

# STOKE LACY PARISH COUNCIL (SLPC)

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN STOKE LACY VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 COMMENCING 7 PM

**Present:** Cllrs Janet Ivison (Chair), Anne Reece, John Davies, Bill Morgan, James Wilson.

**In attendance:** Cllr Jonathan Lester (Ward Councillor).  
Mr Paul Hayden (Clerk).  
Mr John Thompson (Parish Footpath Officer).  
PCSO Sue Berrett between 7.25 and 8.15 pm.

**Public:** Three.

### **40/22 APOLOGIES**

None required.

### **41/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & WRITTEN DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None declared or requested.

### **42/22 PUBLIC SESSION**

42.1/22 Members considered the ward councillor's report. The main points included:

- Herefordshire Council (HC) has increased council tax by a total of 2.99%; this includes 1% uplift for Adult Social Care. To this will also be added charges for the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority and the Stoke Lacy Parish precept.
- New Homes bonus will be used to fund ideas arising from the Private Citizens Assembly formed to look at the environment and climate.
- HC leading the way, have written to the Government re refugees from the Ukraine conflict.

The parish footpaths officer asked Cllr Lester for more information on the move to bring PROW inhouse from BBLP. No details currently available on timetable to achieve this.

42.2/22 No resident views on parish matters.

### **43/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 09<sup>th</sup> February 2022 be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **44/22 PLANNING**

No planning consultations to be considered at this meeting.

### **45/22 CRICKS GREEN TRO**

ADL Traffic & Highways Engineering Limited have written to SLPC to advise they will be recommending not to proceed with the reduction of the existing 50mph speed limit. With the ward councillor's support this has been escalated to Cllr John Harrington at HC who is the Cabinet Member responsible for infrastructure and transport who has said that he will raise this

in his weekly discussion with HC officers and will ask them to contact SLPC and engage constructively ASAP.

**RESOLVED:** To consider response at next meeting.

**46/22 ACCESSING SECTION 106 FUNDS FOR SID & VILLAGE GATES**

The clerk thanked the ward councillor for his help in accessing HC officers to progress this matter. HC have written to SLPC and informed them that they have passed on the Clerk's details to the developer to contact the PC.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Lester will remind developer of this commitment and SLPC will consider alternative options at the next meeting.

**47/22 WEST MERCIA POLICE TRAFFIC SURVEY**

Members considered the speed data survey completed December 2021.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Davies will write to WM Police TMA to arrange further survey work.

**48/22 WEST MERCIA POLICE COMMUNITY CHARTER**

Members considered PCSO Berrett's responses to SLPC's requested information on community speed watch and speed enforcement results. PCSO Berrett advised members that West Mercia Police do not operate community speed watch schemes where speed enforcement takes place. Members also considered the traffic calming measures installed in Weston-Under-Penyard and Stretton Grandison.

**RESOLVED:** PCSO Berrett will respond to SLPC on whether a community speed watch scheme can be operated in the 50mph speed limit at Crick's Green and PCSO Berrett will send the Clerk any documents on operating a community speed watch scheme. PCSO Berrett was also requested to send SLPC any results from the recent speed enforcement in the village.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Lester will send SLPC any statistics showing how effective this specific road calming measure is in reducing speeding.

**49/22 NDP**

The Regulation 14 public consultation has been completed. Currently the steering group are capturing and analysing the received responses. This will shape any required revisions to the Stoke Lacy NDP. Once completed the revised NDP will be submitted to HC for a second review, and this will be presented to an independent examiner for their review and recommendation to submit for neighbourhood planning referendum.

**50/22 FINANCE**

50.1/22 Finance reports from Responsible Finance Officer accepted.

50.2/22 It was **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

50.2.1/22 HALC affiliation and subscription fees £370.26 plus VAT.

50.2.2/22 Clerk's February 2022 salary £334.39.

50.2.3/22 Clerks expenses £185.48.

50.2.4/22 Reimbursement Cllr Davies for printer ink & paper used for NDP £281.35 plus VAT.

