

# STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council at 7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs Emma Gatehouse and Phil Jones.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public involvement session.** No members of the public were in attendance.
4. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
**RESOLVED:** Approved and signed by the chair.
5. **Correspondence:**
  - 5.1. Letter from Culmington Parish Council regarding the Parish Boundary at Vernolds Common – Cllr Motley advised that this should be deferred to the next meeting.  
**RESOLVED:** Defer to the next meeting.
  - 5.2. Letter from Mrs Kris Welch, Zero Hour Shropshire Regarding a Motion to support the Climate and Ecology Bill  
**RESOLVED:** To include the Climate and Ecology Bill on both the next meeting agenda and the Annual Parish Meeting agenda.
6. **Reports From Representatives:**
  - 6.1. Shropshire Council - Cllr Cecilia Motley reported that Shropshire Council have requested of the Boundary Commission to have 75 divisions instead of 74. If they refuse it may be necessary to break up some divisions and this may affect the Corvedale division. The budget for the coming year has been agreed but they will need to make up a large deficit. She is encouraging Shropshire Council to use government money for vehicle chargers in rural areas. As part of the Rural Services Network she reported that the government is still not recognising the disparity in funding between rural and urban funding. The Council is applying again to the levelling up fund. There will be free health checks for farmers at Ludlow Market on 14<sup>th</sup> April. She was informed by the councillors that during the snow, roads in the parish were not cleared as normal as Shropshire Council had not sent out contracts to local farmers who normally do this work.
  - 6.2. Village Hall – Cllr Gatehouse reported that the Warm Hubs Lunches had been very well attended and had sufficient donations to consider repeating the activity next Winter. There were plenty of activities planned for the coming months.
7. **SmartWater roll-out for the Parish:** sufficient kits have been registered so the signs will now be put up around the parish by the SmartWater team. There are still kits available for those who have not yet signed up.
8. **Installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Point:** The most appropriate site would be the village hall.  
**Resolved:** Ask the village hall committee to include this on their next agenda.
9. **Three Priorities for the Policing Charter:**  
**Resolved:** Rural vehicle thefts, wildlife crime (sheep worrying), outbuilding thefts
10. **Communications with Open Reach Regarding Broadband on The Hope:** The Clerk reported that Openreach have stated that they will be starting work on providing service to The Hope in January, but there appears to be no action regarding this so far.  
**Resolved:** Clerk to write to Philip Dunne MP to request action.
11. **Complaints Policy and Freedom of Information Publication Scheme**  
**Resolved:** To adopt both with slight alterations to the Publication Scheme to make hard copies of documents available 'at cost'.

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## 12. Environmental Maintenance Application:

**Resolved:** To apply for a grant of £800 for 2023-24 from Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance.

## 13. Finance:

13.1. Finance report/ bank reconciliation/ forecast of expenditure: As of the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 the bank account holds £8,328.71 which reconciles with the cash book. There are holdings of £5,273.48 and there is forecast expenditure before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 of £2,504.25. The carry forward to the next financial year is forecast as approximately £550.

**RESOLVED:** The report, bank reconciliation and forecast of expenditure were approved.

13.2. Payments: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £110.50, H Coonick (Clerk Salary £2040.22 & Expenses £149.95 for period 1/4/22-31/3/23), H Coonick (Clerk Reimbursement for heating and administrative supplies £22.56).

**RESOLVED:** Payment of above was approved.

13.3. Internal Auditor

**RESOLVED:** To appoint Mr Brian Cairns as auditor for 2023-24

14. **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** Defibrillator Electricity Supply Payment, Clerks Pension Arrangements, Environmental Maintenance Expenditure, Boundaries Letter, Vehicle Charging.

**The next meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm.  
This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

Signed:

(Chair)

Date: