

LIMPLEY STOKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Village Hall on the 1st of February 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors: Chairman – Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Mandy Majendie (MM), Chimene Roberts (CR), Lucy Poloniecka (LP) Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

Apologies: Jessica Sibson (JS), Elaine Curtin (EC), Ms Denise Barnes (DB), Mrs N Boulton (NB),

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: Two

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Item	Action
<p>011/22 Declarations of Interest None</p> <p>012/22 Open Forum</p> <p>a. Public address Two members of the parish attended to hear latest Hop Pole developments and to report a broken Middle Stoke road sign which needs replacing. IB will report to Wiltshire CC and MM will send a link to the resident to also report the issue to Wiltshire CC</p> <p>b. Councillor for Winsley and Westwood Report- Mr Johnny Kidney (JK)</p> <p>The council were grateful to receive an update from Councillor Johnny Kidney outlining the latest developments from Wiltshire Council. (see Attachment 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Waste collection dates could change for some Wiltshire households. Wiltshire CC budget has been confirmed. A 1.9%rise for households. No services will be cut.. The D1 bus service timetable will have changes in April.. The Climate strategy has been approved by the cabinet. <p>c. Police Report There was no police report this month</p> <p>013/22 Minutes The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th of January 2022 were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chairman.</p> <p>014/22 Financial Items (BK)</p> <p>a. Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.</p> <p>1. DD235-Alan Duck -War Memorial clearance: £140</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p>	

2. DD236- M Majendie- Website hosting fee: £144

Decision: Approved

3. SO147- B Kohn- Clerk salary (Jan): £

Decision: Approved

015/21 Planning (FF, JS)

PL/2022/00542 Damson House, Church Lane, Freshford, Bath, BA2 7WD
Outdoor swimming pool with associated landscaping, retaining walls and plant enclosure

FF proposed a No Comment response

IB seconded the proposal.

Decision: The councillors voted unanimously to a No comment response

016/21 The Hop Pole (LP)

LP outlined the latest developments with the proposed community purchase of The Hop Pole (**see Attachment 2**)

An offer of £285,000 +VAT has been accepted by The Wellington Pub Company and finance is now being finalised to purchase the pub for the community. There has been publicity on local TV stations and in the media about the project. A grant of £5,000 from Wiltshire Area Board has been confirmed.

017/21 Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) was discussed and the councillors decided that it would be held at 7pm on Tuesday May 3rd, after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the same evening. Local groups will be invited to speak for 5 minutes about their projects.

018/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

NB will be co-ordinating the event on Saturday 4th June at 2.30pm. The village hall will be booked and events and games will be held in the play park if the weather permits. The Middle Stoke road will be shut for the event.

019/22 Councillors Updates

a. Website (MM)

We now have 211 subscribers to the website and emails. The website recorded another 1500 page views this month.

b. Middle Stoke (EC)

No updates

c. Playpark (JS,)

Maintenance work is ongoing.

d. Environment (DB, CR, NB,)

Impact Tool (CR)

The Impact tool is a community carbon calculator, free to use by anyone to calculate and compare the carbon emissions of any parish or ward in Great Britain and assess the community's impact. It was developed by the Centre for Sustainable Energy and the University of Exeter, initially to make carbon footprinting at parish level possible.

The report generated shows 'consumption based' and territorial' emissions, which can be compared with the average for Wiltshire County Council and shows how your footprint

compares with the district average and the national average. This figure shows the annual carbon emissions (measured in tonnes) emitted as a result of activities taking place within the parish's boundary.

The idea is to use the guide to target efforts to reduce emissions and show where a community's efforts to reduce their carbon emissions, might have the greatest impact.

Suggestions of areas to target are made in the report along with possible solutions. The councillors felt that this was a useful tool to use to target possible "Repair and Share" type activities within the parish.

e. Roads (IB)

There will be continuing monitoring of traffic volumes and speeds throughout the village. Two requests for rubber monitoring strips for Lower Stoke and Church Lane have been sent to Wiltshire CC. Lower Stoke strips are now in place.

It is hoped that a possible Community Speedwatch Group can be established and a 20mph limit can be put in place for the whole of Church Lane.

f. Footpaths (LP)

Nothing to report- a walk of all the footpaths will be carried out in the Spring.

g. Flisca (NB)

Nothing new to report.

h. FHLEG

Nothing new to report

020/22 Action Plan

There were no updates

021/22 Any Other Business

No further business to discuss

022/22 Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed (Chair).....

Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Johnny Kidney Unitary Councillor’s Report- February 2022

- **Household waste changes**

An update on the forthcoming changes to general waste (black/grey wheelie bin) collections. Some residents may have a change in their collection day as routes are reconfigured to make them more efficient (reducing carbon footprint of collections and saving circa £0.5m/annum). There will be no change to the frequency of collections. Recycling and green bin collections are unaffected.

- **Budget**

The Council’s budget for 2022/23 will be considered at Full Council on 15th Feb. Verbal update on key points.

The long-reaching impact of the ongoing pandemic is still being felt, but despite this the council, through sound financial management, is forecasting an underspend at the conclusion of the 2021/22 financial year. This will put the council in a strong position as it heads into the 2022/23 year, but amid the ongoing uncertainties of the pandemic, this continues to be a very challenging time financially for the public sector.

