

## STAUNTON-ON-WYE GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 14 September 2015 in the Staunton-on-Wye Village Hall.

Present – N Sellar , A Andrews , D Andrews , J Mason , A Powles , R Skyrme , P Pantall , E Pearson-Gregory , Cllr C Skelton. There were two employees from Balfour Beatty who attended to make a presentation.

**16. Apologies - None**

**17. Declaration of Interests - None**

**18. Minutes of meeting held on 18 May 2015 -**

Comment was made that under item 8 of that meeting it should have read that objection had been made to the Core Strategy. The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19. Matters Arising -**

(i) – The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter had been written to the Jarvis Charity requesting a donation towards the cost of the bark in the Playing Field.

(ii) – It was reported back to the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan had entered into Section 16 consultation. After that it would enter into the inspection stage.

**20. Presentation by Ms Lara Edwards on behalf of Balfour Beatty -**

Ms Edwards spoke to the meeting about how Balfour Beatty would be working within the Parish covering areas such as drainage, ditches, trees, kerbs, and potholes. She informed the meeting that she would be the first point of contact in respect of any issues relating to these areas of concern.

Ms Edwards informed the meeting that during the previous year there had been 11 million pounds spent on the re-surfacing of roads.

Ms Edwards agreed that she would meet with Parish Councillors to look at issues within their respective areas. She further informed the meeting that all grass verges would be cut at least twice a year.

**21. Planning Matters -**

**Decisions made since last meeting -**

150778 – Permission has been granted for the application

151109 – Permission has been granted. However, the clerk was requested to request information as to what control will be exercised over working hours, and the consequent noise, following construction.

**New Applications -**

132304 – Application for connection of new build to the mains sewerage at White House

Staunton on Wye. The application was recommended for approval.

**22. Playing Field -**

A Andrews reported to the meeting that consideration be given to the employment of a person to carry out minor jobs within the playing field given that the goalposts and bark require attention. Further consideration would have to be given to the cutting of the grass as the local mowers were concluding their business.

N Sellar suggested that such a proposal may be funded from Section 106 monies for a five year period.

It was agreed that A Andrews would look at the possibilities of replacement of play equipment and fencing. The Clerk would report to the next meeting how much money had been spent in a year on grass cutting at the playing field.

**23. Highway Matters -**

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact James Powell at Balfour Beatty in order that further information may be gathered about the development of the Lengthsman Scheme. Cllr Skelton informed the meeting that he would make an enquiry regarding the sharing of such a scheme between the three local Parishes.

**24. Website -**

The clerk informed the meeting that he had investigated various Parish Council websites and had considered a site in Cornsay which he believed contained much of the information this Parish Council would require. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the current website domain be maintained and that liaison be continued with Heloise Kirby who had agreed to set up a website. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Heloise and to set up an initial site for the next Council meeting.

N. Sellar informed the meeting that the main element of the website should be Parish Council information such as Minutes and Agenda items.

**25. General Correspondence -**

**Citizens Advice Bureaux** – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received a letter requesting a donation. It was unanimously agreed that no donation be made.

**Litter Picking** – The clerk had received a letter from Jane Denny regarding the collection of litter on the A438. The Clerk informed the meeting that if any Councillor had an interest then Ms Denny could be contacted independently

**26. Finance -**

The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the current financial situation.

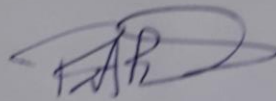
**27. Other Matters**

The Council agreed that a card and voucher to the value of £50 should be purchased, and presented to Mr Gordon Valentine, as a mark of thanks for Mr Valentine's service

to the Parish council. The Clerk agreed to take advice whether such monies may be made available from Parish Council funds. A Andrews agreed to continue with the purchase.

Next Meeting – Monday 7 December 2015 – 7.30

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Andrews', written in a cursive style.

7-12-2015