

# Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

## Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

held using Zoom on

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at 7.00 pm

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Statement from the Chairman</b>	
	Welcome to the first virtual meeting of the Parish Council. I think it is fair to say that the past few months have thrown up challenges to all on an individual and a village wide basis. They have been, to coin an overused phrase, unprecedented in living memory, but it has brought out the best in our community. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank all those who have been helping out, from shopping and collecting prescriptions for those isolating or shielding to those who have organised or contributed to the myriad events which have been taking place – the Pebble Painting and trail, the children’s treasure hunt around the village, decorating the Easter Tree and the church Easter treats for the kids and of course, the first Winterbourne Stoke Scarecrow trail, which certainly demonstrated the design skills and imagination of those in the village. COVID-19 has brought with it much hardship, but it also seems to have reignited and fostered the community spirit within the village – Long may that element continue. Thank you.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>	
	No apologies received.	
<b>3</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting</b>	
	The minutes from the meetings held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020 were accepted and will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.	
<b>4</b>	<b>To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes</b>	
	<p>The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting:</p> <p>a. (01/17 – 07) It has been agreed that the Parish requires an Emergency Plan. The Clerk has asked WALC for advice and a recommendation on other avenues for the provision of an Emergency Plan for the Parish.</p> <p>b. ((01/18-02) Dog mess remains an issue but the Dog Warden will not take action until hard evidence has been obtained – photographs are required of the culprit(s) in action!</p> <p>c. (01/19-05) Cllr Dr Shuttleworth will investigate whether or not we need to resort to the original sign-up method for the website in order to reduce east European fake sign-ups. The website providers are investigating the implementation of CAPTCHA algorithms. Things have improved markedly so the action will be closed and the situation monitored. <b>Action Closed.</b></p> <p>d. (01/20-01) The Harassment Policy (unadopted) needs more work.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on going</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on going</p>

	<p>e. (01/20-02) The Clerk submitted the Precept request to Wiltshire Council. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>f. (01/20-03) The noise issue has abated but villagers must be vigilant and aware of what actions are to be taken should it reappear and become obtrusive. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Motions for Approval</b>	
	<p>a. <b>Motion</b> - to revalidate all current council policies and standing orders. Agreed unanimously. All current council policies are extended to July 2023.</p> <p>b. <b>Motion</b> - To approve the Annual Governance Statement. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>c. <b>Motion</b> - To approve a grant of £150 to Mr M Sayers for the replacement meadow gate. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk will arrange for a cheque and thank you letter to be sent.</p> <p>d. <b>Motion</b> - To ratify use of the phone box as a book swap facility. Agreed unanimously.</p>	
	<b>The Next Meeting</b>	
	A date for the next meeting was not set and will depend on social distancing regulations.	

J H Carr  
Clerk of the Council

A Pywell  
Chairman of the Council