

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in St Peter's Church, Winterbourne Stoke, on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.00 pm

In Attendance: Parish Councillors: Dr A Shuttleworth, T Pywell, Mrs O Dutton, P Smith
Apologies: Nil
Parishioners: One
Clerk: J Carr

Before the meeting started the Clerk read out a statement from Wiltshire Council:

Whereas there are so many vacancies in the office of parish councillor on the Winterbourne Stoke Parish council as a result of the resignation of parish councillors that the said Parish council is unable to act, Wiltshire council in exercise of its powers under section 91 Local Government Act 1972 hereby orders the appointment of the following persons to fill vacancies on the Winterbourne Stoke Parish council until such time as other Councillors are elected to take up office –

*Olivia Dutton, The Old Rectory, Winterbourne Stoke
Lt Col Peter Smith, Riverside Cottage, Church Street, Winterbourne Stoke*

This order may be cited as the Wiltshire Council (Parish of Winterbourne Stoke) (Appointment of Temporary Councillors) Order 2021.

The sealed order is reproduced in full at the end of these minutes.

1	Opening Statement from the Chairman
	<p>The murder of Sir David Amess MP on Friday, following the equally brutal murder of Jo Cox five years ago is the extreme end of a worrying trend in British society. We've also seen it in the vitriolic reaction to Brexit from supporters of both positions and in the inane and pointless sniping between the left and right and those who sit between in British Politics.</p> <p>It's not just in Britain. The same trend is just as apparent in the US, in Russia, and most of the countries in the EU. It is a global malaise and it begins at the grass roots level.</p> <p>There seems to be an increasing unwillingness to accept with good grace when an argument is lost, that you won't always be right, and you won't always win. There needs to be more good in our outlook, more reconciliation and more willingness to agree to disagree, move on and work towards the common good. We all need to be doing that; those of us inside the Parish Council and those outside of it.</p> <p>I often disagree with Tony; he often disagrees with me. We disagree with vigour and honesty, but also with a sense of respect. We explain why we feel the way we do on certain issues and sometimes one of us will sway the other, sometimes we agree to disagree, and we do so without rancour or bitterness. It simply isn't needed. Then we have Jim as the Parish Clerk. He will often step in to advise us that we are both wrong, or that we have forgotten something that changes the picture.</p>

	<p>Tonight, I'm delighted to welcome Olivia Dutton and Peter Smith as new Parish Councillors. I know from my other dealings with them that both are robust debaters and will add to the quality of discussion when it is required.</p> <p>We as a Parish Council, can only do so much when it comes to improving the life of the village. We have the Village Preservation Society and the Church who also do their bit and do it very well. But at the end of the day, it comes down to what YOU as a villager do to help and benefit your community. To build bridges rather than tear them down. To help your neighbours rather than neglect them. Some participate in everything, some just a few things and sadly, some none at all.</p> <p>Whatever we do, we should do with kindness, even if sometimes it means saying No!</p>
2	Apologies Received
	No apologies received.
3	To confirm the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting
	The minutes from the meetings held on 24 th June 2021 were accepted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
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. (01/20-01) Wiltshire Council has published a Harassment Policy that will be adapted to the needs of Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council. <u>ACTION CLOSED</u></p> <p>b. (01/21-02) The single "toddler" swing requires refurbishment. The Clerk will engage the services of a professional contractor to carry out the refurbishment. <u>Action:</u> Clerk – on going</p> <p>c. (06/21-01) It was noted that the old laptop was still on the asset register, it was recommended that this should be disposed of in accordance with WEEE regulations. <u>ACTION CLOSED</u></p>
5	Motions for Approval
	<p>Motion 1: To approve the co-option of new Parish Councillors.</p> <p>This motion was overcome-by-events and no longer required.</p> <p>Motion 2: To approve up to £500 as the Parish Council's contribution towards additional road signs on the Berwick Road.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Motion 3: To approve up to £1000 as the Parish Council's contribution towards a speed survey on the Berwick Road.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed to approve funds up to £500.</p>

6	Closed Session – No Public Permitted
7	The Next Meeting
	The meeting closed at 7:50pm. A date for the next meeting was not set.

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

Dr A Shuttleworth
Chairman of the Council

COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL (PARISH OF WINTERBOURNE STOKE)
(APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COUNCILLORS) ORDER 2021

Section 91 Local Government Act 1972


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Dated this 18th day of October 2021.

The Common Seal of
WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed
in the presence of :-


(MIKE EDGAR)
Authorised Officer



Senior Solicitor