

# Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

## Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in The Solstice Rest, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 pm

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Statement by the Chairman.</b>	
	The Chairman made the following statement:  “The key event in the last two months, or, as it happens, non-event, is the failure of Highways England to meet its own deadline of 17 <sup>th</sup> July – today – for the publication of its preferred scheme for the A303 Stonehenge to Berwick Down Scheme. I will say more on this later in the agenda.”	
<b>2</b>	<b>Adjournment for Parishioners’ Questions.</b>	
	No questions were raised by the parishioners present.	
<b>3</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 8<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>	
	<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.</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. (09/16-02) The Environment Agency had written to parish and town council Clerks seeking information on historic groundwater flooding to allow them to extend their groundwater flood warning service to areas that currently do not benefit from it. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write back asking what the service actually offers. A follow-up call was made</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk - on-going</p>

by the Clerk, he was informed that the service was in abeyance. **Action Closed.**

d. (01/17 - 02) The Parish Council is prepared to underwrite the reasonable cost of materials (circa £200) to refurbish the telephone box but it requires a written condition report and estimate first – this would have to be received and agreed ex-committee to allow renovation to progress as soon as possible. Mr Fair was present at the meeting and delivered the following report:

**BT K6 Telephone Box –**  
**A303 Winterbourne Stoke**

This afternoon, on liaising with Ian West, I inspected the telephone box located on the A303 in the village.

The telephone box was adopted from BT some 5-6 years ago by the village at the grand cost of £1. On adopting the box most of the box was then stripped down to bare metal and given coats of primer, undercoat and gloss Post Office Red paint. The teak door was also sanded down and repainted.

Today, the box is, in my opinion, in a good state of repair with a few minor repairs required. The paint is starting to peel in certain areas, namely the teak door which has no rot that I can see. There are small areas of surface rust which can easily be dealt with. Ian West has kindly replaced one of the four clear plastic "Telephone" signs that had been stolen.

Basically, the box requires a power wash, a scrape and light sanding followed by touch up undercoat and a full coat of gloss paint.

The main piece of work that is required is to fix a replacement door closure unit and arm to ensure that the door returns to a shut position after use. I believe the original door closure had become partially detached and had been removed for safety reasons. Unfortunately, the door closure unit is now missing.

I have Post Office Red undercoat and a small amount of gloss (it's the colour of our front door(s)) but I suggest a fresh one litre tin of gloss paint be purchased.

Costings (unicomrestorations.com)

One litre can of Post Office Red gloss paint - £15.20 + VAT + postage

One reversible door closure and arm kit - £75 + VAT + postage. I noted that the mounting bolts had been sheared off. Therefore the ends would have to be drilled out and re-tapped (a willing volunteer would be required to do this). The other alternative to the door closure is a wooden clothes peg (as is now used) or more drastically, a hasp and padlock. For obvious reasons a bolt would not be suitable!!

Steve Fair

e. (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

f. (01/17 – 03) The Clerk had attempted to find a legal and viable way to get the play park bin emptied. The best option would appear to involve the Wiltshire Council "caged van" collection service - enquiries confirmed this.  
**Action Closed.**

g. (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

**Action:**  
Cllr Dr  
Shuttleworth -  
on going

**Action:**  
Cllr West

**Action:**  
Clerk - on-going

	<p>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.</p> <p>h. (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>i. (03/17 - 01) The stile at the southern end of Church Street was in need of maintenance; Druid’s Lodge has repaired it. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>j. (05/17 – 01) The diary of play-park maintenance is overdue; the Clerk is to expedite. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth accepted the responsibility as his house overlooked the play park. A process is now in place and the Clerk has received reports from Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth since the end of May. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>k. (05/17 – 02) The lottery labels are still missing the Clerk and Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth agreed to get together to get them attached. The lottery labels have been attached. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>l. (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>m. (05/17 – 04) It had not been necessary to pursue options against Cllr West and his refusal to accede to policy and use the official Parish Council email because Cllr West has adopted the official Parish Council email. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>n. (05/17 – 05) The defibrillator is housed in a substantial box and requires a 240v power supply. The Clerk is carrying out enquiries for a location in the heart of the village – the garage is a favoured location and negotiations are ongoing with the owner. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth had agreed to write to the owner requesting his involvement is such a worthwhile cause; however, a face-to-face meeting is now to be arranged.</p> <p>o. (05/17 – 06) The Clerk informed Wiltshire Council that the Clerk is the sole point-of-contact for the Parish Steward scheme. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p> <p>p. (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>q. (05/17 – 08) The Clerk was given Cllr Darren Henry’s (Wiltshire Unitary Cllr for the Till and Wylve Valley) email details and agreed to keep him informed of Parish Council business. <b><u>Action Closed.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Cllr De Jonge - on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on-going</p> <p><b><u>Action:</u></b> Clerk</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Planning Applications.</b>	
	A planning application had been received relating to Greenlands Farm (in the dip between the Stonhenge Visitor’s Centre and the Bustard Crossroad. It was agreed that a separate planning meeting would be held on the following	

