

STAUNTON ON WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Group Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 SEPTEMBER 2019  
in the Village Hall , Staunton on Wye.

**Present** – A Powles (Chair) , N Sellar (Vice Chair) , A Andrews , B Bevan , P Dyke,  
J Nelson , P Pantall, E Pearson-Gregory, S Williams .

There was one member of the public present.

**16. Apologies for absence** – The Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Jones had been in contact with him and had asked that his apologies be presented for the meeting. Further Cllr Jones asked that the meeting be informed that a final vote regarding the future of the Hereford by-pass would take place at the next Council meeting. He would report back on that issue at the next Parish Council meeting scheduled to be held in December.

**17. Declarations of Interest** – No declarations of interest were received.

**18. Minutes of meeting held on the 20 May 2019** – The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**19. Matters Arising** – The Clerk was asked to contact Matthew Knight concerning the repeated issues and concerns regarding the delapidated state of the old school. The Clerk agreed to contact with Mr Knight on a forthcoming visit that he was making that week to Plough Lane. There was discussion regarding the Old Court at Brobury. The Clerk agreed to search out previous correspondence regarding that site exchanged between himself and Kevin Bishop and Councillor Phillips. That will be shared with NS in order that Mr Bishop and Cllr Phillips may be reminded of previously promises made when any future permissions are granted.

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been made aware that all Councillors should sign up to a code of conduct at the commencement of their term of office. He had been sent a suggested code which he would circulate around Councillors.

**20. Planning Matters** – The Clerk reported that there were no new Planning Matters.

**192319** – The Clerk reported back on this application and that he had informed the Planning Officer of the Parish Council view. He agreed to check to ascertain if the application was now concluded.

**191728** – There was a wide ranging discussion concerning this application. It was concluded with the Clerk seeking a set of procedures that other Councils may apply to their consideration of Planning applications. This would be shared at the next Parish Council meeting.

**World's End** – The Clerk agree to ensure that the issues raised in respect of this application had now been resolved to the satisfaction of the local residents. Maggie Kerr, a local resident, addressed the meeting regarding proposals in respect of an application that she is making. A number of interesting maps and drawings were produced. The meeting agreed that a final decision would be made with definite views expressed by the Parish Council should a Planning Application be made.

**21. Playing Field** – The meeting was informed that a grant of £8,000 had now been received in respect of the fencing on the playground and playing field. The Clerk informed the meeting of the quotes that he had received in respect of the fencing an agreement was given to him pursuing the work with Paul Lewis Fencing. BB informed the meeting that he had observed a tree trunk had been exposed under one of the swings where the wood chippings had been swept back. It was agreed that the exposed trunk should be removed. The Clerk agreed to write a short article for the Signal and the Parish Council website updating the community on the latest situation. It was further agreed that an annual inspection should be organised and take place once the safety issues that had been identified were resolved.

**22. Highway Matters** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter in respect of the traffic on the A438 expressing concerns regarding the speed and suggesting ways in which greater control may be exercised. There was a lengthy discussion during which the Clerk was requested to contact the Safer Roads Partnership to request their involvement in providing suggestions in how these issues may be resolved. The Clerk also agreed to respond to the letter from the member of the public. It was further mentioned that BB had received an e-mail from a local resident suggesting that the Parish Council investigate the imposition of a 20mph limit through the village of Staunton on Wye. It was again suggested that the issue be raised with the Safer Roads Partnership and the views of the Primary School Governing Body and Surgery be sought.

**23. Parish Council Website** – The Clerk was requested to check with Heloise Kirby that the Minutes and Agenda for Parish Council meetings were up to date. It was felt that there may be some that had not been displayed. PD agreed to again check that the Parish Council had fulfilled their requirements in respect of the website. That information would be fed back to the Clerk.

**24. General Correspondence** – The Clerk informed the meeting that there had only been one other item of correspondence that being regarding the telephone boxes within the Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform BT that the Parish Council agreed to the removal of the box at Letton. There was further agreement that BT should be informed that the Parish Council wished to adopt the boxes and to discuss at a future meeting the uses to which they would be put.

**25. Defibrillator** – The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a course that had been established to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Parish Councillors were recommended to attend this course.

The Parish Council has agreed that the Parish Council pay for the hire of the Village Hall for the course that will last for two hours.

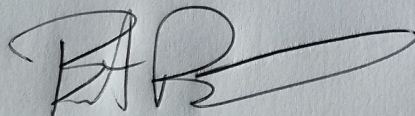
**26. Footpaths** – It was agreed that the Clerk should place an advertisement for a Footpath's Officer in the Signal and the Link and on the Parish Council website. This has not been undertaken as yet and should be completed before the next Parish Council meeting.

**27. Finance** – The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial situation and circulated a written financial update. The Clerk further informed the meeting that the Parish Council would have to provide the County Council with figures for the setting of a precept by the latest in December. It was agreed to leave the setting of that figure until that meeting when the Parish Council had a better overview of accounts for the year.

**28. Any Other Business** – There were no items of other business.

**29. Date of next meeting** – It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Staunton on Wye Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.24 pm

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