

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in St Peter's Church, Winterbourne Stoke, on Monday 31st January 2022 at 7.00 pm

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

1	Opening Statement from the Chairman
	<p>I plan to keep things short and sweet this evening. Clearly, the fact that National Highways have now responded to the Statement of Matters issued by Grant Shapps in respect of the A303 Stonehenge to Berwick Down Scheme is an important event and I will say a little more later in the meeting. However, the basic message is quite clear, National Highways are not looking to change any elements of the proposal they put forward in the DCO process and certainly have no intention of reopening the comprehensive review of routes previously undertaken. It seems unlikely that the SoS will plough a significantly different furrow.</p> <p>The other issue is Covid-19. Whilst nationally, levels are said to be falling, in the 7 days to 25th January, the Government's own figures show that in our area, the case-rate has increased by nearly 60%. Bear in mind that these figures only show those people who are experiencing Covid-19 for the first time. Up until tomorrow, the UK has NOT recorded the incidence of re-infections. We also know that Omicron is causing a high level of re-infections, even of triple-vaccinated individuals. That might account for the fact that we currently have more cases of Covid 19 in the village that at any time since the pandemic began. Society needs to reopen, but those who may be vulnerable, or deal with those who are, should be wary.</p>
2	Apologies Received
	Cllr T Pywell offered his apologies for non-attendance; his apology was accepted by cllrs.
3	To confirm the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting
	The minutes from the meetings held on 13 th December 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. (01/21-02) The single "toddler" swing requires refurbishment. The Clerk will engage the services of a professional contractor to carry out the refurbishment.</p> <p>There is currently nil stock at our usual supplier. The Clerk will shop around for a suitable replacement.</p> <p>b. Motion 4. Cllrs agreed that the Council would be prepared to donate a maximum of £135 (50% matched funding) towards Christmas presents for children of primary school age and younger and the VPS would have to submit receipts to justify the final amount. The VPS presented</p>
	Action: Clerk – on going

	receipts to the value of £161.80 so the Clerk forwarded a cheque for £80.90 to the VPS treasurer.	
5	Motions for Approval	
	<p>Motion 1 - To discuss and agree a position on the two Bridge Cottage planning applications</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the two planning applications and decided that the Clerk would submit a comment of “No Objection” for both applications.</p>	
6	Closed Session – No Public Permitted	
7	The Next Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 7:30pm. A date for the next meeting was not set.	

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

Dr A Shuttleworth
Chairman of the Council