

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held at the Stonehenge Visitor's Centre, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 21st January 2019 at 7.05 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, T Pywell, R Watts, A Zacks-McGoldrick,
T Dengel
Wiltshire Cllrs: D Henry
Parishioners: None
Clerk: J Carr

1	Opening Statement by the Chairman. <p>Welcome to the first meeting of Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council in 2019; I hope we can keep the meeting brisk enough to ensure that no-one lapses into hypothermia due to us running on too long.</p> <p>My apologies once again for having missed the last two meetings due to medical issues, but the business has been deftly handled by the Vice-Chairman, showing once again that no-one is indispensable; the Chairman least of all.</p> <p>Business for this year is inevitably going to be shaped by the A303 Stonehenge to Berwick Down scheme and there have been some significant developments over the last couple of months; notably the acceptance of the DCO paperwork for examination by the Planning Inspectorate in November 2018 and the registration of interested parties between early December 2018 and the 11th January this year. The Parish Council has registered and has based its registration on the position laid out in the earlier statutory responses to Highways England. At the same time, the Council has been engaging with Highways England on a document called the Statement of Common Ground - of which more later. We also continue to engage with the Community Forum to identify legacy benefits for the village and wider area - again, more later.</p> <p>Other significant events affecting the village are the planned closure of the Cross Plains Health Centre sites in Shrewton and Durrington and their relocation to a new medical facility in Larkhill, alongside a similar new facility serving the military and their dependents. This was one of two important and linked issues raise at last week's Amesbury Area Board - one of the worst run meetings I have ever had the misfortune to attend.</p> <p>The second event was the Police success in their Op ARTEMIS swoop in the village over the Christmas period - with several suspected hare coursers reported for a variety of offences, long dogs taken for re-homing and vehicles confiscated. This takes us back full circle to the plans for the A303; one of the things the Parish Council is keen to ensure is that none of the changes should make the village and surrounding areas more vulnerable to rural crime of any type. This impacts on the future disposition and management of lay-bys, byways on the route of the current A303 west of Scotland Lodge farm, Green Bridge One in the village and the lay-by to the west of the village.</p>
2	Adjournment for Parishioners' Questions. <p>Tony Zack-McGoldrick raised the issue of the state of the Shrewton Road immediately north after it's junction with the A303. The road had been closed supposedly to facilitate repairs; however, if repairs had been carried out they were not obvious. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council to see what work had been carried out and whether further repairs are planned.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk - (01/19-01)</p>

3	Apologies Received	
	No apologies received.	
4	To confirm the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 19th November 2018.	
	Acceptance of the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting were proposed by Cllr R Watts, seconded by Cllr T Dengel and agreed by the remaining cllrs. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.	
5	To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes.	
	<p>The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting:</p> <p>a. (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 and the Clerk have made contact with Mr Rennie who is “on-board” but very busy</p> <p>b. (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. Following several dead-end suggestions alternatives are being considered/evaluated.</p> <p>c. (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 yellow lines have been extended; however, the quality is poor which areas already having been worn away. The Clerk has submitted a “My Wiltshire” observation.</p> <p>d. (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 investigated via his contact with Highways England who informed him that they intend to restore the road marking at a date to be determined. Highways England are also investigating the break-up of the foundation to the road surface on the A303 bridge. There is still a requirement for the old safety barrier and pedestrian crossing control box to be removed.</p> <p>e. (01/18-02) Since the Chairman contacted and met with the Dog Warden in the village to discuss the issue signs have been erected; however, it is agreed that, although the problem has reduced on Church Street, the meadow walk to Berwick St James is still bad. Legal action should now be considered such that a reward leading to the conviction of an offending owner is offered. The Chairman would consult with the Dog Warden on the feasibility of such an option.</p> <p>f. (05/18-05) The telephone box refurbishment is complete with effort from Ian West, Dave Hillier, Steve Fair and Barry France. Cllr A Zacks-McGoldrick will write a short article for the website.</p> <p>g. (05/18-08) A whole raft of signs has appeared at the southern end of the village in the river next to the wooden foot bridge due to persons-unknown bathing/playing in the river. There is confusion over the right-of-access to this area as there has in the past been a ford here. Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth will write</p>	<p>Action: Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick – on-going</p> <p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on-going</p> <p>Action: Clerk – on going</p> <p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth - on-going</p> <p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on going</p> <p>Action: Cllr Zacks-McGoldrick – on going</p> <p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – on going</p>

