

22. Highway Matters -

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Local Authority, through Halfour Beatty, had requested recommendations for highways work to be undertaken as part of the 2019 programme. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Halfour Beatty requesting that consideration should be given to the resurfacing of the road through Staunton on Wye particularly that area around the school and surgery. Further that a request should be made to Halfour Beatty for a red triangle sign to be placed in proximity to the school and surgery indicating walking children and elderly persons. A sign indicating that cyclists were used close by the school should also be provided.

Concern was also expressed that the drainage problem at Hammore Cross Junction has not been resolved and that there is a regular problem with flooding at that point. When that point was raised with Halfour Beatty the Clerk was requested to arrange for re-surfacing of the lay-by on the A428.

23. Parish Council Website -

It was reported to the meeting that an agreement has been detailed between the Parish Council and Ms Heloise Kirby to regularly update and maintain the website. It was agreed that the Clerk would meet with P Dyke and with Ms Kirby to arrange uploading of Agenda and Minutes both past copies and future copies.

24. Correspondence -

There were two items of correspondence both items relating to invitations to County Council sponsored events. Details of these events have been circulated by the Clerk to Councillors by e-mail.

25. Defibrillator -

The matter regarding the provision of lighting above the defibrillator is still outstanding.

26. Footpaths

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Footpaths Officer tendering his resignation due to ill health. It was agreed that an advertisement should be placed in the Signal, and on the Website, advertising this position.

Concern has also been expressed at the state of a footpath within the Parish on the land of Mr Ed Price. A Andrews has agreed to talk with him about this issue.

27. Finance -

The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial position.

There was discussion regarding the cost of the subscription to HALC and also the usage that had been made of HALC over a period of years. After that discussion it was agreed that the subscription to HALC would not be renewed.

28. Any other Business -

Concern was expressed that there is no regular presence of a County Councillor at Parish Council meetings. It was understood that Cllr Skelton has been unable to attend due to ill health however it was felt that we were suffering due to the lack of presence of a substitute.

The Clerk was asked to pursue the matter of the "Old School" requesting if Cllr Phillips had any information regarding its current situation.

Next Meeting – **MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018 – 7.30 pm**

Meeting closed at 8.50pm



STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 in the Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall - 7.30pm

Present – A Powles (Chair), A Andrews, E Pounson-Gregory, R Skyrme, P Pantall. There were two members of the public present.

16. **Apologies for absence** – N.Sellar, J.Mason, D.Andrews, P Dyke.

17. Declaration of Interests - None

18. **Minutes of Meeting held on 14 May 2018** – were approved and signed by the Chairman.

19. **Matters Arising** – There were no Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14 May 2018

20. Planning Matters -

The Clerk was requested to write to Councillor Phillips in respect of two outstanding matters those being planning applications that had been previously made in respect of OLD COURT and WORLDY END. The parish Council wished further clarification in respect of these matters.

New Applications -

182952 – **LITTLE OAKCHURCH** – The Clerk had circulated the Planning Application and had received no detailed concerns in respect of this application. It was agreed that the Clerk should report to the Planning Department to inform them that there was no objection to the application.

21. Playing Field -

The Clerk reported back to the meeting that the work undertaken by "Creative Play" had been protracted and not up to the required standard. There was discussion and the Clerk was instructed to make a final payment of the outstanding invoice until such time as the Chair and other Parish Councillors had agreed that the work had been completed to a satisfactory standard.

A specific example was given about the unacceptable standard of the work that had been undertaken with the installation of the slide. The steps to the slide were not smooth and the surface either side of the slide was falling away leaving large holes. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up an on site inspection and meeting between Parish Councillors and representatives of "Creative Play" to ensure proper completion of the work.

The Clerk was requested to write to Jarvis regarding financial provision for the replacement of fence at the rear of the Playing Field and along the wall that had recently been exposed.