

STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018 in the Village Hall, Staunton – on – Wye.

Present – A.Povles (Chair) , N.Sellar , A.Andrews, D.Andrews, J.Mason, F.Pearsons-Gregory , R.Skryme, P.Fanallil, P.Dyke. There was one member of the public present together with Cllr R J Phillips.

30. Apologies for absence – T.Chant . The meeting was informed that Mr Chant would not be seeking re-election at the Parish Council election scheduled for May in 2019.

31. Declaration of interests – N Sellar declared that he had an interest, as Chair of Staunton on Wye Primary School Governing Body, and wished to declare such given that the school planning application was to be discussed under item 34.

32. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September, 2018 – an amendment to those Minutes were requested and a return to the next Parish Council meeting at which they will be signed by the Chairman.

33. Matters Arising – It was reported to the meeting that there had been discussion regarding the footpaths matter, held with Mr Ed Price, and that matter was now in hand.

34 - Planning Matters -

New Applications -

184201 – Staunton on Wye Primary School – The application was discussed and the point made that the application was more for an annexe rather than an extension. The discussion confirmed that the school currently had ninety seven children in attendance. During the discussion concerns were raised regarding the issues of parking on the school site and the narrow access road through the village to the school. It was agreed that there should be consideration given to extra parking space at the school. A request was made that the issue of additional parking be taken up with the school and that it would be sensible that be taken up directly with the School Governing Body.

The application made by the school was supported unanimously.

World's End -

The Clerk made a letter available to the Parish Council that he had received from a Mr. Mike Stoker in respect of the land at World's End. Cllr Phillips informed the meeting of the current situation and that the application made by the landowner had not been approved. It was agreed that the Clerk forward the letter that he had received from Mr. Stoker to Mr. Mark Fansley. The Clerk was requested to make comment to Mr. Fansley that that they did not view the development at World's End as lawful , that it was not a farm purely a couple of fields and that there was no need for a caravan to be placed there.

35 - Playing Field -

The Parish Council was updated on the current situation. The outstanding work required to make the Playing Field available to the community was the laying of matting and of bark, turfing for the bank and the fencing of the area around the Playing Field.

The Clerk informed the meeting that financial settlement had been made with " Creative Play" and that there were no outstanding matters with that company.

It was agreed that the Clerk seek an independent report on the Playground possibly through Rospa as had been organised in the past. It was agreed that outstanding works should be completed first before such a report was requested.

36 - Highway Matters -

It was reported to the meeting that potholes and areas on the road surface locally where deterioration had occurred was shown to Lara from Balfour Beatty during a recent site meeting. Cllr Phillips agreed that he would pursue the matter to see what progressor; had been made.

A number of other outstanding matters were raised which it was requested that Balfour Beatty should be made aware to the surface of the local lay-by

- Trees hanging over the layby requiring cutting back
- Drain on the A438 east of the Scar
- Drains from Wrex's nest
- Broken drain on the Little London Road
- Drain at the Staunton / Porwey Junction.

It was further agreed that a meeting be arranged with Balfour Beatty to discuss the outstanding matter of the white lines on the A438. Cllr Phillips agreed to contact the appropriate attendees and would liaise with the Clerk to set up a meeting as soon as possible.

37 - Parish Council Website -

The meeting was informed that a number of Agenda and Minutes had now been uploaded onto the website. The meeting was further informed that there were several outstanding items that required loading to ensure that the website was compliant with government standards and regulations. The Clerk has agreed to liaise with Heloise Kirby in that respect.

38 - General Correspondence -

There was one item of correspondence that being to inform the Parish Council that the War Memorial was being considered as a Grade II listed monument. The meeting agreed that made it essential that action be taken to ensure that monument was properly insured.

39 - Defibrillator

The matter was raised again regarding the proposed lighting to be set over the defibrillator. There was lengthy discussion during which it was agreed that the Village Hall Committee be approached for permission for the placement of such a light. It was agreed that an appropriate light also be priced and that consideration be given to sensor lighting.

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40 - Footpaths

The meeting was informed that the Footpaths Officer – Mr Andy Paley had submitted his resignation due to ill health. The Clerk had written to Andy thanking him for his service to the Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to advertise the vacant post in the next edition of the Signal.

41 - Finance -

The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial position.

There was discussion regarding the precept for 2019 / 2020. The Parish Council is aware that given that there are Council elections to be held in May 2019 there may be higher than the usual level of expenditure. It was thereby proposed and seconded that a request for a precept of £3,500 be made. The Clerk agreed to inform the Local Authority appropriately.

42 - Any other Business

(1) – The matter of grass cutting on the back lane by Coffin Walk was raised. There have been concerns that the grass has not been cut. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with Ken Game to see if he could include that area when he cuts the grass in the Playing Field.

(2) – The matter of the Parish Council assets was raised. Concern was expressed that the amount detailed to the auditors on an annual basis had not changed over the last three years and that a recalculation was required. The Clerk agreed to undertake this task.

43 - Date of next meeting -

The next meeting was set for 11 FEBRUARY 2019

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

