

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council at 7.30pm
on Thursday 19th January 2023

Present: Cllrs Martin Finch (Chair), Margaret Davies, Emma Gatehouse, Jenna Hossbach, Phil Parker, Corin Redman and Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and Heather Coonick (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs R Gatehouse and P Jones.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public involvement session.** No members of the public were in attendance.
4. **Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 16th December 2022:** Approved and signed by the chair.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - 5.1. Letter from Culmington Parish Council regarding the Parish Boundary at Vernolds Common Vernolds Common:
Resolved: To defer to the next meeting to allow for potential changes to the divisional boundaries.
6. **Reports From Representatives:**
 - 6.1. Shropshire Council - Cllr Cecilia Motley reported that Shropshire Council are still in discussions with the Boundary Commission regarding the number of divisions. They are trying to accommodate the increase in population in certain areas but avoid parishes being divided by divisional boundaries. The Council had submitted three bids to the Governments Levelling Up Fund without success. She is now portfolio holder for health and looking at new partnership arrangements between the NHS and Council. The new Place Plans will include more local demographic information, hopefully making services more local and recognising their rurality.
 - 6.2. Village Hall – Cllr Jones sent a report: The Hall is going well with a busy Christmas period including a children’s party and New Year’s Eve party attended by 60 adults and children. The Six Nations Rugby will be shown live in February and March.
 - 6.3. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Robin Gatehouse had given apologies.
 - 6.4. Louisa Powell Almshouses – Cllr Peter Williams reported that all the houses are occupied and lots of refurbishments have been completed. The manager, Eric Williams, is doing a good job and there are regular visits from a liaison officer.
7. **Update on SmartWater roll-out for the Parish:** As of the 16th January 66 kits have been registered. A further 18 kits need to be registered before the SmartWater signs will be installed around the parish.
8. **Finance:**
 - 8.1. The bank account holds £8422.21 as of the 31st December which reconciles with the cash book. The expenditure since 1/4/22 is £4494.23. There has been expenditure over budget for donations, defibrillator maintenance and reserves (smartwater purchase) but it is anticipated that there will be a carry forward to the next financial year of £795.
Resolved: The finance report, bank reconciliation and forecast of expenditure were approved.
 - 8.2. Payments: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance)
Resolved: A payment of £93.50 authorised.
 - 8.3. Adopt the Budget and Set Precept for 2023-24: A forecast expenditure of £5489 requires a precept of £4,304 or £25.41 for a band D property – an increase of 0.2% on this year.
Resolved: Adopt the budget and set the precept at £4,304.
9. **Agenda Items for the next meeting on 16th March 2023 at 7.30pm:** a. Electric Vehicle Charger b. Environmental Maintenance Application c. Internal Auditor.

Signed:

Date:

Copies of the agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk, Heather Coonick:

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