

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in St Peter's Church, Winterbourne Stoke, on Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.00 pm

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

1	Opening Statement from the Chairman	
	I have very little to say in opening this Parish Council meeting, other than the fact that the tragic events in the Ukraine cast into sharp relief the rather pathetic behaviour of a few individuals who seek to inhibit those who try to better the lives of those in the community.	
2	Apologies Received	
	Cllr P Smith 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 31 st January 2022 were accepted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.	
4	To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes	
	The following actions were outstanding from the previous meeting: 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.	Action: Clerk – on going
5	Motions for Approval	
	Motion 1 - To discuss and make comments on the latest news of the A303 Stonehenge Project. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Dr Shuttleworth would comment on the latest news of the A303 Stonehenge Project and to respond direct to the Secretary of State. The response will be published on the Parish Council website. Motion 2 - To discuss and agree funding for the B3083 speed limit project. With the evidence of the [free] speed survey the Stonehenge Local Highway & Footpath Group (LHFG), previously known as the CATG, were persuaded to add the speed limit re-assessment for the B3083 to the signage, etc that is already in-train. The cost of the assessment, which is undertaken by an independent contractor, will be £625. Councillors have already approved £500 and agreed to review this amount if necessary. The £625 represents 25% of the total £2,500 cost of the assessment and, strictly speaking, Berwick St James Parish Meeting should underwrite this to	

	<p>the tune of £312.50; i.e., each Parish Council/Meeting pays half. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council could push Berwick St James Parish Meeting for their contribution, but that will take months to get approval from their Parish Meeting and it will delay getting the assessment on the list of Wiltshire assessment priorities, introducing still further delay. Additionally, experience has shown that Berwick St James Parish Meeting will plead poverty and approval from their Parish Meeting is unlikely.</p> <p>It has been suggested that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council should underwrite the full cost of £625, this would need to approve expenditure of a further £125. If councillors are prepared to pay the amount due by Berwick St James Parish Meeting it will allow the assessment to move forward immediately. Berwick St James Parish Meeting can be asked retrospectively if they are prepared to reimburse Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council £312.50.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council should underwrite the full amount of £625. The Clerk should engage with the LHFG Secretary as soon as possible.</p> <p>Motion 3 – To accept the quote for the play park grounds maintenance.</p> <p>Cllrs discussed and accepted the play park grounds maintenance quote from Bawdens of Amesbury.</p>	
6	Closed Session – No Public Permitted	
7	Statement from the Cllr Dutton	
	Cllr Dutton offered her resignation; this was reluctantly accepted by the Chairman who thanked Cllr Dutton for her contribution to the Parish Council.	
8	The Next Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 8:00pm. A date for the next meeting was not set.	

J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

Dr A Shuttleworth
Chairman of the Council