

STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held on 2nd March 2015
in the Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Present: E P Gregory, N Sellar, A,Andrews, D Andrews, T Chant, J Mason,
P.Pantall, A Powles, R Skyrme, Cllr J Hope.

42. Apologies E Pearson-Gregory

43. Declaration of Interest None

44. Talk by Roger Marshall (Kinnersley District Council) on the Lengthsman Scheme.

Roger explained that his Council had had a successfully operated a Scheme through the last year and that they intend to apply to continue for another year. The Scheme has been funded by Herefordshire Council based on £120/km. of 'C' and 'U' class roads. This could mean a funding of £1700 to £1800 a year. The Parish advertised and selected their Lengthsman who was already working for two other Councils. An administrator kept records of finances and reporting and there is an expectation that he would be paid 10% of the funded money for about 2-3 hours a month. Training courses had been arranged at the beginning of the year.

Vincent Playdon, the BalfourBeatty Locality Steward would have an involvement. The Lengthsman may need to be provided with kit at the P/Council's expense. The Chairman thanked Roger for his assistance in giving a background to this project.

45. Minutes of meetings held on 8th December 2014 and 26th January 2015 were approved subject to amendment of Item 33(i). Neighbourhood Plan in which the Plan will be resubmitted to the Parish Council rather than to H/Council.

46. Matters arising (i) War Memorial - S Grist that stated that there had been a difference of opinion bout the mode of rubbing down the railings prior to repainting. He hoped that the dispute had now been resolved and the painting will now go ahead subject to weather conditions.

(ii) Wayleaves - The Clerk reported that contact has now been made with BT Wayleaves , that the site has been inspected and a decision on wayleave payment is awaited.

(iii) Website - Proposed N Sellar, seconded by A Andrews that the Parish Council will go ahead with a website and that Heloise Kirby will be invited to administer it. All in favour.

The cost of hosting the site has been paid for out of neighbourhood funds up to April 2016 at a cost of £164 per year but provision for subsequent years will need to be included in future budgets.

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47. Planning Matters New applications since last meeting

- (i) 150037/F - D&A Motors - Rewording of existing permission of existing vehicle storage and polishing bay to enable use for vehicle storage, polishing and vehicle repairs and maintenance.
 - (ii) 1500325/FH Bramley Cottage, Staunton-on-Wye Proposed erection of an outbuilding/ garden room.
 - (iii) 150064/F Standale, Staunton-on-Wye - Proposed open sided canopy building for storage of firewood logs and tractor, used solely in connection with existing dwelling, to replace polytunnel.
- Proposed R Skyme, Seconded J Mason that no objections be raised on all three applications.

48. Neighbourhood Plan The Plan is now 2wks into 6wk consultation period with H/Council. It was noted that the Core Strategy has not yet been finalized.

49. Playing Field A Andrews reported little activity until weather improves when various outstanding items from the Inspection will be completed. There is a need to top up the bark. It was proposed that Jarvis might be asked to contribute to the cost of the bark.

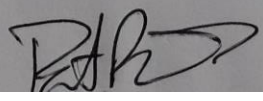
50. Defibrillator A Andrews reported that donations of £500 had been received which with the 'wayleave money' means £650 in the bank. Further donations are anticipated. The defibrillator is now going to be provided free. The box to contain it will have to be purchased and this will cost £714 (incl VAT). Electrical work has yet to be arranged.

51. Highways Lengthsman Scheme Following Roger Marshall's talk, N Sellar proposed and P Pantall seconded that the P/Council should proceed with application to be included in the H/Council scheme. Carried. S Grist volunteered to be the Administrator. All agreed to accept his offer.

52. General Correspondence (i) Letter from Jarvis asking for P/Council's views on proposal that the Eleemosynary Charity should become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Agreed to make no objections.

(ii) Letter from Village Hall Cmttee. Asking for views on proposed change to the constitution which would delete the current named organisations and simply provide for up to 6 local organisations to provide reps for the cmttee./a set term of office of 3 years/newly formed organisations to still apply to committee to nominate a rep.

N Sellar proposed and R Skyrme seconded that the response should be "the P/Council does not agree with the proposed changes to the constitution and that they wish to retain the right to have a rep. in the name of the P/Council. A Powles will continue to be the representative".



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53. Finance (i) Payments agreed - £89.25 Hire of Village Hall/£5.00 Jarvis hire of playing field/ £32 H/Council planning apps/£20 Clerk's 4th Q pay/ £55.00 4th Q PAYE/£25.63 Admin expenses.
(ii) The current forecast for the end of year account is £1596.29 which is within £5 of the forecast!

Neighbourhood Plan Payment - £157.50 Hire of hall for subcommittee meetings.

54. Clerk's retirement The Clerk stated that the ideal time to hand over would be after the annual meeting in May 2015. An advert had been put into the Signal and another one will be put in the H/Times.

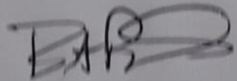
55. Other Matters (i) S Grist stated that he is investigating other uses for BT phone boxes.

(ii) This will be the last meeting attended by John Hope as H/Councillor since he is not standing for another term of office.

On behalf of the P/Council the Chairman thanked John for his support over the years and wished him well in his retirement.

Meeting Closed at 9.20

Next meeting will be on Monday 18th May 2015 which will include Annual Parish Meetings for SOW and MOW and will start at 7.00pm.

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