

# STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council at on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Members:** Cllrs Martin Finch (Chair), Margaret Davis, Emma Gatehouse, Robin Gatehouse, Phil Jones, Phil Parker and Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council) and H Coonick (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllr Corin Redman and Jenna Hossbach.
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 Meetings on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes with changes to item 1. Cllr Davis had sent apologies and did not attend the meeting. The amended minutes were signed by the chair.
5. **Consideration of Parish Boundary Changes:** A letter has been sent to householders in Vernolds Common explaining the option of moving from Stanton Lacy Parish to Culmington Parish and inviting them to attend either this meeting or the next Culmington Parish Council Meeting to voice their opinions.
6. **Update on Emergency Vehicles on Titterhill and Notification Letter:** An ambulance has again got stuck and been pulled out on Titterhill when on an emergency call to the Bull Ring area. Mr Alan Gatehouse was thanked by the Parish Council for pulling the ambulance out at 1.30am. Shropshire Council highways have been informed and have reviewed the signage. The letter for householders to send to the emergency services to request that Chapel Bank is used rather than Titterhill is still available on the website for people to use as a template. The Parish Council is keen for parishioners to use it to prevent such incidents in future. The letter includes the option to add the 'What3Words' reference for your property to help emergency vehicles find you more quickly.
7. **Consider Traffic Calming Near Stanton Lacy Village Hall:**  
**RESOLVED:** To request a review of the situation by Shropshire Traffic Engineer.
8. **Consider Painting the Bus Shelter:** Cllr Jenna Hossbach has offered to paint the bus shelter at the Village Hall.  
**RESOLVED** to thank Cllr Hossbach and agree expenditure on the paint required.
9. **Update on an Open Reach Meeting Re: Broadband to The Hope and Downton Hall:**  
The Clerk reported that Open Reach suspect that they will not be able to provide fibre broadband to The Hope or Downton Hall area but will not be able to confirm this until August. They are proposing a self-dig scheme and they would then install fibre using the voucher scheme offered by the government. Both Downton Hall's and Plymouth Estates estate managers are involved in discussions regarding the scheme.  
**RESOLVED:** the clerk can assist the process by discussing the voucher scheme with some of the residents of The Hope if it is confirmed that Open Reach will not lay fibre as part of their present contract.
10. **Consider Items for Inclusion in the Place Plan:** Items from the previous Place Plan and the Parish Plan 2017 were considered alongside additional issues that had been raised over the last year.  
**RESOLVED** to request the following are included in the Place Plan: a. Improved broadband b. improved mobile telephone coverage c. speed and safety on the highways including traffic calming near the village hall d. sustainable transport services including buses and charging points e. footpath maintenance and accessibility f. local access to health care facilities g small to medium sized housing.

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

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## 11. Consider Renewing the Parish Plan

**RESOLVED:** to defer to the next meeting when Cllr Motley hopes to have a template for renewing the plan.

## 12. Consider Changes to Standing Orders Regarding the Terms of the Chair and Vice Chair.

**RESOLVED** that outgoing chairs should stand as vice-chair to assist new chairs. The issue regarding the limit to the term of office is deferred to the next meeting.

## 13. Finance:

13.1. Finance Report and Expenditure Against Budget: For the first quarter the expenditure was £898.30 with an income of £5,104 which included the precept and Environmental Maintenance Grant. The expenditure was within budget. The bank account as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 holds £10,286.18. The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity thanked the Parish Council for the donation of £75 made on behalf of Mr Brian Cairns for audit services.

**RESOLVED:** to accept the report and expenditure against budget and sign the bank reconciliation as correct.

13.2. Payments: Paint for Bus Shelter up to £30, Information Commissioners Office £35, Village Hall Hire for 2022/3 and 2023/4 £263 and D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) £93.50.

**RESOLVED:** the above payments were authorised.

14. **Report From Shropshire Council:** Cllr Motley reported that Shropshire Council had responded to the Boundary Commissions proposed changes to the divisions but did not expect a response until September. Social Care are working with the NHS to try to help people remain in their own homes rather than have to enter hospital.

15. **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. parish boundary changes b. Traffic Calming near the Village Hall c. broadband on The Hope d. Parish Plan update e. Limit to Chairs term of office f. Items for inclusion in the draft budget. g. Consider a Parish Whatsapp Group.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Signed:

(Chair) Date: