

STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at the Stone Manor Hotel, Stone

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

In attendance: Ms S P Bamford (Clerk)
Mr W Waldron (Lengthsman)
County Cllr. S Clee
Mr G Walters – Parish Paths Warden

1. Apologies:

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

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Dispensations

To consider written requests from Councillors to grant a dispensation up until the next election, to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept.

RESOLVED dispensations issued to Cllrs. Mrs D Bird, J Arbuthnott, R Hobson, J Jordan, M Gough, Mrs J Siviter, G Higgs and R Wignall. Cllr. Mrs E Hyde did not apply.

4. Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th November 2012 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. A meeting is to be held on Friday 25th January 2013 at 7.00pm at Kidderminster Police Station. Our Police Liaison Officer is invited to attend.

RESOLVED Cllr. Mrs J Siviter be appointed Police Liaison Officer and will attend meeting.

(b) Lengthsman's Scheme

Stanklyn Lane – Clear gully tops. Clear leaves from footway. Clear fallen tree from footpath.

Heath Lane – Clear gully tops and clear leaves from footpath.

Stanklyn Lane – Clear grips, dig out blocked gully, clear gully tops, dig out approx.5 metres of ditch.

Podmore Lane – Clear grips, clear silt/leaves from sides of carriageway.

Rod out 2 partly blocked pipes.

Witch Lane – Clear grips and gully tops.

Shenstone Village Lane – Clear grips, clear inlets, clear outfalls.

A448 Stone Hill – clear leaves from footway.

A450 Shenstone – side out footway.

Back Lane – Clear grips.

- (b) Public Footpaths Report
A report was given by Glyn Walters, Parish Paths Warden.

6. Items requiring decisions

- a. Precept
The Council considered a draft budget for 2013/2014 and a recommendation as to precept.
RESOLVED :
 - (a) The budget for 2013/2014 was approved.
 - (b) A Precept of £6,500 be set and an application made for a Grant towards churchyard maintenance. The precept remains unchanged.
- b. Steps at Parish Room
It is proposed to build a second step at the entrance to the Parish Room.
AGREED approval to be sought from Stone Parochial Charity.
- c. Speeding at Shenstone Crossroads
The situation is to be monitored.
- d. Vehicle Activated Sign
Following a discussion it was agreed that the sign should remain in its present position. Cllr. Clee to investigate the possibility of funding for a second sign to be deployed around the parish.
- e. Grass growing in lanes
A complaint has been received regarding grass growing in the lanes around Shenstone. Matter to be reported when photographic evidence produced.

7. Items for Information:

- a. Police and Crime Commissioner
Bill Longmore elected.
- b. Polling Station
A meeting is to be held on the 23rd January with District Council representatives.

8. District and County Council Matters and CALC

Cllr. Clee gave a report on the Speed Limit review on the A448.
A report was given on the December CALC meeting.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts

- (a) **Bank Balance** £5,379.00

(b) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

S P Bamford – November	£246.10
HMRC	£54.20
S P Bamford – Expenses	£308.68
Bank Charges	£0.75
W Waldron – Lengthsman	£193.75
Padlocks for VAS	£16.76
S P Bamford – December	£246.30
HMRC	£54.00
W Waldron – December	£237.50
 Total payments:	 £1,358.04

10. Road Accident Report.

Three accidents were reported. A fatality on the A448, a collision at Shenstone crossroads and a minor accident on Stone Hill.

11. Planning and Development Control:

(a) To note decisions on applications previously considered:

12/0666/FULL – Remodel existing two storey front by window and gable over at Seagars, Lambsie Lane, 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

(e) Appeals

12/0351/FULL – Highgate House, Back Lane, Shenstone. Orangery to side elevation of property.

11/0545/FULL- Top Acre, off Cursley Lane, Shenstone. Application under S.73 to vary conditions 1 and 2 of Planning Permission

06/1062/FULL to remove all reference to the limited time period of 5 years for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, the laying of hard standing and erection of a close boarded and gravel board fence.

12. Clerk's Report

Information was given from Community Housing Group. Tim Powell to be invited to next meeting.

13. Councillors Reports and Items for future agendas.

- a. Large pot hole in Cursley Lane,
- b. Drains blocked by The Plough.
- c. Community Payback Scheme have cleared ditch along Stanklyn Lane.
Excellent work.

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th March at 7.30 pm at Stone Manor Hotel. Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....

Chairman
12th March 2013