

STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 9 May 2016 in the Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall

Present – A Powles , N Sellar , A Andrews , D Andrews , J Mason , E Pearson-Gregory , R Skyrme , P Pantall , P Dyke , T Chant , Cllr C Skelton. There were three members of the public present .

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2016/17 – A Powles was proposed , seconded and elected unanimously as continuing Chairman of the Parish Council. N Sellar was proposed , seconded , and elected unanimously as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. Apologies – None

3. Declaration of Interests - None

4. Minutes of Meeting held on 22 February 2016 – were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising -

(i) – P Dyke raised the issue regarding the Lengthsman Scheme and likelihood of there being no further places . The Clerk informed the meeting that he had informed the County Council that should the Scheme be resumed the Parish Council would wish to be included.

(ii) - N Sellar informed the meeting that during the setting of the same precept it was noted that Council Tax has been increased by 5%. Councillor Skelton informed the meeting that this is a county wide issue.

6 - Planning Matters -

Decisions made since last meeting -

153333 – The application was approved subject to the placement of a drainage canal.

153334 – The application was approved. However it was noted that the outcome had not included the comments made by the Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to write to the Planning Department to ask why our views had not been taken into consideration.

New Applications -

There were no new applications.

7. Neighbourhood Plan -

N Sellar informed the meeting that there had been a 36% turn out in the local referendum. That the final count had shown 87.5% agreement. N Sellar informed the meeting that the Plan should be formally accepted and adopted by the County Council on the 20 May. The Chairman thanked N Sellar for the hard work that he had completed in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Playing Field -

The Chairman agreed to speak with a possible person who would undertake the role of cutting the grass within the village. A Andrews reminded the meeting that we would undoubtedly be looking at a significant increase in cost. The Clerk was requested to run through the applications in respect of the Playing Field in tandem with N Sellar.

9. Highway Matters -

Comment was made regarding the numerous potholes within the Parish. It was agreed that concerns about these potholes can be registered on the County Council website. Concern was expressed that most of the work undertaken on the potholes appears to be short term. It was agreed that in the future any information regarding road damage could be sent to the Clerk who would collate this and send it on to the Balfour Beatty.

P Pantall raised the issue regarding the continuing issue of the Portway and the signage outside the building. He raised the issue of the danger posed by their current position and asked that a letter be written to Lara Edwards reminding her that she had agreed to write to the publicans.

N Sellar raised concern regarding the recent use of weedkiller by the Council that had damaged ground on private land. N Sellar requested that the Clerk write to Balfour Beatty asking if they had been responsible what type of weedkiller had been used.

The Clerk was requested to contact PC Dick Halford regarding the issue of speeding vehicles through Staunton on Wye and the possibility of the reduction of the speed limit to 20mph. Further was there a possibility of provision of "Slow" signs both on the road surface and beside the road.

10. Parish Council Website -

P Dyke reported to the meeting that the website was now running and that material was being loaded. He would be looking at the possibility of installing information regarding local footpaths.

11. General Correspondence -

An item relating to the Section 106 Deed of Variation was shared with the Parish Council. It was felt that in the light of the item from the Planning Obligations Manager there was little else that could be currently undertaken.

12. Defibrillator -

Discussion was held and agreement given to the granting of future payments if so required.

13. Finance -

(i) **Accounts for 2015 / 2016** were approved and signed by the Chairman

(ii) **Annual Return for Audit 2015/2016** The various parts of the return including the Risk Management Statement were approved and signed by the Chairman. The following amendment was proposed and agreed to the Risk Management Statement that being that sentence © should now read "the standard of safety in the playground should be maintained by **periodic** inspections by members and annual inspections by ROSPA.

(iii) **Internal Audit** - has been carried out by M Phillips.

(iv) **Accounts for 2016 / 2017**

(a) It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Clerk's pay of £1100 per year and travel expenses of 50p per mile continue and that S Grist should remain in the post of Responsible Financial Officer.

(b) Cheque signatories continue to be A Powles, A Andrews, P Pantall, and N Sellar with any two out of the four signatories.

14. SOW and Brobury with MOW Annual Meetings -

The Clerk was requested to investigate if it was necessary to continue these two separate Annual Meetings whilst the same matters were being raised in the following Parish Council meeting.

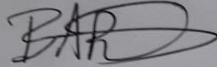
15 - Other Matters -

The issue of the upkeep of the lane running from Brobury to Letton should be raised with the landowner this issue includes the upkeep of the bridge. P Dyke agreed to speak with Mr Charlie Blandford about this matter.

The Clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to Hereford Mowers for the service that they had provided for a number of years.

Next Meeting - Monday 12 September 2016 - 7.30

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Dyke', is written below the meeting closure text.