

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

*Held at the Village Hall on the 5th of September 2023 at 7.00pm*

**Councillors:** Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Nicky Boulton (NB), Mandy Majendie (MM), Sara-Jane Socha (SJS), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

**Apologies:** Chimene Roberts (CR), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Elaine Curtin (EC)

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:** One

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Item	Action
<p><b>066/23 Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Sara-Jane Socha declared an interest in Planning Application <b>PL/2023/06948</b></p> <p><b>067/23 Open Forum</b></p> <p><b>a. Public address</b></p> <p>A member of the public outlined plans to the PC for the Planning Application <b>PL/2023/06948 7 Crowe Hill, Hill, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7FX</b></p> <p><b>b. Unitary Councillor for Winsley and Westwood Report-</b> Mr Johnny Kidney (JK)</p> <p>JK confirmed to the PC that the 94 bus would continue in its present form and timetable until Christmas. Despite the route travelling through parts of BANES, including Freshford, BANES are no longer contributing to the cost of this service, which is currently being funded solely by Wiltshire.</p>	

The timing sequencing of the traffic lights at the viaduct junction on the A36 is currently incorrect. Wiltshire have said that the lights will adjust themselves over time. Wiltshire CC have been researching solutions for traffic management at this location.

A crossing point at the Midford Lane /A36 junction is under consideration. A design is yet to be confirmed, although it will involve a refuge in the middle of the A36, and will be south of Midford Lane due to sightline issues. JK said that clear signage to motorists is vital.

Wiltshire said that speed limits on the A36 will remain as they are as there is no evidence to support lower limits.

MM said that 20mph signs are still in place at the Woods Hill junction. These need to be removed as the road is now closed to cars from the A36.

Crowe Hill is sporadically closed this week due to a gas leak which is being repaired. New gas pipes on this road will be installed in January for approximately 20 weeks, causing road closures.

JK will check the progress of the Limpley Stoke requests for the reduced speed limit on Church Lane, and the traffic calming on Middle Stoke.

There is a Local Plan consultation- 27th Sept until 22nd November 2023. In person events include 2nd October 3pm- 7pm at Bradford on Avon Library and a webinar on Thursday 10th October 2023.

The Tree Warden Scheme has been relaunched. Grants are available for local groups.

The Health and Well-being Group has been rejuvenated after covid. Next meeting 25th September 2023. All welcome.

### **068/23 Minutes**

The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th of August 2023, were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chair of the meeting.

## **069/23 Financial Items (BK)**

### **Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.**

1. **SO169 B Kohn**– Clerk salary:

**Decision:** Approved

2. **DD324 B Kohn**– 6month Expenses: **£156**

**Decision:** Approved

3. **DD325 PKF Littlejohn**– Annual Audit: **£252**

**Decision:** Approved

4. **DD326 Idverde**- Playpark Litterbin emptying, Aug: **£18.25**

**Decision:** Approved

5. **DD327 Alan Duck**– Grasscutting July: **£385**

**Decision:** Approved

## **070/23 LSPC Policies Updates (BK)**

BK has updated the following LSPC policies- Code of Conduct, Complaints, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders, Procedural Standing Orders, Publications, Co-Option Policy. The councillors voted to approve the updates unanimously.

## **071/23 Planning**

**PL/2023/06948** 7 Crowe Hill, Limpley Stoke, Bath, BA2 7FX.

Proposal: Erection of single storey garden office to side of property

IB proposed to support the application

FF seconded the proposal

**Decision:** Approved unanimously

## **072/23 Councillor Updates**

SJC reported that the Midford Lane to A36 footpath handrail has been broken- probably caused by tree felling equipment in the area and is now in a dangerous state. IB will ask a contact for a possible repair.

The library telephone box in Lower Stoke needs repairs. There has been damage to the telephone box over the summer and many unwanted books have been left there. The future of the telephone box was discussed and there were suggestions that the telephone box could be made into a village noticeboard and have some floral planters to make it

attractive. IB will try and make some repairs in the meantime before a decision is made.

**073/23 Any Other Business**

A resident has contacted the PC about some broken streetlights in the area. BK will report to Wiltshire CC.

**074/23 Date of Next Meeting.** – Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8pm

Signed (Chair).....