

STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at the Stone Manor Hotel

Present: Cllrs. J Arbuthnott (Chairman) Mrs. D Bird, J Jordan
R Hobson, Mrs J Siviter, G Higgs, and R Wignall.

In attendance: Ms S P Bamford (Clerk)
Mr W Waldron (Lengthsman)

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dist.Cllr. S Williams and Cllr. Mrs E Hyde. The reasons for absence were approved.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Progress Reports:

(a) Police Report

There was no Police presence at this meeting. Cllr. Mrs J Siviter gave a brief report.

(b) Lengthsman's Scheme

Mr W Waldron gave his report.

(c) Public Footpaths Report

No report.

5. Items requiring decisions

a. Precept

The council considered a draft budget for 2014/2015 and a recommendation as to precept.

RESOLVED:

(i) The budget for 2014/2015 was approved.

(ii) A Precept of £6,150 plus £568.77 Shortfall Funding Grant was set.
An application will be made for the Churchyard Grant in the sum of £370.

b. Speeding on Heath Lane

A discussion was held.

AGREED Cllr. Mrs J Siviter to contact Police and Safer Roads Partnership.

c. Standing Orders

The Council considered the new Standing Orders

RESOLVED to be adopted.

- 6. Items for Information:**
- a. **Bend Activated Sign**
It was reported that the Bend Activated Sign is working well and is an asset to the parish.
 - b. **Vehicle Activated Sign**
This is to be rotated every 4 weeks at the sites on the A450; (1) near to the Hare and Hounds and (2) lay-by near The Granary. It will then be used on Stanklyn Lane.
 - c. **Change of Meeting Date**
The March meeting will now be held on the 4th March
 - d. **Churchyard Grant**
This has been reduced to £370 for the year 2014/2015.
- 7. District and County Council Matters and CALC**
A report was given on the December CALC meeting.
- 8. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts**
- (a) **Bank Balance** £4,645.55
 - (b) **Accounts for payment:**
RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:-

Westcotec	£666.00
S P Bamford – November Salary	£310.30
HMRC	£3.00
W Waldron – November	£50.00
Worcestershire CC	£1,575.00
S P Bamford – December salary	£310.30
S P Bamford – Expenses	£251.37
W Waldron – December	£50.00
Total cheques	£3,215.97
- 9. Road Accident Report** – No accidents reported.
- 10. Planning and Development Control:**
- a. **To note decisions on applications previously considered;**
13/0525/TREE – reduce crown of an oak by 20% at 37 Kittiwake Drive and Captains, Bromsgrove Road, Kidderminster – *Approved.*
 - b. **To consider any new applications received by the date of meeting:** None
 - c. **Applications previously considered:** None
 - d. **Compliance or enforcement issues:** None

11. **Clerk's Report** – No report
12. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agendas.**
 - (a) Ascertain if the church are doing anything to commemorate the war anniversary.
 - (b) Check if any progress has been made with the church regarding the situation on the churchyard grant.
13. **Date of next meeting**
Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday
4th March 2014 at 7.30 pm at Stone Manor Hotel

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
4th March 2014