

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

Held at the Village Hall on the 6th of December 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors: Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Chimene Roberts (CR), Mrs N Boulton (NB), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Jessica Sibson (JS),

Apologies: Mandy Majendie (MM), Elaine Curtin (EC), 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
094/22 Declarations of Interest None	
095/22 Open Forum a. Public address None	
b. Unitary Councillor for Winsley and Westwood Report- Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) No report this month	
c. Police Report LSPC received an email to say that there would be no detailed police reports in the future	
096/22 Minutes The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 1 st of November	

2022, were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chair of the meeting.

097/22 Financial Items (BK)

a) Approve the 2023/24 LSPC Annual Budget

The councillors voted unanimously to approve the 2023/24 LSPC Budget figures

b) Approve the 2023/24 LSPC Precept figure

The councillors voted unanimously to approve the 2023/24 LSPC Precept of a 2% increase from 2022/23.

This equates to a £75.75 per year for a Band D property. An increase of £1.48 per year.

c) Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.

1. DD288- A Duck Grasscutting Oct: £395

Decision: Approved

2. DD289- Chloe Alexander- Annual Audit: £100

Decision: Approved

3. DD290– Gary Parker-FLHEG Meeting Boards: £30

Decision: Approved

4. SO158- ICO Annual GDPR fee: £35

Decision: Approved

5. SO159- B Kohn– Clerk salary:

Decision: Approved

6. DD291- S Broadhead- Newsletter costs: £52

Decision: Approved

7. DD292– A Duck- Grasscutting/clearing: £575

Decision: Approved

098/22 FLHEG- Community Energy project- John Adler

John Adler outlined to the councillors the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Community Energy Project.

The current Freshford Parish Council members strongly support the initiative, and JA wanted both communities to jointly support the project as a community facility.

The aim of the project is to address the energy and climate emergency by installing solar panels in the area which will generate electricity to cover the community's energy needs.

A site in the area has been identified near Pipehouse Lane and an informal investigation has shown strong local support.

BWCE (Bath West Community Energy) has been approached and a possible 5 megawatts of energy can be generated from the site.

A scoping study has been undertaken by BWCE and there are 2 options on how to proceed. Either the PC's would manage the project, or BWCE or a similar organisation. The councillors felt that they would be unable to manage the project due to risks etc and an organisation such as BWCE or another similar would be the only option.

JA asked the LSPC if they would approve going ahead with a Feasibility study by BWCE.

FF asked if other operators could be contacted for a comparison. LP agreed that other organisations should be approached before any decision could be made.

IB said that the LSPC were supportive of the scheme in principle and acknowledged all the hard work that had been put in by JA.

As the land where the solar panels would be located is in Hinton Charterhouse, the councillors felt that Hinton Charterhouse PC should be contacted and be involved in the project too. BK to pass contact details to JA.

099/22 Planning (FF, JS)

PL/022/08672 Combe Bottom Cottage, Freshford, BA2 7TX
Alteration to existing rear extension

FF proposed to support the application
JS seconded the proposal

The councillors voted unanimously to support the application

100/22 Councillor Updates

IB reported that there had been several negative responses from residents regarding the proposed village gateways on Midford Lane, so the PC would not be going ahead with these.

SLOW will be painted on the road and the 20mph signs will be raised. A traffic counter will be installed further down Midford Lane.

IB reported that the permanent bollards on Woods Hill will be installed by Wilts CC in a triangle position. We are still awaiting installation.

101/22 Any Other Business

None

102/22 Date of Next Meeting. - Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed (Chair).....