>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be publicised as and when it is known</p>

J H Carr  
Clerk of the Council

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

A Pywell  
Chairman of the Council

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