

STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting meeting held on Monday 11 FEBRUARY 2019 in the Village Hall , Staunton – on – Wye.

Present – A Powles (Chair) , N Sellar , J Mason , E Pearson-Gregory , R Skyrme , P Dyke , Cllr R J Phillips.

44. Apologies for absence – T.Chant , P Pantall , A Andrews , D Andrews. The meeting was informed that Mr Chant would not be seeking re-election at the Parish Council election scheduled for May in 2019.

45. Declaration of Interests – No declaration of interests were made.

46. Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 December 2018 – The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

47. Matters Arising – There were no Matters Arising.

At this point in the meeting Cllr R Phillips raised with the meeting an e-mail that he had circulated to Parish Councillors in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan. There was clearly relevance to the Staunton on Wye Neighbourhood Plan and it was therefore agreed that a meeting be set up with Samantha Banks from the Local Authority to consider the implications. The Clerk agreed to set up such a meeting.

Cllr Phillips further informed the meeting that details of the new road re-surfacing schedule would be being produced following upon the recent budget meeting. This would be circulated.

48 - Planning Matters -

New Applications – There were no new applications.

World's End – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a response from Mr Mark Tansley in respect of World's End. It was felt , by the majority of Parish Councilors , that such a response did not adequately respond to the situation and that the Clerk should write again to Mr Tansley requesting an update. It was further felt that Cllr Phillips should be included in the correspondence and those neighbours who had contacted the parish Council expressing their concerns.

49 - Playing Field -

The Parish Council was updated on the current situation.

A new fence has recently been installed at the Playground. Those that had seen the fencing agreed that it was good quality fencing and that it had been well installed. Bark chippings are about to be ordered and arrangement made for them to be laid on the site. A team will be organised for that to be carried out.

The Clerk has agreed to contact Fran White who will inspect the Playground with a view to identifying any work that requires carrying out before the formal inspection in June.

50 - Highway Matters -

The Clerk was instructed to follow up on the items below which were raised at the last Parish Council meeting being items that required attention from Balfour Beatty. A request should be made as to when those items were going to receive attention. An addition was made to that list that being the surfacing of the road between Brobury and Letton.

- Repair to the surface of the local lay-by
- Trees hanging over the lay-by requiring cutting back
- Drain on the A438 end of the Scar
- Drains from Wren's nest
- Broken drain on the Little London Road
- Drain at the Staunton / Portway Junction.

It was agreed that the issue of the white lines on the A438 should be followed up further to the recent meeting attended by Parish Councilors with representatives of Balfour Beatty.

51 - Parish Council Website -

The meeting was informed that a number of Agenda and Minutes had now been uploaded onto the website. The Clerk informed the meeting that a payment to Ms Kirby had been arranged in respect of 10 hours of work that she had carried out on the website. This payment had been made at the rate of £15 per hour. It has been agreed that Ms Kirby will invoice the Parish Council, through the Clerk, on a quarterly basis for the work undertaken by herself on the website.

52 – Footpaths -

The Clerk was requested to place the advertisement for a Footpath's Officer , that had already been sent for inclusion in the Signal , for inclusion in the “Link”.

53 – Finance -

The Clerk provided a printed outlay of the current financial situation. He further reported that a list had been made of the Parish Council assets and that given the value of those items he would be contacting the insurance company to ensure that those items were properly and adequately insured.

A request was made that the Clerk check the current level of the public liability insurance whilst he was in correspondence with the Parish Council insurers.

The Clerk confirmed that a Precept of £3,500 had been set for the budget 2019 – 2020. This increase had been set against the possibility of a contested Parish Council election.

54 – General Correspondence

There were no items of general Correspondence.

55 – Any other Business

The meeting was reminded that the Parish Council Election would be held on the 2 May 2019. The Clerk would be attending a Briefing to be held at the Town Hall in Hereford on the 6 March. Following that meeting the Clerk would detail the arrangements for the election to Parish Councilors. It was agreed that there should be a final Parish Council meeting, before the election, to ensure that as much outstanding business had been dealt with as possible.

Concern was expressed regarding the current issues around the temporary closure of Staunton Church. The question was raised as to whether the Parish Council had any responsibility to assist in keeping the Church open. The Clerk agreed to write to Mr Henry Verwey asking if the Parish Council could assist in any way, for example in supporting any applications for grants.

56 – Date of next meeting -

The next meeting was set for 15 APRIL 2019

Meeting closed at 8.50pm