Despite Government confirming that Wiltshire Council will receive £12.5m in additional grant funding to support the delivery of local services, the budget gap before implementation of resourcing plans stood at £27m.

COVID-19 isn't the only challenge though, with demand for key services, such as those that support children and adults, continuing to increase.

The council has also had to manage rising inflation pressures, including hyperinflation of up to 60% on some energy bills, as well as managing increasing demand for key services, particularly in social care. Adults and Children's Social Care will see growth for inflation and service demand of over £11m in 2022/23, and over the life of the medium term financial strategy net spending is forecast to increase by £20m on People services from £235m to £255m which is a rise of nearly 9%, to ensure that children get the best start in life and adults get the care and support they deserve.

The council will also continue to invest in the improvement and maintenance of the county's infrastructure, with £308m due to be spent on capital projects in 2022/23.

Some of the capital projects include:

- Over £3m for Leisure, including £800k investment in fitness equipment
- £2m as part of an overall £25m commitment to new Trowbridge Leisure Centre provision
- More than £10m in Future High Streets projects for Salisbury and Trowbridge
- More than £27m in the council house building programme and more than £17m in refurbishing of council house stock
- More than £46m invested in education and skills, including £6.5m investment in school maintenance
- More than £8m being invested to make council properties more energy efficient
- More than £16m on highways structural maintenance

- Inclusion of improvements to the A350 M4 Junction 17 at a total of £27.8m

To close the budget gap, while ensuring that vital services are provided, the council is proposing a number of measures. They include a 1.99% general increase in council tax, plus a 1% council tax levy to be spent solely on adult social care; changes to car parking and green waste collections fees, and increases in some other fees and charges; and a reduction in Wiltshire Council staffing budgets which includes delaying recruitment to some vacancies, deletion of certain vacant posts and changes to some terms and conditions.

- **Omicron grants**

Wiltshire Council has opened applications for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG), a one-off grant of up to £6,000 that is available to rateable businesses.

The grant is aimed at businesses in the hospitality, leisure and accommodation sectors, with the value of grants depending on the business's rateable value. The OHLG is £2,667 for businesses with a rateable value of under £15,000; £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 and over to less than £51,000; and £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000. The deadline for OHLG scheme applications is 28 February 2022.

To apply, businesses should visit the council's website, read the application guidance, and complete the online form.

- **Hop Pole**

I suggested to the group fundraising for the purchase of the Hop Pole by the community that an application be made to Wiltshire Council for Area Board grant-funding. The application was submitted and I presented to case to colleagues on the Area Board, proposing that we supported a £5000 grant. I am pleased to report that colleagues were in agreement and that the grant will be provided to help contribute to the fantastic community effort to secure the future of the Hop Pole.

- **Climate**

At its meeting earlier today, Wiltshire Council's Cabinet looked at the next steps for tackling climate change and improving the natural environment in the county, as it seeks to approve the Climate Strategy and the Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy, Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan.

There were more than 1,300 responses from residents, businesses and organisations across Wiltshire in the recent Climate Strategy consultation and Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan consultation, held between 1 September and 17 October 2021.

The Climate Strategy sets out the next five years of the council's journey to becoming a carbon neutral county, covering seven themes: transport; homes and the built environment; natural environment, food and farming; energy; green economy; waste; and carbon neutral council. The strategy also features high-level objectives for each of the themes. As part of the consultation, respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the objectives. Most people agreed with the objectives, with 90% of respondents 'agreeing' or 'strongly agreeing' to all but five of the objectives.

Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan sets out the future for supporting and enhancing Wiltshire's natural environmental assets for the benefit of people, nature and to help address climate change.

If approved by Full Council on 15 Feb, Wilts Council will adopt both the Climate Strategy and Wiltshire's Natural Environment Plan, and their principles and objectives will be weaved into everything we do as a council. Using these strategies as a framework, services are drawing up delivery plans to help us to reduce carbon emissions both as a council and across the county.

We have already reduced our own carbon emissions as a council by 80% since 2013/14, but we have more to do. If Cabinet agrees to these two strategies it will be another huge step forward for our plans to tackle climate change and support the natural environment in Wiltshire.

Winsley Hill parking

Verbal update on double yellow lines to tackle problem parking around the canal bridge.

Report to LSPC on 1st February 2022- L Poloniecka

During January we carried out the following activities:

Analysed the results of the community survey launched in December 2021. The key results were:

- Percentage of respondents supporting the campaign 98% with 88% saying it is very important that the village has a pub
- Demand is for a pub selling good quality pub food with a few changing specials.
- Most importantly, respondents indicated they would be prepared to subscribe for £500k of shares with 150 people volunteering their labour and a further 60 offering professional skills.

Agreed a price of £285k plus VAT to purchase the Hop Pole from its current owners. This means that the pub did not go back on the market when the exclusivity period was due to expire on 28th January. However, the owners gave us just 4 weeks to exchange contracts and a further week to complete.

We wrote a Business Case and a Share Offer Document aimed at raising £500k from the community. These were published on 26th January. There is an interim target of £360k (£285k plus VAT and costs) to be raised before exchange of contracts on 18th February – unless this is achieved, the project will be cancelled, and monies returned to investors.

At 1st February we have raised over £200k and are confident that sufficient funds will be available to buy the Hop Pole before the deadline. However, buying the pub is just the start of the project to renovate and reopen the pub and a lot more money and work will be required from the community.