

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

Held at the Village Hall on the 3rd of January 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors: Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Chimene Roberts (CR), Mrs N Boulton (NB), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Mandy Majendie (MM), Elaine Curtin (EC),

Apologies: Francis Firmstone (FF), Jessica Sibson (JS), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: None

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Item	Action
<p>001/23 Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>002/23 Open Forum</p> <p>a. Public address None</p> <p>b. Unitary Councillor for Winsley and Westwood Report- Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) No report this month</p> <p>c. Police Report LSPC received a generic report with no specific details concerning Limpley Stoke</p>	
<p>003/23 Minutes The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6th of December 2022, were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chair of the meeting.</p>	

004/23 Financial Items (BK)

Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.

1. DD293- LS Village Hall- Annual Hall Hire: £264

Decision: Approved

2. DD294- Royal British Legion- Poppy Wreath: £20

Decision: Approved

3. DD295– B Kohn-Christmas Expenses: £18.50

Decision: Approved

4. SO160 B Kohn– Clerk salary:

Decision: Approved

5. DD296– A Duck- Grasscutting/clearing: £865

Decision: Approved

005/23 FLHEG- Community Energy project

The Freshford and Limpley Stoke Community Energy Project with the aim of addressing the energy and climate emergency by installing solar panels in the area to generate electricity to cover the community's energy needs was discussed.

A scoping study has been undertaken by BWCE and LSPC agreed to pay their share of £1950 towards the costs.

LSPC agreed that if feasible, the optimum way forward would be by partnering with BWCE.

006/23 Planning (FF, JS)

No Planning this month to discuss

007/23 Councillor Updates

The councillors discussed the following suggested projects for 2023/24
Proposed by IB

Traffic calming measures:

1. Pursue speed reduction to 20mph on Church Lane- agreed by councillors
2. Investigate additional pedestrian safety measures when Church Lane resurfacing scheduled- agreed by councillors
3. Investigate traffic calming / pedestrian safety measures on Midford Lane (20mph stretch) - agreed by councillors
4. Pursue traffic calming measures on Middle Stoke (some form of chicane type approach) - agreed by councillors
5. Re-painting of 20mph roundels throughout the village- agreed by councillors

6. Addition of SLOW road marking on entry to 20mph stretch on Midford Lane- agreed by councillors
7. Replacement of 20mph signs/posts on entry to 20mph stretch on Midford Lane- agreed by councillors

King George V Park maintenance & improvement

1. Maintenance of equipment- agreed by councillors
2. Replacement of damaged equipment- agreed by councillors
3. Repainting of gates- agreed by councillors
4. Resurfacing rubber matting under equipment- agreed by councillors
5. Refurbishment of woodwork- agreed by councillors

Village enhancements

1. Pursue residents' only parking on Lower Stoke (awaiting Hop Pole planning permission go ahead)- to be discussed at a later date
2. Pursue clearing of drains and gullies- agreed by councillors

Communications

Continue to collaborate with other networking and voluntary bodies in the village to maintain coverage (via email and the village website) of news and events to as many residents as possible- agreed by councillors

Other

1. There have been strong suggestions by a couple of Crowe Hill and Lower Stoke residents that we should have the virtual pavement along Crowe Hill repaired/replaced. When IB asked for a quotation for this in 2020, the budgetary cost was £17,000. Now it is expected to be in excess of £20,000.

This would be our entire annual precept on one project. The councillors unanimously agreed that this would not be the best use of the Precept for the community.

2. Woods Hill permanent closure arrangements. This was scheduled for December 22 / January 23. We are still awaiting installation.

LP reported that vehicles are speeding on Lower Stoke near the railway bridge. Reminders of speed limits would be welcome.

LP reported that the Hop Pole project has been awarded £300,000 from the Community Ownership Fund. Work can now begin on refurbishing the building, and fundraising work is still ongoing to raise a further £300k+ to complete the project.

EC reported that water pooling near the Rose and Crown wall was causing concern during icy periods. IB will ask the Parish Steward if a gully to drain the water could be made.

CR reported that the Twizzle pathway needed regular leaf sweeping. IB will liaise with the Parish Steward to see if the leaves could be collected when he is in the village.

General Playpark maintenance is required. IB will try and source a handyperson.

MM has liaised with Sheena Broadhead regarding the timings of the community emails.

008/23 Any Other Business

A provisional date of 18th April 2023 has been proposed for the LSPC Annual Parish meeting.

The LSPC AGM will be on the 2nd of May 2023

009/23 Date of Next Meeting. - Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Signed (Chair).....