

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

Held at the Village Hall on the 3rd of May 2022 at 7.30pm

Councillors: Chairman – Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Jessica Sibson (JS), Elaine Curtin (EC), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Mrs N Boulton (NB), Chimene Roberts (CR), Ms Denise Barnes (DB), Mandy Majendie (MM), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: 50

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| Item | Action |
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| <p>001/22 Welcome Presentation by the Chair- Ian Barnes Introduction of the LSPC councillors to the assembled public- roles responsibilities etc</p> <p>002/22 Financial Report- B Kohn, LSPC Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer BK outlined to the public the financial affairs of the LSPC for the 2021/22 financial year. See Attachment 1</p> <p>003/22 Presentation of LSPC activities 2021/22- Ian Barnes</p> <p>004/22 Refreshments</p> <p>005/22 Community Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Hop Pole Inn project- Simon Coombe and James Sibsonb) Nature Chain- Steve Bestc) Cinema Group- Alan Dund) FLHEG – Richard Tibbles <p>006/22 Recognition and Thankyous</p> <p>IB reported that Sheena Broadhead had been given some flowers and a voucher in recognition of her unstinting hard work over the years in producing the village newsletter. Sheena and Bob Broadhead have also been instrumental in reviewing the beautiful information boards, the layout, the editing and checking historical facts and spelling etc.</p> | |

IB also reported that Tom Harper had been given a gift in thanks for his hard work in driving the Village Information Boards project. Three magnificent Information Boards are now in position in the village- in the Playpark, by St Mary's Church and in Lower Stoke opposite the Hop Pole Inn. Tom was involved in every aspect of the project, including costings, content and even construction of the boards. There have been many appreciative comments from residents and the Information Boards will be enjoyed by future residents and visitors to Limpley Stoke for many years.

007/22 Residents Questions

None

008/22 The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed (Chair).....

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RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICERS REPORT

Welcome to our Annual Parish Meeting.

My name is Bryony Kohn and I'm the Parish Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer for Limpley Stoke.

BALANCE

The balance in the Bank at the end of the financial year 2021-22 was approximately £42,500 (against the previous year end balance £38,500). This was made up of our Treasurers account (current account) of approx. £40,500 and our Project account of approx. just over £2,086.

INCOME

The Income for 2021/22 was approx. £35,000, the bulk of which came from the Precept.

The 2 % increase this year in the Precept was to cover the anticipated running costs of the Parish Council and anticipated project costs.

However, LSPC also received just over £10,500 from CIL payments, from 4 newbuild properties within the parish boundaries. This money will be spent on projects in the next financial year- including £3,500 each for infrastructure for The Hop Pole community project and for Flisca and the Galleries development which will benefit our community. Also, the remainder of this money will be earmarked for road improvements and white line painting of virtual pavements etc in the coming years.

We also had a donation of £1,200 from the Cotswold National Landscapes towards our wonderful 3 Information Boards which are located around our village.

EXPENDITURE

The Expenditure of approximately £31,200 for this year was higher ie approx. £6,000 more than last year's total of £25,500. This is mainly due to our donations to The Hop Pole project and Flisca mentioned earlier.

Most of this year's expenditure was on regular items, such as the Clerk's salary, insurance, Hall hire, printing, maintenance of the play park and verges, along with items such as membership of supporting bodies like Wiltshire Association of Local Councils and the Valley Parishes Alliance. Environmental projects including wildflower verges and playpark projects accounted for some of the expenditure.

We also spent a small amount on vegetation clearance of the War Memorial and repairs to the telephone box/library.

ONLINE BANKING

The Parish Council continues to use Internet banking as an efficient means of making supplier payments and managing the Councils finances. Appropriate checks and balances have been put in place with regular monitoring and reviews of the Internet Banking procedures. We have an Internal Auditor, and our accounts are also subject to an External Auditor. All accounts are available for residents to view on the website and always have been.

RESERVES

We continue to maintain our reserves to ensure adequate operating costs. We do this to ensure that we can react to the requirements of our community especially as we are constantly threatened with cuts in future funding from Wiltshire Council.

SPENDING COMMITMENTS FOR 2022/23

Traffic improvements are a major consideration. More village Gateways are being planned. White line painting repairs will be monitored.

Environmental projects and concerns, and more community events etc are being planned to revitalise our community after the Covid lockdowns in the last couple of years. The Platinum Jubilee is one event that we would love you to support and enjoy. A chance for celebration and community spirit!

We will continue to maintain, prioritise, and hopefully improve the products and services that we have come to expect in Limpley Stoke.