

# STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

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## The Annual Parish Meeting of Stanton Lacy on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm in Stanton Lacy Village Hall

### DRAFT MINUTES

**1.0 Apologies for Absence:** None

**2.0 Notice Convening the Meeting**

In accordance with Statute, the notice convening the meeting has been duly published on the Council's Notice Boards and elsewhere throughout the Parish.

**3.0 Annual Report of the Parish Council and other groups/committees for the year 2020/21**

- a) Chairman of the Parish Council: Cllr Martin Finch thanked Brian Cairns (auditor) John Grant (Footpaths) Steve Davis (website) Cllr Motley (Shropshire Council), councillors and everyone in the parish for their help and support over a very difficult year. The parish had ensured everyone had the contact details of the Parish Council to request assistance thanks to Cllr E Gatehouse and Sarah Thomas. Despite Covid the Parish Council had kept meetings going and had succeeded in maintaining the normal work of the Parish Council. The bus shelter has been moved to a more appropriate site and a new Lengthsman has started.
- b) Shropshire Council: Cllr Motley thanked those who voted to return her on May 6. She is delighted to represent this unique and beautiful part of South Shropshire and wished to reassure residents that she is available to help with any problems they may have with Shropshire Council. The last four years has been a difficult time for local government especially having to deal with the Covid crisis. She is disappointed that the government is still unable to give a timetable for sorting out social care. Shropshire has come out of the Covid crisis relatively well although the strain on care services has been severe and the public health directorate did a fantastic job. The Rural Services network has had a productive lockdown. During the election campaign she was pleased to meet people who praised the success of the vaccination roll-out but were concerned about the state of rural roads. She described the election count as a surreal experience due to Covid restrictions. Cllr Lezley Picton is the new leader of the Council. The first woman leader since it was formed in 2009. (Full transcript on the Parish Council website)
- c) Village Hall Committee: Cllr Phil Jones reported that the Village Hall had been given £28,000 in grant money and three gazebos have been purchased. The hall reopens on 29<sup>th</sup> May with a Community Market, and there are a Skittle Tournament and Pizza Evening planned.
- d) South Shropshire Area Committee: No report
- e) Louisa Powell Almshouses: Cllr Peter Williams reported that as the rents had gone up to a more appropriate level there was more money to spend on repairs and a better system of maintenance was in place. All properties are occupied.

**4.0 Open Forum:** No members of the public

**5.0 Closure:** Meeting closed at 8.10pm