

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

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

Councillors: Chairman – Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Chimene Roberts (CR), Jessica Sibson (JS), Elaine Curtin (EC), Ms Denise Barnes (DB), Mrs N Boulton (NB),

Apologies: Mandy Majendie (MM), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: Two

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Item	Action
<p>023/22 Declarations of Interest None</p> <p>024/22 Open Forum</p> <p>a. Public address</p> <p>Two members of the parish attended the meeting. The first resident reported a broken bus stop sign on the A36, tree felling debris and a broken fence on the pavement on the A36, and the Middle Stoke road sign which still needs replacing. IB has reported the broken Middle Stoke sign to Wiltshire CC and will raise the other issues with Wiltshire CC</p> <p>The second resident thanked the LSPC for purchasing shares in the successful community bid to purchase The Hop Pole and asked if the LSPC would consider allocating some of the recent CIL payments received by the council to the project. Finance for infrastructure for the development of The Hop Pole is needed as the inn is an asset to the village and the whole community. IB thanked the resident for all his hard work and congratulated him and his team on the successful purchase of The Hop Pole which now belongs to the Limpley Stoke Community Benefit Society Limited.</p> <p>The resident also asked if the LSPC would consider allocating some of the recent CIL payments received by the council to Flisca, for the development of an extension to the café for the Galleries shop in Freshford. The extension would make the business more sustainable for the future and would benefit both Freshford and Limpley Stoke communities.</p> <p>Flisca has supported LSPC projects in the past and finance by the LSPC now, would reciprocate the symbiotic relationship between the communities.</p> <p>b. Unitary 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>	

c. Police Report

There was no police report this month

025/22 Minutes

The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1st of February 2022 were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chairman.

026/22 Financial Items (BK)

Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.

1. DD237-Limpley Stoke Village Hall -Annual Hall hire (Jan- Dec 2022): £310

Decision: Approved

2. DD238- Limpley Stoke CBS- The Hop Pole shares: £200

Decision: Approved

3. DD239- Idverde- Playpark Litterbin emptying (Jan/Feb): £36.50

Decision: Approved

4. SO148- B Kohn- Clerk salary (Feb): £

Decision: Approved

027/21 Planning (FF, JS)

None this month

028/21 The Hop Pole (LP)

LP sent the latest developments outlining the successful community purchase of The Hop Pole (see Attachment 2)

029/21 Annual Parish Meeting (EC)

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on Tuesday May 3rd, after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) was discussed. Local groups have been contacted to speak for 5 minutes about their projects. EC to speak to The Village Hall committee regarding refreshments on the night. Questions to the LSPC will be submitted in advance. Deadline for registering a question is 21st April 2022. Information will be put on the website and an email will be sent to the mailing list.

030/22 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (NB)

Information from past celebrations has been sent by Sheena Broadhead which the PC are very grateful to receive. NB is co-ordinating the event on Saturday 4th June at 2.30pm. The village hall has been booked and events and games will be held in the play park if the weather permits. Volunteers are helping with events.

The Middle Stoke road if approved by Wiltshire CC will be shut for the event. CR is arranging for trestle tables for the event.

A letter outlining the event will be sent to residents and information put on the website.

Boards advertising the event will be ordered and placed around the village.

Residents will bring their own food and drink. Cars in Middle Stoke will be moved on the day.

Flowers to celebrate the Jubilee will be arranged in the Church. Bunting will be put up. Morris Dancers have been booked. Jubilee mugs and table decoration costs are being researched by CR. A budget for the whole event of a maximum of £1000 was agreed unanimously.

