

# STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stanton Lacy on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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

**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 website.

**3.0 Annual Reports of the Parish Council and Other Groups/Committees**

- a) Chairman of the Parish Council - Cllr Finch reported that during the year the council had maintained the three defibrillators around the parish and offered free SmartWater kits to all households. The Parish Council had donated to the Warm Welcomes held at Stanton Lacy Village Hall and to Ludlow Food Bank. It has also partly funded the Clerk's training to achieve a Certificate in Local Council Administration. The two new councillors who had joined the council in March 2022 have settled in well and Cllr Finch would like to thank all the councillors for their contributions and support over the last year. He also wanted to thank Mr Steve Davis for maintaining the council website and Mr Brian Cairns for completing the internal audit again this year.
- b) Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that it had been a difficult year for everyone including Shropshire Council with the pressure on prices and an historic debt of £50 million which it will need to clear this year. She began the year as portfolio holder for leisure and tourism but now holds Adult Social Care, Public Health and Communities. She is working with partners to try to make services more efficient. She was very pleased with how the Corvedale had responded to the Warm Welcome initiative and she was very grateful to all those involved. She continues to chair the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Boundary Commissioner did not support Shropshire Council's proposal of an additional division but are proposing that Cardington Parish joins the Corvedale division. Shropshire Council will challenge this proposal and asks anyone who wishes to comment to do so on the Boundary Commission website. She will call a meeting of Chairs and Clerks of the parishes in the Corvedale division to consider the parish boundaries. She continues to be a member of the Rural Services Network but has stood down as chair after 8 years.
- c) Village Hall Committee: Cllr Jones reported that there is a big event this weekend which it is hoped will be very successful. The committee is requesting volunteers to help run events and suggestions for new events. New doors are being fitted by Hazlin Doors. The extension will be discussed at the Village Hall Committee AGM.

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d) Louisa Powell Almshouses: Cllr Williams reported that they are now very well run and all properties are occupied. They have replaced doors and reroofed some properties. There are discussions about joining up with other local almshouses but will strive to keep their own identities.

4.0 **Community Governance and the Boundary Review and Potential Changes to the Parish Boundaries:** As no members of the public were present this matter was deferred to the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

5.0 **Consideration of Infrastructure Projects for Inclusion in the Place Plan:** As no members of the public were present this matter was deferred to the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

6.0 **Open Forum:** No members of the public were in attendance.

Signed by the Chair:

Date: