

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANTON ST QUINTIN PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2016**

- 1. Present:** Mr N. Greene (Chairman); Mr J. Eley; Mr P. Murton;
Mr I. Plummer; Mrs R. Whiting; Mr B. King (observing)
Cllr H. Greenman
- 2. Apologies:** Mrs A. Druce
- 3. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:**
There were no Chairman's announcements or declarations of interest.
- 4. Public Question Time:** There was one member of the public present.
- 5. Vacancy on the Parish Council:** One application for co-option had been received. Mr Ben King was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.
- 5. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meetings held on 17th November and 17th December 2015 were taken as read and signed as being a true record:
- 6. Matters Arising:**

Action By

- a. **Highway issues:**
 - Pavement and double yellow lines - Kington Lane:
 - Litter bins Issue raised at Parish Forum. Cllr Greenman to pursue
HG
 - Parish Steward: The Parish Steward system will be reinstated.
 - The following issues have been raised with Richard Dobson:
 - i. Murco garage – overgrown pavement
 - ii. Overgrowing vegetation at 50 Upper Stanton St Quinton
 - iii. Blocked drains/verges in Lower village
 - iv. Overgrown leylandii trees opposite Newbourne Gardens

Cllr Greenman to take these up with Richard Dobson
 - Double yellow lines by Murco Garage: Letter received from Martin Rose. This is classed as routine maintenance but the problem is the edge of the carriageways along the length in question is badly eroded and needs repair work before any re-lining work can take place.
 - Grit bin: Two new grit bins received. ***Remove from Minutes***
 - The following issues had been raised with Martin Rose:
 - It was also agreed to request replacement of the School signs which are no longer fit for purpose.
 - The Kington Lane sign had disappeared
 - Avils Lane: Concerns had been raised about the edges of the triangle being eroded by vehicles cutting corners. Mr Eley suggested putting in wooden posts along the edge and planting daffodils. Mr Eley will draw up various option and circulate this to Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. The speed of the

vehicles was also discussed and it was suggested that a “Slow down” sign could be put up. There is also the issue of the staddlestones at the Oathouse. This is making the lane very dangerous. Clerk has been trying to arrange a site meeting with Richard Dobson to look at these issues. Cllr Greenman to pursue this.

Action: HG

- b. **Area Board/Rural Parish Forum**: Next Rural Parish Forum to be held on Wednesday 20th January at Seagrey. Mr Eley to attend.
- c. **Footpath 11** – Clerk had asked for a Public Footpath sign to be put up by the Deer Farm.
- d. **Emergency Plan**: Anita to pursue this.
- e. **BT telephone box at Church Lane** Continue to monitor.
- f. **Closure of extension to the Burial Ground**: On-going
- g. **Broadband**: Mr Eley had prepared an article to be put in the Chatter and on the website. The work had been completed just before Christmas but there are still 40% of the properties unable to have fibre. Some of these will not be connected until later this year or next. Cllr Howard Greenman will take this up with Wiltshire Council. Mr. Eley was also pursuing with Open Reach

Action: HG/JE

7. Neighbourhood Plan: Remove from the Minutes.

8. Village Hall:

Report from the Parish Hall Committee – their solicitor and treasurer are trying to finalise the formation of the hall Charity. Once this is completed the Lease will be signed. The hall is used regularly by local people and once the lease is in place the Committee will approach those people who have offered to look at grant applications and funding.

The next fundraiser will be held in the hall on Saturday 6th February. This will be a talk on Bletchley Park given by Sir Francis Richards KCMG, CVO, DL – former chairman of the Bletchley Park Trust and former head of GCHQ Tickets are £6 (£7 at the door) followed by cheese and mulled wine.

9. Correspondence:

- a. **Court Gardens**: Temporary road closure order for road improvements on 22nd February
- b. **New Audit Regime**: From 2017/18 small authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000 will be exempt from having to submit an annual financial return but will still have to have an auditor appointed in case there are questions from electors to be resolved. A “Sector Led Body” had been set up by NALC and SLCC to deal with this. It was agreed that the Parish Council would choose to have an auditor appointed to them by this new “sector-led body” rather than appoint its own auditor.
- c. **Wiltshire Highways**: Newsletter circulated
- d. **Hullavington Parish Council**: Letter received regarding a Neighbourhood Plan and the future of the MoD airfield. The Clerk has notified them that the Parish Council did not have a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage.
- e. **Victim Support**: Letter requesting financial support. It was agreed that a grant of £50 be made to them.

10. Buckley Barracks update: Mr Murton reported that he had been notified on 4th January that the Secretary of State had released the airfield for sale – 540 acres in total. This will be sold with effect from April this year. Notice under the Curchel Down Rules had been issued. Buckley Barracks would not be affected.

11. Planning applications: Nil

12. Applicants granted approval: Nil

13. Precept for 2016/17: The expenditure for the remainder of the current financial year and for 2016/7 was discussed and it was **recommended** that the sum of **£5482** be put in the precept with a top up grant from WC of £18

Grants: It was suggested that an article be put in the Chatter and on the website inviting local groups and organisations to apply for a small grant from the Parish Council

14. Accounts for payment:

St Giles Living Churchyard	-	Grass cutting	0365	350.00
Mr N. Greene	-	Website	0366	53.30
Glasdon UK Ltd	-	Grit bins	0367	575.16
Victim Support	-	Grant	0368	50.00

15. Representative's reports: Nil

16. Items of report and future agenda items:

- a. The finger post direction sign to the village had fallen off and this had been removed by Wiltshire Council contractors. This needs replacing.
- b. Sign "Slow down for pedestrians and horses" for Avils Lane. Discuss further at the next meeting.

72. Date of next meeting: 16th March 2016

Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm