

Stisted Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Dave Burge – Chairman
Councillor Neil Denley – Vice Chairman
Councillor Mark Hughes
Councillor Philip Fisher
Councillor Helen Remfry
Councillor Hayley Waine
Councillor Dave Willingham

In attendance: Mrs. Melanie Whiteside – Clerk
District Councillor Tom Walsh
Footpaths Officer Bob Powers
Four members of the public

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman wished to record his condolences to the family of Christine Attwood who had served the village as Post Mistress for many years and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

21/123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Councillors were present.

21/124 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/125 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The following items were raised by members of the public:

- Lorries – Report of large lorries travelling into and through the village at speed and causing damage to road verges. The Chairman stated this has been reported previously and the issue will be raised with the County Councillor.
- Jubilee Celebrations – A resident raised the issue that many in the village who may like to get involved do not have Facebook or access to a computer. Councillors responded that ways of communication will be discussed at the first meeting with those who have come forward to volunteer.
- Montefiore Institute – Following discussion, the Council agreed to approach the Trustees to offer support or guidance. It was agreed to discuss further at the March meeting with a view to appointing a Parish Council liaison.

125.1 County & District Councillor Reports

- i. County Councillor Thorogood was absent but had sent a report via District Councillor Walsh on the following:
 - Council Tax – ECC is proposing a 4.49% of its council tax precept. This is made up of a rise of 2.99% with 1% dedicated to Adult Social Care (ECC's largest expense) plus 1.5% rise for Adult Social Care that was deferred from last year. The decision will be ratified at full council on 10 February.
 - Roadside Verges – Awaiting a response on how and when the roadside verges that are dropping in Water Lane and Bridge Lane can be repaired and when the pothole outside the Onley Arms will be repaired.
 - Councillor Grant – Still have some funding left – any grant application would need to be submitted asap with monies spent by the end of March.
- ii. District Councillors Walsh reported on the following (including items sent by District Councillor Unsworth in his absence):
 - BDC Local Plan (Section 2) - Consultation has closed. This will be now be presented to full council.

- Solar Farm at Perry Green – now has outline planning permission. A number of concerns have been raised as this is a very large site.
- Safer Walking Route to A120 – Has been raised with the Local Highways Panel and a formal review has been requested.
- Incinerator - Application by developers to discharge Condition 66 is expected to be heard by BDC Committee at the end of February.
- Councillor Community Grants – There are still some funds available to support local groups within the current financial year.

125.2 Parish Paths / P3

Footpaths' Officer Robert Powers reported that field crossing are in good condition thanks to the proactive landowners in the parish. The bridge at the back of the allotments has been repaired and all legal requirements have been met where FP30 goes through a private driveway. Obstruction to the footpath at the back of Sarcel – it was agreed to request an update from ECC.

125.3 Village Hall Report

Mr. Hughes reported there has been no change to the regulations for use of the Hall – this will be discussed further at the upcoming AGM meeting.

21/126 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th January 2022 were a correct record and these were subsequently signed by the Chairman.

21/127 CLERK'S REPORT & PROJECTS LIST UPDATE

The Clerk's Report and Projects List were noted.

21/128 PLANNING MATTERS

128.1 Planning Applications

- i. For Information Only - 22/00154/PLD - 4 Kentish Cottages - Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development - Erection of detached single-storey annexe.

128.2 Planning Results

None.

21/129 SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUPS UPDATE

129.1 Communication

- i. Website – Following reports of difficulty in accessing the website, it was agreed to look at putting a “re-direct” on the old page to see if this sorts the issue out. This led to a discussion on ways to communicate with parishioners – information is currently put on the PC noticeboard, Facebook page and covered in the parish magazine. Next Meeting – Newsletter.

129.2 Community Safety & Engagement

- i. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend (2-5 June 2022) – Cllr Waine had been in contact with the Church regarding their plans for the weekend. A number of volunteers have come forward and a meeting was planned for 16th February to discuss ways to celebrate within the village (i.e. the Big Lunch). Cllrs Waine and Burge to lead. A suggestion of a tree/plaque was put forward for consideration.
- ii. Litter Pick – It was agreed to hold the next litter pick on Saturday 26 February, again asking participants to separate rubbish and recycling.
Dust Cart – A provisional date of Saturday 19 March was put forward – Clerk to agree date with Church and BDC and ask if the Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) recycling vehicle could also be hired.

129.3 Parking

- i. School parking – Cllr Willingham had met with the Headteacher last week to discuss the parking survey. A baseline to determine the number of cars normally parked against those coming during school drop off/collection was agreed. On average 27 cars come into the village for the school. It was agreed to discuss further once the report had been completed.

129.4 Recreational Activities

- i. Playing Field – Monthly inspection reported noted.
- ii. Pathway to Playing Field Facilities – Confirmation has been received that Public Liability is in place for volunteers working on behalf of the Parish Council provided a risk assessment and relevant training has been carried out. Funding options would need to be looked into at the start of the next financial year. It was AGREED to proceed with the new pathway in late spring/early summer and investigate funding options – if none available, monies to be taken from the Projects earmarked reserve.
Football Club – Top Soil – Information received that the pitch will not be used from 1 June to mid/late July so top soil could be laid during this period.

129.5 Street Maintenance

- i. Rewilding Project – The Church have responded stating they are looking to apply for Eco-Church status and suggested planting wildflowers at the entrance. As seeds are expensive, it was agreed to proceed in the next financial year when grants could be applied for. Locations for planting to be determined by the Parish Council.
- ii. Street Lighting - The two trial LED lamps will be delivered and installed shortly. Cllr Denley to put out information on the trial to make residents aware.
- iii. Village Green Bollards – Cllr Hughes has taken delivery of the brackets and will install a sample one shortly. A sample wooden bollard will also be installed. Play Equipment posts also need protection from strimmer damage (61 in total). Cllr Fisher is looking at a company that can supply a sample for these.
- iv. Grass Cutting Contract/Tender – As the current contractor is retiring, it was agreed to seek other quotations to ensure quality and value for money.

21/130 FINANCE

130.1 Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank reconciliation report to the end of January.

130.2 Payments

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments as per the schedule.

21/131 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION 2

Nothing raised.

21/132 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Information Exchange:

- i. Land Opp. Brooks Farm – Response received from BDC stating the prosecution file is with their legal team and is part of a joint prosecution with another authority. The owners (Gladwish) have been instructed to remove the waste from the site – it is believed this will take place in the next few weeks. In relation to the recent activity on the site where a hedge was removed, ECC Highways have stated that it is likely the hedge and ditch are under the ownership of the land (Gladwish) but even if it did belong to Highways they advised they would not have an issue with the hedge being cut.
- ii. Broadband – Pipework in Ditches – Response received from Gigaclear who, having checked, do not feel ditch maintenance works would affect the equipment in any way due to the depth of their equipment and proximity to the

road. They have also stated the damaged box outside Baines Hall Farm will be replaced although they could not give a time frame.

- iii. BDC Local Plan Section 2 Consultation – Maps – BDC have replied that only comments on the specified modifications will be considered by the Inspectors. Any map changes within the parish could be proposed through the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- iv. 2021/22 NJC Pay Award – Remains unsolved as rejected by Unions. Once agreed it will need to be backdated to April 2021.
- v. Land North of Rectory Road – Response received from Developer that any damaged caused to the verges etc. will be made good before they vacate the site.

Items requested for inclusion on the next agenda:

- Weight Limit on Roads – How to request a weight limit on certain road within the parish to stop further damage to verges caused by large lorries.

21/133 MEETING DATES 2022-2023

The 2022-2023 meeting schedule was approved as follows:

6 April / 4 May / 1 June / 6 July / 7 September / 5 October / 2 November /
7 December / 4 January 2023 / 1 February / 1 March

21/134 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 at 7:30p.m. in the Village Hall.

21/135 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 21:20.