

# Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

## Meeting of the Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council held in The Village Hub, Winterbourne Stoke, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00 pm

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

<b>1</b>	<b>Opening Statement from the Chairman</b>	
	No statement was made.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b>	
	No apologies received.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman</b>	
	Following discussion, due to the number of cllrs, Cllr Dr Shuttleworth agreed to retain the position of Chairman of the Parish Council.	
<b>4</b>	<b>To confirm the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting</b>	
	The minutes from the meetings held on 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 were accepted and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.	
<b>5</b>	<b>To report, for information only, any matters arising from the minutes</b>	
	The following actions were outstanding:  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.	<b>Action:</b> Clerk – on going
<b>6</b>	<b>Motions for Approval</b>	
	<b>Motion 1 - To agree to pay for an outside party to repair and paint the A303 telephone box.</b>  Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk will get quotes.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Discussions</b>	
	<b>Discussion 1 – The nuisance of bonfires in the Village.</b>  Cllrs have received complaints from parishioners regarding bonfires and the nuisance they can cause. Wiltshire Council has the following advice:  Bonfires can cause a nuisance to other people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• by making asthma, bronchitis or other respiratory conditions worse.</li><li>• by affecting visibility for drivers on nearby roads.</li><li>• because fire can spread to nearby fences or buildings.</li></ul>	

There are no byelaws restricting bonfires in Wiltshire's Area and there are no specific times of day restricting bonfires; however, if you must have a bonfire, then it is advisable to follow these simple guidelines:

- Warn your neighbours - this gives them an opportunity to close windows and doors, remove washing off the line and they are much less likely to complain.
- Ideally burn later in the evening when people are less likely to use their gardens.
- Only burn dry material.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp or warm, still days. If it is too windy, smoke blows into neighbours' gardens and windows and across roads.
- Avoid burning when air pollution levels in your area are high or very high.
- Keep your fire away from trees, fences and buildings.
- Never use oil, petrol or methylated spirits to light a fire - you could damage yourself as well as the environment.
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - put it out.

More advice can be found here: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/env-health-smoke-nuisance>

**Discussion 2 – Monitoring of event noise at the Campsite.**

Cllr Smith and the Clerk attended the Campsite on 29<sup>th</sup> April to accompany a Wiltshire Council employee reviewing the Campsite's event noise monitoring procedures.

**Discussion 3 – Event Assurance.**

At the previous week's Annual Parish Meeting a parishioner raised the question of whether the Parish Council could provide, through its own insurance cover, third-party insurance for events held for the benefit of the community in the play park and whether or not this cover could also extend to events held by private individuals? The Clerk had engaged the current provider of insurance for the Parish Council for advice to be told that the current policy was very restrictive and only covered Parish Council official duties.

<b>8</b>	<b>Closed Session – No Public Permitted</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>The Next Meeting</b>
	The meeting closed at 7:40pm. A date for the next meeting was not set.