

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

*Held at the Village Hall on the 18th of April 2023 at 7pm*

**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), Mrs Sara-Jane Socha (SJS)

**Apologies:** Mrs N Boulton (NB), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood)

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:** 40

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Item	Action
<p><b>001/23 Welcome Presentation by the Chair-Ian Barnes</b></p> <p>Introduction of the LSPC councillors to the assembled public- roles responsibilities etc</p>	
<p><b>002/23 Financial Report- B Kohn, LSPC Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer</b></p> <p>BK outlined to the public the financial affairs of the LSPC for the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p><b>See Attachment 1</b></p>	
<p><b>003/23 Presentation of LSPC activities 2022/23- Ian Barnes</b></p> <p>IB outlined PC responsibilities and initiatives- including traffic solutions in the community, past and present. The website subscribers and Your Voice section.</p>	
<p><b>004/23 Refreshments</b></p>	

**005/23 Community Presentations**

- a) **Sheena Broadhead- service to the community- Newsletter**  
Residents were very complimentary- lucky to have Sheena and her professionalism.
  
- b) **Russ, Village Postman- service to the community**  
Pillar of our community and always willing to help.

**006/23 Community Group presentations**

- a) **Nature Chain- Steve Best**
- b) **Bath and West Community Energy' the Local Solar Energy Project- Alex Lockton**
- c) **The Hop Pole Inn project- Simon Coombe**
- d) **The Galleries /Flisca Update- Simon Coombe**

**007/23 Questions and Answers**

- a) **Limpley Creative -Alan Dun**  
Thanked Sue Keeling and village hall for energy and commitment.
  
- b) **Wessex Water -Matt Wheeldon**  
Outlined water cleanliness issues
  
- b) **Wiltshire Council, Recycling -Bill Parks and Vicki Harris**  
Great service for our community. Outlined common recycling issues.

**008/23** The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed (Chair).....

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 14th of April 2023**

**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 2022-23 was approximately £38,300 (against the previous year end balance £42,500). This was made up of our Treasurers account (current account) of approx. £36,300 and our Project account of just over £2,090.

**INCOME**

The Income for 2022/23 was approx. £25,000, 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. This year, we had no additional CIL payment as we did last year.

**EXPENDITURE**

The Expenditure for this year was approximately £29,000.

The biggest chunk (approx. £9000) being spent on traffic solutions.

Approximately £4600 was spent on the playpark- maintenance and inspections.

£2,400 was spent on Environment projects- the biggest project being our contribution of £2,000 towards the joint scoping study with Freshford PC, to BWCE for a solar project.

The remainder of this year's expenditure was on regular items, such as the Clerk's salary, insurance, Hall hire, printing, mowing of the playpark and verges, along with items such as membership of supporting bodies like Wiltshire Association of Local Councils, CPRE and Bath Preservation Trust memberships.

**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.

**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 2023/24**

Traffic improvements are always a major consideration. White line painting and virtual pavement repairs will be monitored.

Environmental projects and concerns, and more community events etc are being planned. The Coronation picnic 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 within our financial means.