	Monday (24 <sup>th</sup> July) at 7pm in the Solstice Rest. Details would be placed on the website and Church Street notice board.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Services including Recreation Facilities.</b>	
	<p><b>Play Park.</b> An inspection regime is now in place and it has highlighted two areas requiring action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There is an issue with pigeons and the mess they deposit; Cllr T Zacks-McGoldrick will source approved anti-pigeon spikes and councillors will apply these to the relevant areas.</li> <li>b. The “bouncy tarmac” under the single swing has both shrunk and started to peel back; the Clerk will contact the installation company for advice,</li> </ol> <p><b>Broadband.</b> Anyone who has been looking for signs of BT activity on the Shrewton road over the last couple of weeks would have found it hard to spot anything at all. However, today there were a few signs that things are moving forward.</p> <p>First of all, some BT subcontractors were spotted feeding ducting or possibly cable into one of the access chambers that were installed last year.</p> <p>Further down the road, another contractor was pumping out another access chamber in the road at the foot of a BT pole:</p> <p>However, they don’t appear to have brought the mole plough back yet, as the yellow plastic poles are still in the verge:</p> <p>There is no evidence that they have installed any of the poles for which they had sought permission for traffic controls. That might suggest there is a bit more work to be done over the next couple of weeks. Apologies for the poor quality of the photos; they are stills from a windscreen video.</p> <p>(NB – This was published prior to BT contractors cutting off every phone in the village when the mole-plough cut through the buried section of telephone cable near the B3083/A303 junction!)</p> <p><b>Website.</b> The website is still getting a good number of hits from around the world; however, there has been poor use of the Bought &amp; Sold section and the Forum following an initial spurt of activity. We anticipate the Forum activity to pick-up as road plans develop.</p> <p><b>Telephone Box.</b> See paragraph 4d.</p> <p><b>Defibrillator.</b> See paragraph 4n.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth (07/17-01)</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Clerk (07/17-02)</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Highways &amp; Byways.</b>	
	<p><b>General.</b> The next Parish Steward visits are 25<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> September; these are shared with Berwick St James. It was agreed that the priorities would be: clear the weeds and moss on the pavements in St Peter’s Close and Meadow View; clear the kerb edges on Church Street and clear the roadside grips on the Berwick road. The Clerk would inform Wiltshire Council.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Clerk (07/17-03)</p>

	<p><b>A303.</b> As mentioned in opening the meeting, the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 had been the date put forward by Highways England for the announcement of the next phase of the A303 Stonehenge to Berwick Down Scheme; specifically, the announcement of the preferred route. Councillors discussed the implications of the recent UNESCO/ICOMOS statement asking HMG to reconsider the options and either providing a much longer tunnel, or, removing the A303 from the World Heritage Site (WHS) in its entirety. Councillors noted that the boundaries of the WHS were very arbitrary and in the case of the western boundary reflected the position of modern roads (A360), not the underlying archaeology. If archaeology was going to be the major influence on the route of the ‘improved’ A303, then it should be all of the archaeology that was avoided and not just that lying within the existing WHS boundaries.</p> <p>Councillors also took note of HMG’s new views on how it planned to fund the A303 scheme, using a modified public/private financing scheme. Councillors were concerned that the lack of success of similar schemes in the past in hospitals, prisons, schools, etc, did not bode well for the future of this scheme.</p> <p>It was agreed that it would be sensible to have a prepared statement should the Parish Council or Cllrs be contacted by the Press regarding the ICOMOS statement; Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick agreed to draft a statement and to circulate it for comment.</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick (07/17-04)</p>												
<b>8</b>	<b>Environment including Emergency Planning.</b>													
	Nothing to report.													
<b>9</b>	<b>World Heritage Site.</b>													
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<b>10</b>	<b>Police.</b>													
	Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth informed the meeting that a new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator is needed for the village – interested persons should contact Peter Smith.													
<b>11</b>	<b>Finance.</b>													
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<b>12</b>	<b>Reports from Councillors.</b>													
	The next Village Events Committee meeting is on 25 <sup>th</sup> July at 7.15 pm in the Solstice Rest.													
<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence received since the last meeting.</b>													
	Cllr T De Jonge had been contacted by William Grant (Stonehenge Caravan and Campsite) with an offer to host events for the village, these included a Barn Dance on 16 <sup>th</sup> September, a Summer Fete and a Harvest Festival Supper. Cllr	<p><b>Action:</b></p>												

	Dr A Shuttleworth reminded Cllrs that it was the function of the Village Events Committee or the Parochial Church Council (PCC) to organise such events and not the Parish Council. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth agreed to write to Mr Grant informing him of these two bodies and their functions and the Clerk would contact Peter Stoner (Chair, Village Events Committee) and Olivia Dutton (Secretary, PCC) to inform them of a potential approach from Mr Grant.	Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth (07/17-06)  <b>Action:</b> Clerk (07/17-07)
<b>14</b>	<b>Items to be discussed at the next meeting</b>	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 in The Solstice Rest at 7:00pm. The meeting closed at 8:55pm.	<b>Action:</b> All cllrs.

J H Carr  
Clerk of the Council

18<sup>th</sup> September 2017

A Shuttleworth  
Chairman of the Council

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