031/22 Councillors Updates

a. Website (MM)

Nothing to report

b. Middle Stoke (EC)

Residents wanted to know if there was any update to information on the A36 traffic lights/road repairs. IB said that there was no further information.

c. Playpark (JS,)

Maintenance work is ongoing. CR met with Jude Rice for advice on future wildlife recommendations for the Playpark. A plan of action and quote for some planting days will be compiled by CR.

d. Environment (DB, CR, NB,)

The Midford Lane wildflower border has been planted and is now growing. A similar scheme for the border by The Rose and Crown was proposed by DB and seconded by NB. A budget of £500 was unanimously approved by the councillors for the project which includes repairs to the broken fence highlighted by the resident in the Open Forum. The LSPC has received 2 emails regarding lighting complaints from The Limpley Stoke Hotel. CR and DB will contact the hotel to discuss a possible solution to the problem.

Wiltshire CC climate strategy promotes transport savings by encouraging bus use and communal car sharing.

e. Roads (IB)

Traffic volumes and speed monitoring are continuing throughout the village.

IB has put in 3 CatG requests-
1. Permanent barriers for the top of Woods Hill
2. A Village Gate near No1 Lower Stoke (Valley View)
3. Middle Stoke road sign repair/replacement

IB will raise another CatG request for a bollard at the top of The Twizzle to stop cars attempting to drive down the pedestrian route.

Sat Navs need to be updated about Woods Hill closure

IB proposed compiling a questionnaire to residents to gather information for any future possible residential parking proposals. FF seconded the proposal. 5 councillors supported the proposal. 2 councillors abstained.

IB has made a portable stand for the Church Lane speed sign. The sign will next be deployed on Crowe Hill. Then a suitable location on Church Lane.

Rubber strips are being lain on Church Lane to register traffic speeds and volume.

f. Footpaths (LP)

Nothing to report

g. Flisca (NB)

Nothing new to report.

h. FHLEG (NB)

Nothing new to report

032/22 Action Plan

There were no updates

033/22 Any Other Business

Money received by LSPC from recent CIL payments was discussed.

FF suggested that some money could be used for a feasibility study for a possible Airsource project involving Limpley Stoke Mines. LSPC could approach the mines to see if they were interested. JS will research some information.

DB proposed and JS seconded that a third of the received CIL payments (£3500) could be donated to The Hop Pole community project for infrastructure. The councillors voted unanimously to support the proposal.

NB proposed and EC seconded that a third of the received CIL payments (£3500) could be donated to the Flisca café development project. The councillors voted unanimously to support the proposal.

034/22 Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm

Signed (Chair).....

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

Reminder – changes to bin collections days/times started this week

Further to previous updates, a reminder that the collection times and/or days for the general waste bins (black/grey wheelie bins) have changed from 28th February. Letters, emails and notices on bins have been sent to residents to advise them of any changes. Some households in our area retain the same bin days as before (although collection times may change so it is important to get bins out before 7am on the collection day, regardless of whether the day has changed or not), whereas others are moving to different collection day. Note that recycling and green bins collections are unaffected by the changes.

Wiltshire Council Budget and business plan adopted

The annual budget meeting of Wiltshire Council took place on Tuesday 15th of February. At the meeting, the Council’s budget for 2022/23 was agreed, as was the 10-year business plan as the Council looks to maintain a strong financial footing into the future.

The council's budget for the next financial year is just over £417m more than have of which (around £235m) will be invested in the key support and care provided to adults and children. Around £92m will be spent on the vital day-to-day services such as waste management, road maintenance, leisure and library services, as well as the council's carbon management and climate change work - which recently saw the council ranked as the fifth best unitary authority in the UK for its response to the global challenge. The council will also continue its commitment of spending £1m a year to support the county's high streets in its market towns and cathedral city, and is also investing £1.7m to increase capacity in its special educational needs and inclusion services.

The council's capital programme, which is spent on projects to improve and maintain the county's infrastructure is confirmed to be £307m in 2022/23. It will be spent on many different projects throughout the financial year, including leisure services, council house building, schools maintenance, footpath and highway improvements, and projects to improve the high streets of Salisbury and Trowbridge.

The council's 10 year Business Plan will ensure that the budget is spent strategically with a clear long-term focus. The plan outlines the council's guiding themes, which are prevention and early intervention; improving social mobility and tackling inequalities; understanding communities; and working together with partners. The plan contains metrics throughout, ensuring performance can be measured.

