

STONE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2021

via Zoom

Present: Councillors
Cllr A McCulloch
Cllr B Fletcher
Cllr T D Scrivens
Cllr S Haine
Cllr G Jones
Cllr T Mardling
Cllr P Dimberline

Borough Councillors
Roy James
Andrew Harp
James Nixon

County Councillor
Ian Parry

Parish Clerk
L Davies

1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public joined the meeting. No questions from the public had been received.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr B Price and Cllr W Woolliscroft and Cllr M Tyler.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes of Parish Meeting held on 12th November 2020 were considered, approved and duly signed as a correct record of the meeting.

5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ON AGENDA

The canopy of trees close to the Scout Camp at Kibblestone Road has been thinned.

6 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

6.1 County Councillors:

6.1.1 Cllr Parry provided an update on the canal bridge on Rockery Lane. The County Council (responsible for the road) are reviewing options for signage in the area and continue to try to arrange a meeting with the Canal and River Trust (owners of the bridge).

6.1.2 The condition of the road by the Down Bank area and ford was discussed. Deep rutting at the side and debris on the road are making the area hazardous. An increase of visitors over the last 9 months has contributed to its deterioration. The County Council are confirming ownership of the land adjacent to the road.

6.1.3 Complaints from Oulton residents regarding ground works for an outdoor classroom at Oulton First School were discussed. The school has responded to a letter from the Parish Council and this was shared with the meeting.

6.1.4 Cllr Parry updated the meeting on funding towards interactive traffic awareness signs in Oulton. Cllr Parry hoped to be able provide an indicative price for the units and contribution to be offered from the County Council shortly. Maintenance and regular moving of the units were discussed.

6.2 Borough Councillors

6.2.1 There has been a good take up of people wanted to continue with brown bins at a cost of £36 per annum. This amount is comparable to that of other nearby councils.

6.2.2 An email from Cllr F Beatty regarding attendance of Borough Councillors at Parish Council meetings was discussed. Members expressed that they found the attendance and support of Borough Cllrs extremely helpful at meetings.

7 MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The details of the planning applications discussed in November, December and the start of January were duly considered and noted.

8 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman provided a summary of the SPCA AGM.

9 PRECEPT

9.1 The report of the Clerk was considered.

9.2 It was proposed, seconded and AGREED that the precept amount should be set at £15,555.00 for the year 2021-2022. This will result in no increase for Band D properties and a total increase in precept of £288.46 on prior year. **Clerk to action**

10 HS2

The Clerk provided a summary of the HS2 Annual Meeting with District & Parish Councils that took place on 26th November.

11 GRASS CUTTING AND ROAD SWEEPING

11.1 The County Council has a community fund whereby match funding may be provided to community groups for equipment to help maintain rights of way. The Oulton community wish to purchase a new strimmer as the current one is not fit for purpose. Cllr Haine bought a request from the Oulton Community Group / Village Hall Committee for match funding from the Parish Council if an application was made to the County Council for the remaining funding.

11.2 It was AGREED that the Parish Council would match any funding secured from the County Council.

11.3 The potential for hiring a road sweeper to sweep badly affected roads in the Parish was discussed. It was agreed that when physical meetings resume, a proposed route would be drawn up to see what could be achieved.

11.4 Proposed grass cutting funded by the Parish Council was also raised. Cllrs to put forward areas in their wards for consideration.

12 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

- 12.1 The report of the Clerk was considered.
- 12.2 It was proposed, seconded and AGREED that the Clerk should proceed with commissioning a new website in line with the costs set out in the report for NetWise UK.

13 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was considered and duly noted.

14 PAYMENTS AUTHORISATIONS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING


- 14.1 The Payments Authorisations Report, together with the income received in the last period (November and December) were reviewed and signed by the Chairman.
- 14.2 The Clerk provided an update on the current year financials to date against budget and, due to the impact of COVID-19, an expected outcome for the year.

15 PARISH COUNCIL 5 YEAR FINANCE PLAN MONITORING

- 15.1 The Five Year Plan for the period 2018/19 to 2023/24 was reviewed.
- 15.2 An update on the Moddershall Interpretation sign was provided. The license to plant is currently in process. **Clerk to action.**

16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Meeting is scheduled for 11th March 2021 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed

Signed  Dated 11.3.2021
Chairman

Lucy Davies
Parish Clerk
January 2021