	<p>Legacy projects could be such items as allotments, a village hall and a playing field; significant funding should be forthcoming from the project but an element of co-funding is expected.</p> <p>It was noted that the Clerk has not had a pay rise since 2010/11. Since then he has been paid three hours a week at the national minimum wage; it was suggested that he should be paid in line with the actual work being carried out which has increased significantly since the website has been up and running. Cllr T Zacks-McGoldrick proposed that the hours should be doubled to six and it should remain at the national minimum wage; Cllr T Pywell seconded the proposal and all remaining cllrs agreed. The Clerk is to inform the payroll services of the change.</p> <p>Knowing that the Council's wage bill will increase and a larger reserve is desired it was proposed by Cllr T Zacks-McGoldrick that the FY19/20 precept be £9,090; this equates to a 25% increase to a Band D property raising it from £86.02 to £107.76 for the year though he was at pains to point out that this is the first increase for four years. Cllr R Watts seconded the proposal and all remaining cllrs agreed. The Clerk is to inform Wiltshire Council of the FY19/20 Precept requirement.</p>	<p>Action: Clerk - (01/19-03)</p> <p>Action: Clerk - (01/19-04)</p>
7	Planning Applications.	
	Nothing to report.	
8	Services including Recreation Facilities.	
	<p>Play Park: Cllr T Dengel will take over responsibility for the monthly play park inspections.</p> <p>IT inc Broadband and Website: There have been issues with eastern European fake sign-ups leading to spam and offensive forum topics, the solution may be to resort to the original sign-up method. Cllr Dr Shuttleworth will investigate.</p> <p>Notice Board: A replacement notice board has been ordered. Ancillaries are required: magnetic heading "plates" (Parish Council, Community and Other) and all doors are to be lockable.</p>	<p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – (01/19-05)</p> <p>Action: Clerk – (01/19-06)</p>
9	Highways & Byways.	
	<p>General: Wiltshire Council are planning to replace all street lights with LED bulbs and to introduce part-night working; the installation programme has not been released.</p> <p>The Clerk has been informed of the concerns of a parishioner over a tree in the church yard. The tree poses a potential threat to Church Cottage and Goldcrest on Church Street. It was noted that it is the Church's responsibility and the secretary to the Parochial Church Council had also been informed. This not the first time that this tree has raised the concerns of those living in its shadow.</p> <p>Current A303: It has been noted that the large westbound green road sign at the eastern end of the village has succumbed to corrosion and is now horizontal; Cllr Dr Shuttleworth will ensure Highways England are aware.</p> <p>A303 Scheme: The Parish Council has registered as an interested party and it will be useful to know if any other parishioners have done likewise as mutual assistance could be beneficial. Any parishioner who has registered is requested</p>	<p>Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – (01/19-07)</p>

	<p>to contact the Clerk (clerk@winterbournestokepc.org.uk). The Chairman and Clerk had a meeting with Highways England on areas of common ground so that effort can be directed at areas of disagreement.</p> <p>Parishioners are reminded that they should keep a close eye on the Parish Council website for updates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.winterbournestokepc.org.uk</p>	
10	Environment including Emergency Planning.	
	Cllr Dr Shuttleworth briefed cllrs on his weekly Tilshead borehole level website report; he is of the opinion an early flood is unlikely.	
11	World Heritage Site.	
	Nothing to report.	
12	Police.	
	Nothing to report.	
13	Reports from Councillors.	
	<p>Cllrs: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Village Events Committee: Nothing to report.</p> <p>Wiltshire Cllrs: Cllr Henry informed cllrs about Wiltshire Cllr Graham Wright's community Facebook page; there will be an initiating event over Easter. As and when more information is made available it will be publicised on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council have been allocated £8M by central government to repair potholes; however, Wiltshire Council will use a proportion for street-scene projects – it is suggested that parishioners email Wiltshire Cllr Henry with proposals.</p> <p>The campsite on the Berwick-St-James road is investigating erecting brown tourism signs on the A303 and A36; Cllr Dr Shuttleworth will engage with Mr Grant to see what support he wants from the Parish Council.</p>	Action: Cllr Dr Shuttleworth – (01/19-08)
	The Next Meeting	
	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11 th March 2019 at the Stonehenge Visitor's Centre; it will follow the Annual Parish Meeting that will start at 6:30pm. The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.	Action: All cllrs.

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

11th March 2019

Dr A Shuttleworth
Chairman of the Council

11th March 2019