

STONE RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 March 2022
held at Moddershall Village Hall

Present: Councillors Cllr A McCulloch
Cllr T D Scrivens
Cllr W Woolliscroft
Cllr B Price
Cllr G Jones
Cllr S Haine
Cllr P Dimberline

Borough Councillors Cllr A Harp

~~Cllr Jones~~ *P*

County Councillor none

Parish Clerk L Davies

1 PUBLIC PARTICIPIATION

No members of the public were present.

2 APOLOGIES RECEIVED – ACCEPTANCE AND RECORDING OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Tyler, Cllr B Fletcher and Cllr T Mardling. *Cllr Nkomo Cllr Jones*

3 RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN ANY ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED

No declarations of interests recorded.

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 13 January 2022

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 13 January 2022 were considered, approved and duly signed as a correct record of the meeting.

5 DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT ON AGENDA

- 5.1 The CC Highways team have advised that an amended village/speed awareness sign would not be possible on Kibblestone Road. However, they have agreed that the

Village Sign on Church Lane can be replaced. The cost of replacement with Amey is £500 to £750. Clerk to enquire of other options.

6 REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- 6.1** County Councillors: no matters reported
- 6.2** Borough Councillors: Cllr Harp provided a written report to the Council. Copies to be emailed to Cllrs following the meeting.
- 6.3** Cllr Nixon's update on the planning application for the Meaford Power Station and the removal of a hedgerow in Oulton Heath was read out.

7 REVIEW OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

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

8 RECEIVE THE CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman provided a summary of the meeting at the Barlaston Bowls and Tennis Club, Meaford site. The Chairman reported that the sub committee had agreed to provide a grant of £1,000 towards the renovations at the site (s137 LGA).

9 TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

The Parish Council elected Cllr Haine, Cllr Dimberline and Cllr Scrivens to sit on the sub committee for the beacon lighting event that will be held jointly with Barlaston Parish Council.

10 TO DISCUSS A GRANT REQUEST FROM STONES ¹⁰ LIONS CLUB – PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

- 11** The meeting considered the grant request from the Stone Lions Club, seeking funds to support their PSA blood screening event on 26th April 2022.
- 12** It was proposed, seconded and AGREED that Parish Council provide a donation of £200 in support of this event (S137 LGA).

13 TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY MATTERS WITHIN THE PARISH

- 13.1** Cllr Haine highlighted the poor condition of Kibblestone Road in Oulton. The potholes have been reported but are yet to be repaired. It was noted that members should report each pothole separately and encourage other residents to report them.

14 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE DRAFT GRANT'S POLICY

The meeting discussed the draft policy. It was AGREED to adopt the policy from the start of the next financial year (1st April 2022).

15 RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT – CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk's report was received and matters duly noted.

16 RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE PAYMENTS AUTHORISATIONS REPORT

The Payments Authorisations Report, together with the income received in the last period (January and February 2022) was reviewed, approved and signed by the Chairman.

17 RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR THE LAST PERIOD

17.1 The financial statements for the period were received, reviewed and approved.

17.2 The bank reconciliation for the year to date (28 February 2022) was received, approved and signed.

18 REVIEW OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S 5 YEAR FINANCE PLAN MONITORING

The Five Year Plan for the period 2018/19 to 2023/24 was reviewed.

19 ANNUAL REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES

19.1 The meeting received and discussed the report for the Review of Employees.

19.2 It was AGREED that the Caretaker's remuneration should be increased to £1,200 per annum.

19.3 It was AGREED that the Clerk should receive back pay to take into account the hourly increase agreed by NALC that should have been effective from April 2021 but was only finalised in February 2022.

19.4 It was further AGREED that the Clerk's hourly rate should be increase to SPC13 (£11.97 per hour). As the village hall is now open for bookings, it was AGREED that the Clerk should take payment for the role of booking clerk (£62.50 per quarter).

20 AGREE THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday May 12th at 7.00pm at Moddershall Village Hall followed by the May Parish Council Meeting at 7.45pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be postponed until September 2022.

Signed Amc Culled

Dated 12/05/2022

Chairman

Lucy Davies
Parish Clerk
March 2022