

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANTON ST QUINTIN PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 18th OCTOBER 2016**

1. Present: Mrs A. Druce (Chairman); Mr J. Eley; Mr B. King;
Mr P. Murton; Mr I. Plummer; Mrs R. Whiting
6 members of the public

2. Apologies: Mr N. Greene
In the absence of Mr Greene, the Chair was taken by Mrs Druce

3. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:
There were no announcements or declarations of interest.

4. Public Question Time: The Chairman explained the procedure for the public question time. Issues raised must be relevant to items on the Agenda. The Council could not make any decision on items not on the Agenda. There would be a time limit of no more than 2 minutes per person with a total time allowed of 15 minutes. The meeting would then proceed without interruption. The Council Meeting is a meeting open to the public but not a public meeting.

It was stated that points raised by a member of the public had not been included in the Minutes of 2nd August. The Clerk confirmed that the draft minutes were circulated and Councillors had agreed them. The parishioner asked for the following comments to be noted:

Comments from 1 Cherry Tree Cottage "argue that suggestions in the delegated officers report reports that development on this site represents "infill" in terms of a linear layout, fails to recognise the configuration of the village, based around former farmyards and conflicts with the requirements of the Core Strategy to protect and maintain the rural character and appearance of small villages. As was the case when planning was refused previously on this site"

Comments from 3 Croft Barn "reinstate missing footpath should be included into the new application"

General concerns expressed by parishioners:

"allowing the development of a single dwelling will potentially facilitate further applications on the Blue Area (16/03389/OUT plans) and that if there was any approval for a single dwelling within the red area it should be limited to one property and access to Avils Lane limited to that property."

"Wiltshire County Council's highway officer recommended that the original proposal be refused, on the basis that it fails to comply with the Core Strategy in terms of proximity to infrastructure requirements has been overlooked. The Chairman mentioned that this had been withdrawn but was not able to produce confirmation at this juncture"

Mrs Walker asked about the Hullavington Neighbourhood Plan which had quoted 183 new houses. This would have an impact on Stanton St Quintin

The six members of the public would support a Neighbourhood Plan for Stanton St Quintin. Mr Murton stated that when the Hullavington Neighbourhood Plan was first being discussed it had been suggested that this could be combined with a plan for Stanton St Quintin but the consensus had been that the village was not large enough for this

It was reported that an application had been made to reinstate a footpath onto the definitive map

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meetings held on 19th July and 2nd August 2016 were taken as read and signed as being a true record:

6. Matters Arising:

Action By

a. Highway issues:

- Litter bins Cllr Greenman stated that Wiltshire Council will not be providing any new bins but would resite any existing. Howard would pursue the reinstatement of the one by the Garage.
HG
- Parish Steward: The Parish Steward system had restarted on 2nd October. A list of the five priorities had been submitted. Councillors asked to send a list of tasks through to Anita
- The following issues will now be raised with John Berkeley:
 - i. Murco garage – overgrown pavement
 - ii. Overgrowing vegetation at 50 Upper Stanton St Quinton
 - iii. Blocked drains/verges in Lower village

Avils Lane water butt and staddlestones

The matter of the water butt has been referred to the Enforcement Officer.

Owner of the Oat House to be asked to move the staddlestones back against the wall

Damage to the Village triangle: The contractors working on the Hollybush together with the owners have given assurances that care will be taken during delivery of building material

Overgrown Lelandii trees Newbourne Gardens: Wiltshire Council has sent a letter to the owners requesting the trees be cut back. As no response has been received contractors will now be asked to cut them back and the invoice will be sent to the owners. It was understood that contractors have now been instructed to cut these back. Clerk to ask Cllr Greenman for an update. **Action: MC**

- 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. Clerk to raise this as a priority with Adrian Hampton
- The following issues will now be raised as a priority with Adrian Hampton
 - replacement of the School signs which are no longer fit for purpose.

- The Kington Lane sign had disappeared
 - Give Way sign by Church Lane has been knocked down
 - Fingerpost for village has been broken. Wiltshire Council removed this but it was never replaced
 - Excessive litter by the Murco Garage.
- **Ownership of the Lower Village Green:** It was suggested that this may belong to the Methodist Chapel. Article to be put in the Chatter for any information and John Eley to pursue. Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council solicitor for advice to see if this is manorial waste and if so could the Parish Council adopt it. **Action: AD/MC/JE**
- b. **Area Board/Rural Parish Forum:** Next meeting to be held on 23rd November. As many Councillors as possible to attend this to support Cllr Greenman.
 - c. **Footpath 11** – Clerk had asked for a Public Footpath sign to be put up by the Deer Farm. This has still not been erected
 - 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:** Letter received from the Privy Council with a copy of the notice discontinuing burials.
 - g. **Broadband:** On-going. John Eley to pursue **Action: JE**

7. Village Hall:

Report received with photographs of the work being undertaken. Congratulations to be given to the Committee for this.

