

## **STAUNTON ON WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Staunton on Wye Village Hall.

Present – A Powles, N Sellar, D Andrews, J Mason , R Skyrme, P Pantall, Ed Pearson – Gregory, P Dyke.

There was one member of the public present and the meeting was also attended by Mr Richard Gething a representative of HALC. Mr Gething spoke regarding the positives of membership of HALC which included legal cover and cover for the Clerk's absence. The meeting agreed, after discussion, that Mr Gething should take back to HALC the issue around the amount of annual subscription that was coming from the annual precept. It was agreed that the Parish Council would renew its subscription for another year and that the Clerk would keep under review the usage of HALC during that period of time.

**42. Apologies** – A Andrews , T Chant

**43. Declarations of Interest** - None

**44. Minutes of meeting held on 12 December 2016**– were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**45. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**46. Planning Matters**

**Decisions made at the last meeting –**

162794 / 162799 – Old Court , Brobury – The Clerk reminded the meeting that both applications had been withdrawn. Concern was expressed within the meeting that a new application may be re-submitted in the future. A request was made that if such an application were made then a site meeting of the Parish Council would be convened.

**New Applications -**

There were no new applications. However it was considered likely that an application would shortly be received in respect of the old school in Staunton on Wye. It was considered likely that application would be to extend the period of time within which the planning application could be considered and to request removal of some of the already agreed conditions. It was also agreed that should an application be received a meeting of the Parish Council would be convened to consider a response.

**47. Playing Field** – The meeting was informed by the Clerk that the grant application was underway and would be completed by the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that prior to the next inspection new waste bins needed to be put in place. Further that a meeting of Parish Councillors should be convened to establish what other tasks needed to be undertaken before an inspection. The Clerk agreed to establish who had previously inspected the playing field and what qualifications they had. It was agreed to replace the bark areas in March 2017 at the latest.

**48. Highway Matters -**

There was general discussion regarding the overall state of the main road the A438. It was agreed that the condition of the road was not acceptable and that the state had implications for road safety where it crossed into the areas of other Parish Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk pursue the matter by writing to those Parish Councils those being Kinnersley, Bishopstone and Byford. That a unified approach be suggested to those Parish Councils to Herefordshire Council.

The Clerk was requested to pursue the issue of a 20mph limit within the village of Staunton on Wye.

There was continuing concern expressed regarding the lights at the Portway where the lights have been changed from white to a pale green. The Clerk agreed to pursue the matter with the Community Police Officer.

**49. Website -**

It was agreed that the website was looking informative and well organised. It was requested that the Clerk make Minutes and Agenda available to Heloise Kirby as the website organiser. The point was made that care should be exercised to ensure that only Minutes be placed on the website that had been signed off by the Chair.

The Clerk agreed to pursue information regarding any computer grant that might be available through HALC.

**50. Payphones**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had replied to the recent communication regarding local telephone boxes detailing the Parish Council's view that the boxes in Monnington on Wye and Staunton on Wye be maintained. Further that the Parish Council be kept informed of any future decision regarding the boxes before any future action be taken. The Clerk further informed that the box at Letton had not been included in the list of local telephone boxes.

### **51 Footpaths**

Andy Palfreman updated the meeting regarding the equipment that he has received from Balfour Beatty that being a number of finger posts. Balfour Beatty will be contacting Andy at some point in the future regarding the repair of stiles.

The meeting requested that Balfour Beatty be approached regarding the provision of signage to stop horses using various bridleways in the Parish.

The meeting confirmed that Andy Palfreman be appointed as the Parish Council Footpath's Officer.

### **52 Finance**

The Clerk informed the meeting of the current financial situation.

### **53. Any Other Business**

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received an item of correspondence from Kinnersley and District Group Parish Council regarding a proposed community open space within their Parish. The letter raised the possibility of Staunton on Wye Group Parish Council sharing in the development of such a facility.

The point was raised that it does not arise within our Neighbourhood Plan that such provision is currently required and that the Parish has a suitable facility within the Playground. Further it was felt that the site for such a facility was not appropriate.

The Clerk was requested to reply to the letter to set out such views and that if a meeting was felt appropriate to share views then an approach should be made to the Chairman.

Next Meeting – 8 May 2017 – 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm

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