

STAUNTON ON WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the **8 MAY 2017** in the Staunton on Wye Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

Present – N Sellar, D Andrews, J Mason, E Pearson-Gregory, T Chant, R Skyrme, P Dyke and A Andrews There was one member of the public present.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2017/18 – A Powles was proposed, seconded and elected unanimously, in absentia, as continuing Chairman of the Group Parish Council. N Sellar was proposed, seconded, and elected unanimously as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. Apologies – A Powles , P Pantall

3. Declarations of Interest - None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2017 – were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

Comment was made and amendment requested to the Minutes that in Item 51 (Footpaths) the reference to “bridleways” should be changed to read “footpaths”. This was agreed.

Request was also made that in furtherance of Item 50 (Payphones) the Clerk ascertain if the comments of the Parish Council regarding their future had been acknowledged.

6. Planning matters

Decisions made at the last meeting –

Discussion was held regarding the recent application in respect of the “old school”. The Clerk informed the meeting that a lengthy and detailed submission had been made on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the application. However approval had been granted to an extension of three years. The Clerk agreed to write to English heritage informing them of the situation and expressing concerns regarding the state of the building.

New Applications -

171920 - Agreed

21. Playing Field – The Clerk was requested to gather together the quotes drawn up by a number of companies in respect of replacing equipment on the playing field. He was further requested to circulate such amongst Parish Councillors and to convene a meeting for the quotes to be considered.

A quote to be requested from Graham Jones to replace the current fencing at the Playground.

A letter to be sent to Mr Kingham requesting that hedging between the Playground and the "old school" be cut back given that it has encroached substantially into the Playground.

22. Highway Matters -

- Bredwardine Bridge – It was agreed that Herefordshire Council be requested to give consideration to extension of the yellow lines outside Brobury House running from the bridge up to the main gate. It was further suggested that the Council give consideration to enlarging the car park on the other side of the road thereby keeping one side of the road clear.

23. Parish Council Website -

The Clerk informed the meeting that Agenda and Minutes of Parish Council meetings were being forwarded to Heloise Kirby. It was confirmed that Minutes could not be forwarded until they had been signed off by the Chairman.

24. Payphones – The Clerk was requested to write to BT to ensure that they were aware that the Parish Council would have an objection to any plans that BT may have to such a removal.

25. Defibrillator – There was a request that the Chair of the parish Council speak with an electrician in order that a light be placed above the defibrillator. It was agreed that a sensor light would be the most appropriate.

26. Footpaths-

The meeting was informed that the footpath from Brobury to Letton has been closed for repair to the bridge for six weeks. It was agreed that an e-mail should be sent to Balfour Beatty requesting a sign to indicate such closure.

The Clerk was requested to inform Andy Palfreyman of the next Parish Council meeting so that he could update the meeting regarding his request for signage from the County Council.

27. General Correspondence – The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Age Care requesting a donation. It was the decision of the Parish Council that the Council should not make such a donation.

28. Finance

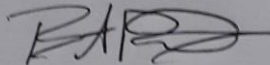
The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial situation and circulated a written financial update. No decision was made upon the precept and the Clerk agreed to write to Karen Jones asking for guidance about the effect on parish Council Tax should the precept remain at £3,000

29. Other Matters

There were no other matters raised or discussed.

Next Meeting – 4 December 2017 – 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm

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