STONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on

Tuesday 4th March 2014 at the Stone Manor Hotel

Present: Cllrs. J Arbuthnott (Chairman) Mrs. D Bird, J Jordan

R Hobson, Mrs J Siviter, Mrs E Hyde and R Wignall.

In attendance: Ms S P Bamford (Clerk)

Mr W Waldron (Lengthsman)

Dist. Cllr. S Williams 3 members of the public

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dist.Cllr. S Clee and and Cllr.G Higgs. The reasons for absence were approved.

- 2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
- **3. Minutes**: The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January and also the Planning Meeting held on the 18th February were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Progress Reports:

(a) Police Report

Reports have been circulated

(b) <u>Lengthsman's Scheme</u>

Podmore Lane – Clear 42 grips, rod out 2 pipes clear 2 inlets and 1 outfall.

Witch Lane – Clear 5 grips, clear 4 gully tops, clear silt from carriageway.

Back Lane – Clear 8 grips

Shenstone Village – Clear 10 grips, clear channel to inlet, clear 3 outfalls.

Heath Lane – clear 17 gully tops. Side out footway.

Stanklyn Lane – Clear 46 grips, clear 5 gully tops, clear outfall.

A450 Mustow Green – Clear 5 grips.

Stanklyn Lane – Sideout Footway

Curslow Lane – Clear silt and vegetation from carriageway.

Bill Waldron has tended his resignation with effect from the 31st March 2014. Interviews have been held and Dave Sireshuk, who is also the Lengtshman for Elmley Lovett Parish Council has accepted the position. He has been offered a 1 year contract from the 1st April 2014

(c) Parish Footpaths

No Report

- 5. Items requiring decisions None
- 6. Items for Information:
 - a. **Bend Activated Sign**

This sign is working very well. Cllr. S Williams announced that he will donate £550 towards the cost of this sign from his Community Fund.

b. Vehicle Activated Sign

A battery is very depleted. The cost for a replacement is £80 AGREED new battery to be purchased.

c. Churchyard Grant

A reply has been received from St. Mary's Church stating that both churchyards are in regular use and so one could not be closed to assit with the costs. They are requesting support from the Parish Council for maintenance of the churchyard, when the Grant from Wyre Forest District Council expires.

7. District and County Council Matters and CALC

Dist. Cllr. S Williams gave a report.

8. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts

(a) **Bank Balance** £ 3.536.56

(b) Accounts for payment.

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

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W Waldron – January		£331.59
S P Bamford – January		£310.30
HMRC		£3.00
Midlands Newsquest – advert		£238.38
Cooks Florists – Wreath for late	S.Gould	£22.50
S P Bamford – February		£310.30
HMRC		£3.00
Total cheques:		£1,219.07

9. Road Accident Report - None

10. Planning and Development Control:

- a. To note decisions on applications previously considered : None
- **b.** To consider any new applications received by the date of meeting:

14/0105/FULL – Change of use and alteration of existing building to form 5no. additional apartments (8 in total) with associated car parking, access road, entrance with gates and piers at Stone Manor Hotel, Stone. *Approved but mention made to sewage.*

- 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. Speeding traffic along Stanklyn Lane.
- b. St. Mary's Church will advise us about any World War Celebrations they are holding.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th May 2014 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. 7.30pm at the Parish Room, Stone.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman 27th May 2014

Notes on Public Question time.

- a. Attention was drawn to the stables which have appeared on land at the corner of Stanklyn Lane and Heath Lane. Also untidy state of site.
- b. Raw sewage has been coming out of manholes on Butts Lane by the Pumping Station.
- c. Amount of traffic on Butts Lane and Barrs Lane has increased considerably during commuter periods.
- d. Litter on Stanklyn Lane.