

## STONE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Stone Manor Hotel

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

**In attendance:** Ms S P Bamford (Clerk)  
Dist. Cllr.S. Williams  
Dist. Cllr. M Hart  
County Cllr. S Clee  
Dist. Cllr. I Hardiman  
1 member of the public

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Mr Malcolm Gough**

The Chairman welcomed Malcolm Gough on his return to the Council as a co-opted member. The Declaration of Office/Undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct was signed.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** None

**4. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**5. Progress Reports:**

(a) Police Report

There was no Police presence at this meeting. Reports have been circulated

(b) Lengthsman's Scheme

Stanklyn Lane – cut overgrowth away from bend. Clean 3 gullies, 4 grips before bend, outfalls on bend, 3 grips, 2 gullies, 2 grips Stanklyn Lane/Butts Lane. Cut hedge overgrowth on bend of Stanklyn House. Clear 46 grips, 5 gully tops, side out footway.

Heath Lane – Clear 17 gully tops, side out footway.

Dunclent Lane – Clear outfall into brook and 2 grips

Back Lane – Clear 8 grips

Witch Lane – Clear 5 grips, 4 gully tops

Heath Lane/Stanklyn Lane – clear walkway of leaves.

Stanklyn Lane – clear 33 grips and 5 gully tops.

Curslow Lane – Clear 2 grips, 4 outfalls and 4 inlets.

Shenstone Village Lane – Clear 10 grips, 1 channel inlet, 1 gully, 4 inlets and 4 outfalls.

Butts Lane – Cut hedge adjoining graveyard.

Heath Lane – clear 12 gully tops, scrape algae off path

Curslow Lane – clear 2 grips, 4 outfalls

Podmore Lane – Check all 38 grips following Severn Trent water changed water pipes.  
Witch Lane – Clear 9 grips, clear silt off carriageway.  
Stone Hill – Cut hedge overhanging footpath.

(c) Parish Footpaths

**6. Items requiring decisions**

a. Precept

The Council considered a draft budget for 2015/2016 and a recommendation as to Precept.

RESOLVED :

(i) The budget for 2015/2016 was approved.

(ii) A Precept of £6,637.65 plus £196.31 Shortfall Grant. In addition an application will be made for the Churchyard Grant in the sum of £185.00

b. Clerk's Salary

The Council discussed the proposed increase to the Clerk's salary.  
RESOLVED this to rise to £12.31 per hour with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

c. Siting of Speed Signs

The rota was discussed.  
AGREED to remain unchanged.  
A new battery is now required.  
AGREED to be purchased

d. State of tarmac on Witch Lane

A report was given and photographs shown regarding state of the road following the recent road works.  
AGREED letter to be written to Contractor requesting that the road be reinstated to its original condition.

**7. Items for Information:**

a. Report on Chairman's Meeting

A report was given on a very successful meeting.

**8. District and County Council Matters and CALC**

Dist.Cllr S Williams gave a report on the traffic issues at Mustow Green island. Dist. Cllr M Hart also gave a brief report on revenue.

A report was received on the recent CALC Meeting.

9. **Financial Report and Payment of Accounts**

(a) **Bank Balance** £6,687.86

(b) **Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

S P Bamford – Expenses	£437.50
S P Bamford – Salary	£307.90
Postage	£12.72
D Siresbuk	£221.00
S P Bamford – Salary	£307.70
HMRC	£5.60
D Siresbuk	£143.00
S P Bamford – Salary	£307.90
D Siresbuk	£318.50
HMRC	£5.40
Total Payments:	£2,067.22

10. **Road Accident Report.**

One minor accident reported.

11. **Planning and Development Control:**

- a. **To note decisions on applications previously considered;**  
**14/0570/FULL** – Change of use of land to domestic use with new tennis court and garden/changing room at Bank Farm, Shenstone – *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*

12. **Clerk's Report**

Wyre Forest District Council are organising a Pub Games Quiz in which the Parish is invited to send a team,

13. **Councillors Reports and Items for future agendas.**

(a) Roadway by The Granary is crumbling. Entrance is not wide enough for newer coaches.

- 14. Date of next meeting**  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30 pm at Stone Manor Hotel

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed.....

Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**Notes on Public Question Time**

- (i) Poor condition of road surfaces on Butts Lane and Witch Lane following roadworks.
- (ii) Car is still parking on verge at end of Butts Lane
- (iii) Suspicious cars parking at the entrance to the old Sale Site.