The budget was set in the context of the financial challenges facing the public sector as we emerge from more than two years of the pandemic - with rising inflation and increased demand for services. More than half of the council's budget comes from council tax, and at the meeting the Wiltshire Council element of this was confirmed to rise by 1.99%, with an additional 1% directly supporting adult social care. For a Band D property, that's an increase of £47.56 annually or 91p per week. The council has put plans in place to make savings of around £25m in 2022/23 while ensuring that vital services are protected.

Great British Spring Clean

Wiltshire Council is encouraging local groups and organisations to take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year, from 25 March-10 April.

Litter picking equipment has been provided by Wiltshire Council to the Bradford on Avon Area Board in the past and can be accessed by groups.

For smaller litter picks, where possible, volunteers should dispose of bagged waste in their usual household black bins or a public litter bin that has sufficient capacity.

For large events that could collect more than 10 bags black bags full of waste, the council can arrange single collection following the event. To arrange this, people should email streetscene@wiltshire.gov.uk a minimum of 10 days before the event with as much information about the event as possible and contact details of the event organiser. Any large items or suspected fly-tips should be left where they are and reported to the council on the MyWilts app.

People can register their event on the Great British Spring Clean website at www.keepbritaintidy.org or find out more at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/community-environment-great-british-spring-clean.

Area Board

A meeting of Bradford-on-Avon and Villages Area Board took place on 23rd February. The successful grant application I had proposed for £5000 towards the bid to save the Hop Pole was formally noted.

Woods Hill and the A36

As the Parish Council will be aware, Wiltshire Council's Cabinet Member for Highways issued a decision notice stating that following consideration of the consultation outcomes on the trial closure of Woods Hill, he has decided that it is to be made permanent. I have stressed to Highways the importance of working collaboratively with the PC and the community on any measures that may be required to ensure that all rat-running is discouraged from the village's lanes, including Church Lane and Crowe Hill, particularly in light of the current ongoing disruptions on the A36. Following discussions with Michelle Donelan MP, she has again written to National Highways in the past couple of weeks to stress the importance of them improving signalling at the A36 junction at Dundas Viaduct. In terms of the ongoing subsidence issues on the A36, unfortunately there has been no recent update from National Highways on next steps to resolve the situation and anticipated timescales.

The Hop Pole

I was so pleased at the success of the community's bid to purchase the pub building. What a fantastic effort by all involved! It is such a relief to finally have certainty that the building will remain an asset for the community. I was very pleased that Wiltshire Council was able to help in a small way with the successful grant application for £5000 through the Area Board. Hopefully this will help to lever in additional funding through other funding bodies as fundraising work goes on to raise the additional funds need to address the very poor internal state of the pub. I'm very much looking forward to raising a glass to the community's success in the newly reopen Hop Pole in due course! Well done all!

Report to LSPC on 1st March 2022- L Poloniecka

In February we successfully raised shareholder subscriptions in excess of the £360,000 (£285,000 plus VAT) needed to purchase the Hop Pole for the community. Indeed, almost £500,000 has now been raised. A further £300,000 from additional shares and grants is still required before the pub can be reopened. The target is Christmas 2023.

Contracts were exchanged exactly 28 days from the date that our offer was accepted and completion took place one week later. More than 200 people, including local MP Michelle Donelan, attended the celebration outside the pub to mark this milestone. The Hop Pole now belongs to Limpley Stoke Community Benefit Society Limited.

The interior of the Hop Pole is in poor condition and there is nothing salvageable of the interior. Access is currently not permitted while asbestos, structural and other surveys are carried out. The detailed planning process will begin once we have those results. Meanwhile we are also compiling a database of volunteers to help wherever this is safe and viable.

We are delighted that LSPC is now a shareholder in the Community Benefit Society and will have a voice at shareholder meetings.

Lucy Poloniecka