

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

Held at the Village Hall on the 7th of February 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors: Mr Ian Barnes (IB), Francis Firmstone (FF), Lucy Poloniecka (LP), Elaine Curtin (EC), Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) (County Councillor for Winsley and Westwood

Apologies: Chimene Roberts (CR), Mrs N Boulton (NB), Mandy Majendie (MM), Jessica Sibson (JS),

In Attendance: Bryony Kohn (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: One

If you wish to receive the latest news from Limpley Stoke Parish Council on a more regular basis, please sign up to receive the community email on the website. <https://limpleystoke.org/>

Item	Action
<p>009/23 Declarations of Interest LP declared an Interest in the Hop Pole Planning application.PL/2023/00755</p> <p>010/23 Open Forum</p> <p>a. Public address None</p> <p>b. Unitary Councillor for Winsley and Westwood Report- Mr Johnny Kidney (JK) See Attachment 1</p> <p>c. Police Report</p> <p>LSPC received a generic report with no specific details concerning Limpley Stoke</p> <p>011/23 Minutes The Minutes (previously distributed to Councillors for comment) of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3rd of January 2023, were approved with no comment and were signed off as an official record by the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p>012/23 Financial Items (BK) Approval of payment of invoices and notification of receipts.</p>	

1. DD297- M Majendie -LSPC Annual Web Hosting fee: £144

Decision: Approved

2. DD298- Freshford PC- BWCE Scoping Study: £1950

Decision: Approved

3. DD299– O Potts- FLHEG Radiator Foil: £162

Decision: Approved

4. SO1601-B Kohn– Clerk salary:

Decision: Approved

013/23 Planning (FF, JS)

PL/2023/00091 Spring Cottage Waterhouse Lane Monkton Combe Bath, BA2 7JA

Replacement of Garden Room and Relocation of Front Door

FF proposed to support the application

EC seconded the proposal

Decision: Approved unanimously

PL/2023/00755 Hop Pole Inn, Woods Hill, Limpley Stoke, Bath BA2 7FS

Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Proposal-Renewal and enhancement of external fabric including roof coverings, services, rainwater goods, fenestration and decorations. Repair of external masonry to all elevations and removal of C20th internal kitchens and bathroom fit out.

EC proposed to support the application

FF seconded the proposal

Decision: Approved unanimously

014/23 Councillor Updates

IB has put in a formal request to Wiltshire CC for the following Traffic calming measures:

1. A speed reduction from 30mph to 20mph on Church Lane
2. Traffic calming measures on Middle Stoke (some form of chicane type approach)

LSPC proposes to fund these projects but guidance and assistance from Wiltshire CC has been requested

LP was concerned about a dangerous tree on land by the entrance to Limpley Mill which requires some attention. IB will contact the architects acting for the Limpley Mill to request some action by the owners.

IB reported that a resident has contacted the LSPC with concerns regarding congestion, dangerous and illegal parking of cars by the garage on Lower Stoke. The resident supplied the LSPC with photographs. The councillors were sympathetic but stated that

it was a neighbourhood issue. The garage activity does slow passing traffic in the area but it was unacceptable to park cars in the middle of the road.

EC reported that the village hall and doors are to be repainted and that volunteers were needed to help.

New lights to the entrance were being fitted.

EC is preparing for the APM on Tuesday 18th April.

Light refreshments will be served, and local village groups will be invited to speak.

King Charles III Coronation

The councillors suggested a picnic in the park for residents to gather to celebrate the coronation on Sunday 7th May 2023.

015/23 Any Other Business

None

016/23 Date of Next Meeting. - Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.55pm

Signed (Chair).....

**Limpley Stoke Parish Council – Johnny Kidney, Unitary
Councillor’s Report - January 2023**

BUDGET

Wiltshire Council's proposed budget has been published and agreed by Cabinet, detailing how the council will continue to deliver quality vital services through an unpredictable time over the next three financial years amid a cost-of-living crisis, whilst also delivering on its Business Plan priorities.

The proposals outline the significant increase in spend the council will make to ensure the county remains a place that people want to live in, work and visit, with an additional £69m, before savings, added into the 2023/24 service budgets to cover inflation and demand for services. Over £42m of that additional spend will go towards services protecting the most vulnerable in society.

Following the extraordinary national inflation rate, which currently sits at 10.5%, the growing cost-of-living crisis driven by high energy costs, and the continued latent impact of the pandemic, this remains a very challenging time for virtually all local authorities up and down the country.

The council's proposed budget for 2023/24 stands at £465m.

The most significant spending in 2023/24 will be on:

- **Whole life pathway (mental health, autism spectrum conditions and learning disabilities support services) - £96m, an increase of £11m**
- **Living and aging well (adult care) - £83m, an increase of £15m**
- **Families and children -£63m, an increase of £2m**
- **Environment (which includes waste and recycling services)- £48m, an increase of £4m**
- **Highways and transport - £41m, an increase of £3m**
- **Education and skills - £29m, an increase of £6m**

The Government has allowed councils greater flexibility in how they set their council tax. As a result, Wiltshire Council is proposing a 2.99% general increase for the council's element of council tax, plus a 2% levy to be spent solely on adult social care. This will mean an increase of £1.57 per week for those in a Band D property. Around 84% of the council's core funding comes from local taxes, business rates and council tax, so it is necessary to increase these. This will help to contribute towards closing the budget gap, while ensuring that vital services can still be provided. The majority of funding goes towards the council's statutory services, which include adult social care and children's services - with continued pressures and demands in those areas.

A number of other measures are proposed by the council during 2023/24, including an increase in some fees and charges for some council services such as leisure and garden waste collection; making better use of the council's own buildings, including letting space out where appropriate; and a more streamlined Street Scene service. Staffing savings have also been identified across the next three financial years, and steps to deliver these will include the deletion of some vacant posts, managing spend on agency staff, and holding other vacancies temporarily.

ASK THE LEADER EVENTS

Wiltshire Council is hosting a series of events in community areas across Wiltshire where people can ask questions and find out more about the work of the council.

Events will take place in local community areas so that sessions are convenient for people to attend and questions are relevant to their local area.

The first event will take place in Chippenham at the Olympiad Leisure Centre on 16 February from 6pm to 7.30pm.

People are encouraged to ask any questions about the council, its objectives and priorities, and the challenges ahead. The events are an opportunity to put questions directly to the leader of the council and hear his thoughts and plans for the future.

MY WILTS UPDATE

Wiltshire Council has released an updated version of its smartphone app, MyWilts, and is reminding residents that it is the quickest and easiest way to report issues such as road defects, fly-tipping, trading standards issues and more.

The MyWilts app is available for Apple or Android devices and is also accessible through the Wiltshire Council website. This updated version offers improvements such as upgraded mapping technology for streetscene and enforcement reports, plus improved email communication, so that people can receive more updates about their report.

POTHOLES!!!

Following the hot and dry summer, a period of cold winter weather, heavy rain, followed by another deep freeze, Wiltshire Council and its contractors are working hard to fix cases of potholes on the county's highways.

As well as its usual teams working to fix potholes where they occur, the council has also tasked its 18 Parish Stewards to solely focus on mending potholes that meet our defect criteria over the next few weeks to help get on top of the issue.

Because the weather continues to be so awful, in many cases the teams will patch the hole as a temporary fix, and then, later, more permanent repairs will take place when conditions are more favourable

If people see a pothole on Wiltshire's roads, they should report it using the MyWilts reporting system - either through the MyWilts smartphone app for Apple or Android devices, or online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts

FAMILY HELP SURVEY

Wiltshire Council has already launched a survey Family Help Jan 23 (wiltshire.gov.uk) which is available until 2 April 2023.

We are looking at the support that is available from pre-birth to 19 years old (and up to 25 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and or Disabilities). This support will be a range of services called Family Help and our vision is to have key support online including through dedicated web pages as well as a mix of buildings you can visit.

The survey asks people how they prefer to find out information or get in touch with someone who can help. It is targeted at parents, carers, parents to be and young people - anyone in a family situation.

People are asked to share if they prefer to meet in buildings or access support online. The feedback will help understand residents' preferences and inform future delivery of services. Meetings are being held throughout February and March for people to come together and make their views known.

24/02/2023

13.30

Bradford-On-Avon Library

Reduced bus fares

A reminder of the reduced cost bus fares operating at the moment and until 31 March. Most single journeys across the county are now £2 or less throughout this period.

LEISURE SURVEY

Wiltshire Council is asking local residents to take part in a national survey and share their views on physical activity and active leisure in their local community.

The Moving Communities survey produced by Sport England, is designed to help local authorities understand its residents' perceptions of physical activity in their local area and barriers that may be preventing people from accessing services.

The survey asks people to describe their current levels of physical activity and attitudes towards exercise, as well as what could encourage them to be more active.

The survey is open from today (Thursday 2 February) until 23:59 on Sunday 26 February

To take the survey, people should go to:

https://www.efocus-net.com/dynamic_survey.php?data=1675095476

BLUE BADGE PARKING – HOUR GRACE PERIOD

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that it will soon be implementing a grace period to allow Blue Badge holders an extra hour on any parking ticket they purchase in council-run car parks.

A date when this measure will be formally introduced will be confirmed in due course, but the council is looking to implement it as soon as possible.

When it is introduced, Blue Badge holders will need to purchase a ticket and display their Blue Badge as usual when parking in Wiltshire Council car parks, and the additional time period will be implemented from when the ticket time has expired.