

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting of Stanton Lacy on 23rd May 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllrs Martin Finch, Jenna Hossbach, Phil Jones, Robin Gatehouse, Corin Redman, Peter Williams, Emma Gatehouse, Margaret Davis, Phil Parker. Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), H Coonick (Clerk/RFO)

1.0 Apologies for Absence: None

2.0 Annual Reports of the Parish Council and Other Groups/Committees

- a) Chairman of the Parish Council – Cllr Finch reported that it had been a quiet year. The Council has dealt with several planning applications. He thanked the councillors for their support during the year.
- b) Shropshire Council – Cllr Motley reported that it had been a very difficult year with a very large deficit but they did manage to balance the books but now face a deficit of £62 million for 2024-25. Adult Social Care reorganisations saved £22 million without any redundancies. They are in the middle of a Care Quality Commission inspection. The Local Government Boundary Review is a lengthy process with changes to the electoral boundary for Ludlow which becomes South Shropshire. Her division (Corvedale and Apedale) has also been affected by the boundary changes with the addition of Cardington Parish. The wet weather has badly affected the roads which has not been helped by an ungenerous financial settlement from the Government.
- c) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Jones reported that there has been lots going on during the year. The refurbishment of the toilets has nearly been completed. More support is needed from volunteers to keep the hall going and the committee has asked if Councillors were able to offer their help.
- d) Louisa Powell Almshouses – Cllr Williams reported that he had recently attended the last meeting of the individual Almshouses and future meetings will cover all 5 of the Almshouse Charities. The Lousia Powell Almshouses are in a good financial position.

3.0 Update on the Parish Paths Partnership (P3): The Clerk reported that she had applied for a start up grant for the group and will hold the funds in the Parish Council account. The group is insured by Shropshire Council. Cllr Emma Gatehouse reported that she had 4 volunteers and they will begin work on footpaths shortly.

4.0 Consideration of Infrastructure Projects for Inclusion in the Place Plan: None

5.0 Open Forum For Members of the Public to Raise Issues and Make Comments: No members of the public were in attendance. Cllr Davis reported that there had been further recent incidents of an ambulance being stuck on Titterhill. She will gather the information and pass it to the Clerk who will then contact Shropshire Council Traffic Engineers and West Midlands Ambulance Service to ask them to work together to provide a solution.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR:

DATE:

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