



# Little Stanney & District Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 January 2022 in Little Stanney Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Astbury (in the Chair), Clive Lipscombe, John Jones, Mark Parry and Judith Thomas

In attendance: One member of the public (for item 22.04)

## 22.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rachael Bate (illness), Linda Carter, Paul Carter, Peter Hartshorn (illness), Pete Mountford and Michael Todd (Covid) and Mrs Pauline English (Parish Clerk). Cllr Parry took the Minutes.

## 22.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

## 22.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

## 22.04 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

A representatives of B4RN attended and updated the Parish Council on the current situation with the project in Mollington and the surrounding areas. One more voucher was needed to commence the build, but another 70 were required to "blow" fibre and connect houses. Investment using community shares was needed to fund the initial build as the DCMS would only pay up one month after connection. Garden wayleaves were needed and it was hoped to approach residents in Whitby Lane, Strawberry Way East, Rake Lane and ByPass Road shortly to achieve this. Houses on the west side of Whitby Lane should be able to use the Fisheries to reach them. Whitby Lane, Strawberry Way East, Rake Lane, and ByPass Road were unable to get DCMS vouchers as all of the addresses on these four roads were classed as urban not rural.

## 22.05 UPDATE REPORTS

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting

## 22.06 FINANCE

- (1) It was noted that there had been no receipts since the last meeting
- (2) Payments made since the last meeting were noted and approved as follows:

Date	Method	Description	Amount
29.09.21	BACS	Cllr Jones-Petrol, Padlock for Playing Field, Nature Park hedge	100.57
30.09.21	Bank	Service Charge	18.00
11.10.21	BACS	HMRC-Income Tax	1,393.32
11.10.21	BACS	Parish Clerk-expenses September	46.00
11.10.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses September	37.80
22.10.21	BACS	Parish Noticeboard Company-new Notice Board	936.00
28.10.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary October	199.96
28.10.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages October	329.34
08.11.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses October	37.80
08.11.21	BACS	ChALC-Training	25.00
29.11.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary November	199.96
29.11.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages November	329.34
07.12.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses November	47.25
24.12.21	BACS	Amenity Cleaner-expenses December	21.15
29.12.21	SO	Parish Clerk-salary December	199.96
29.12.21	SO	Amenity Cleaner-wages December	329.34
31.12.21	Bank	Service Charge	18.00
10.01.22	BACS	ChALC-Training	25.00
Total			4,293.79

Reconciliation:	Opening Balance	20,038.99
	Add: Receipts	0
	Less: Payments	<u>4,293.79</u>
	Closing Balance	<u>15,745.20</u>

- (3) The Parish Council had received a quotation of £269.02 + VAT from Ringwood Fencing to supply and repair the line wire for the chain link fencing on the front of the playing field. New winders and 3mm pvc coated line wire would be used and strained up to the appropriate fixing. Price to include all materials and labour
- (4) When Scottish Power were repairing their cables in Stoak village they had broken a section of fencing to gain access, promising to make this good once their repairs had been completed. Several attempts had been made to contact Scottish Power to ask them to make good the fencing, to no avail. The Parish Council had received a quotation for this work from Ringwood Fencing of £491.81 + VAT to supply and erect 3no posts and 6no rails, price to include all materials and labour.
- (5) The Parish Council discussed the budget and the precept for the year 2022-23.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) payments made since the last meeting be noted and approved
- (2) the quotation from Ringwood Fencing of £269.02 + VAT (£53.80 recoverable) be accepted;
- (3) a further attempt be made to contact Scottish Power to ask them to repair the broken fence.
- (4) the budget for 2022-23 be approved
- (5) the Clerk's salary remains on SCP23 (currently £14.42 per hour)
- (6) the monthly fixed payment of £10 to mitigate the costs of having the Parish Council's registered office at the Clerk's home be agreed for 2022-23;
- (7) the rate per mile for casual use of own transport by both employees and Councillors on Parish Council approved business should remain at 45p per mile;
- (8) the Amenity Cleaner's wage from 1 April 2022 be increased to the amount agreed by Cheshire West & Chester Council as the local living wage and his hours of work remain at ten per week;
- (9) the precept be set at £10,000, the same as the current year (an annual Band D payment of £46.99).

## **22.07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned, and it was RESOLVED that an additional meeting be held in February to deal with the remaining items on this agenda.