Accordingly it was **resolved** unanimously that a further £14,000 be released to enable this work to proceed. This would be the last of the monies earmarked for the Village Hall.

It was agreed to use the Village Hall for meetings in the New Year. Clerk to ask what days would be available. **Action: MC**

8. Discussion on Neighbourhood Plan:

It was agreed to ask someone from Hullavington Neighbourhood Plan Committee to come and talk to the parish at a public meeting and it was suggested that this should be held by the end of November. Mr Murton agreed to speak to the HNPC about this. **Action: PM**

Leaflet to be put out to residents and on the website, Chatter and notice boards. **Action: AD**

- 9. Update re Buckley Barracks:** Mr Murton reported that the Huntley land had been sold. Other smaller portions of land were still being sold off. There was to be a new path on the northern perimeter. The Barracks had stopped policing which had seen a large increase in the number of boy racers. They were still continuing with the police driver training as this acts as a deterrent. The number of children attending the school had decreased and the Barracks were aware of the impact this was having on the school. An advert had been placed re the housing that was available. It was reported that Colerne was being sold which would see military families moving out.

The members of the public had left the meeting

10. Correspondence:

- a. **Council Tax Referendum:** Letters received from Jane Scott and WALC re the consultation on Council Tax referendum. The consultation states:
- Firstly, the government is minded to extend referendum principles to a number of larger, higher spending local councils
 - Secondly the paper states the government is aware that increases in precepts continue to concern local tax payers and is therefore prepared to consider extending referendums to ALL parishes.
- Letters of objections to be sent to NALC to endorse their lobbying against these proposals, with a copy to the Member of Parliament.
- b. **Proposed Early Years Unit at Stanton St Quintin Primary School;** Letter from the Governing Body re the consultation to open an Early Years Unit for 3-4 year old nursery and reception year children to supply Early Years provision. The Parish Council support the proposal.
- c. **Hullavington Neighbourhood Plan:** Letter received from Hullavington Parish Council with details of the progress of the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. In line with Wiltshire Council's development requirements, Hullavington being one of the larger villages (1 of 5) in the area, is expected to support the building of its share of 183 new homes. This would invariably have an impact on neighbouring villages and it was agreed to ask for an informal meeting with the Steering Group before the next Full Council meeting on 15th November at 7.00 pm.
- d. **Audit:** Notice of completion of the Audit. Details to be put on the website.
- e. **Application for an Order to add a footpath to the definitive map and statement from Avils Lane to Seagry Road:** The Parish Council had no objections to this.
- f. **Update on 14th Onshore Oil & Gas Licensing Round:** Letter from Wiltshire Council which reports an article part of which says "South Western Energy would not be accepting the offer of licenses in Wiltshire due to low energy prices and financial viability. However, it also states that the company might reapply outside of a formal licensing round. The company would be accepting licenses in Somerset and Dorset.

11. Planning Enforcement:

Clay Pigeon Shooting at Buckley Barracks: Letter from Enforcement Officer stated that the shoot had been suspended although it does occur sporadically. The complainant was satisfied with the action taken and the file would be closed

13. Applications received:

16/07310/FUL

Woodbarn Farm, Stanton St Quintin

Removal of existing mobile home and replace with twin unit static lodge

It was understood that the occupiers had been given three months to vacate the mobile home. No objections providing the original mobile home had permission. The static lodge should be kept as temporary and not become a permanent fixture.

14. Applications granted permission:

16/06164/OUT	Land between 18 and 19 Avils Lane, Lower Stanton Erection of 1 new dwelling (Outline application with all matters reserved – resubmission of 16/03389/OUT)
16/06701/FUL	7 The Forge, Lower Stanton Single storey rear extension

15. Accounts for payment: The following accounts were agreed for payment:

Envisage Grds Main	-	Grass cutting	132.00
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Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall Com -		Grant	14,000.00

16. Representative's reports: Nil

17. Items of report and future agenda items:

- a. It was reported that some of the houses in Avils Lane had had a problem with sewerage. The fractured drain had now been replaced

18. Date of next meeting: 15th November 7.30 pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman