

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Meeting

Winterbourne Stoke Annual Parish Meeting held in The Village Hub, Winterbourne Stoke on Monday 23rd May 2022 at 7.00 pm

In Attendance: Chairman: Cllr Dr A Shuttleworth
Parishioners: Two
Clerk: Mr J Carr

1	Opening Remarks by the Chairman
	The meeting opened at 7:00pm. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all present.
2	Presentation by the Chairman
	<p>Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting of Winterbourne Stoke.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting is a legacy from the Middle Ages, when Local Councils did not exist, and all local decision-making was carried out by meetings of the whole community, taking place in the church vestry. So, here we are a millennium or so later, sitting in the church vestry and village Hub, discussing local issues.</p> <p>The Annual Parish Meeting is open to all electors in the parish of Winterbourne Stoke, who have the right not only to attend but also to speak on any matter of local interest. This is in contrast to a Parish Council meeting, where electors who are not Councillors have no automatic right to speak.</p> <p>This is, in legal terms, a quite separate body from the Parish Council, but it is invariably the Council that arranges it (simply because it is unlikely that anyone else will do so). Its decisions are not binding on the Council, though Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council would normally want to take heed of what is said at the meeting. The Chairman of the Council must, if she or he is present, take the chair as I do this evening.</p> <p>So, without further ado, can I declare the meeting open and invite those electors of the parish in attendance to raise any issues of concern to them?</p>
3	Questions from Parishioners
	<p>1. 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. Could the cover also extend to events held by private individuals?</p> <p>Action: The Clerk will speak with WALC and Community First, through which cover is arranged and report to a future Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>2. A parishioner raised the issue of bonfires and the nuisance they can cause. There was no discussion as the Parish Council was due to discuss the issue in its meeting the following week.</p>

	<p>3. A parishioner asked who owned the milestone opposite the Manor Farm entrance on the A303 as it is in need of repair. Immediate research (www.milestonesociety.co.uk) showed that a milestone is the property of the highway authority so, in this case, National Highways.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk will engage National Highways.</p>
4	Next Meeting
	The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.



J H Carr
Clerk of the Council

14th June 2022