**51/22 FOOTPATHS REPORT**

Members considered the PROW accessibility proposal produced by the parish Footpaths Officer (FO) and Cllr Davies whereby damaged stiles will be replaced with self-closing gates thereby improving public accessibility. This proposal will be dependent on landowner agreement.

**RESOLVED:** The parish FO and Cllr Davies will attempt the installation of up to three gates and then report back to SLPC to review the ease of implementation and consider further implementation of PROW proposal.

Members considered the parish FO's report that according to BBLP the SL2 bridge is in the wrong place according to the definitive map and therefore they will not repair.

**RESOLVED:** The parish FO requested to clarify with BBLP if they will consider amending the definitive map.

SL6 – FO has reported this dangerous construction to BBLP and understands that enforcement action has been taken. BBLP will deliver a stile kit and the landowner must install within 14 days of delivery.

**RESOLVED:** FO requested to keep SLPC informed of progress.

#### **52/22 STOKE LACY FOOTPATH**

Cllr Davies has a remote meeting arranged with HC Highways Manager Bruce Evans to discuss as part of his action to explore the options and costs for commissioning a feasibility study for constructing this footpath.

**RESOLVED:** To consider at next meeting.

#### **53/22 REPLACEMENT PARISH FOOTPATH OFFICER**

**RESOLVED:** To consider at next meeting.

#### **54/22 PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members considered Cllr Davies' outline thoughts on using superfast broadband to facilitate the creation of a community hub/activity centre/digital venue based in the village hall to benefit the community in Stoke Lacy, capitalising on digital technology to create supportive local relationships and building social cohesion.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Davies will produce a 'Could be Useful for Stoke Lacy' proposal to be considered at the April SLPC meeting.

#### **55/22 PARISH COUNCIL PR**

Members considered Cllr Davies' proposition that SLPC needs to publicise all the good work that the parish council does on behalf of its residents. Cllr Davies suggested that all members must be constantly aware of this need and SLPC requires a PR champion who will promote and market SLPC using every appropriate communication channel to reach residents.

**RESOLVED:** Over the next few months all members to submit ideas on how SLPC can communicate the parish council's commitment to do their best for the community.

#### **56/22 STOKES HILL DRIVEWAY ENFORCEMENT**

Retrospective planning application has been refused and the HC enforcement officer will be writing to remind the owner of the requirement to remove the drive. He has also noted that should the owner appeal, it will once again put this requirement on hold.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk requested to monitor.

#### **57/22 RAIN WASHED OFF SKYRMES FIELD**

The BBLP locality steward had visited in early November last year and classified as a category 2 defect which must be repaired within two months (due to end Feb 2022). Cllr Ivison followed-up with BBLP as the repair had not been completed by the end of February, only to be told by BBLP that the repair had been completed. The locality steward is investigating and will report back to Cllr Ivison. **RESOLVED:** To consider at next meeting.

**58/32 HM QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

A celebration event will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 in Netherwood involving several community groups. SLPC will provide some of the required funding, amount to be confirmed.  
**RESOLVED:** Cllr Ivison requested to keep SLPC informed of progress.

**59/22 PRIDE IN OUR PARISH** – deferred to next meeting.

**60/22 LAND AT NETHER COURT**

Stoke Lacy Parochial Church Council have agreed to a transfer of ownership of the land at Nether Court with the stipulation that the land continues to remain available for community use.  
**RESOLVED:** The Clerk requested to progress transfer.

**61/22 BBLP LENGTHSMAN SCHEME AND VERGE CUTTING**

Members considered these two items.  
**RESOLVED:** Not to enrol in the Lengthsman scheme next financial year and the Clerk requested to request BBLP carryout both verge cuts.

**62/22 COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

The chair strongly reminded all councillors of their obligations contained in the Herefordshire Council ‘Councillor Code of Conduct’, updated 25 May 2018.  
**RESOLVED:** All agreed to abide.

**63/22 PARISH COUNCIL COMPLAINT POLICY**

**RESOLVED:** Clerk requested to produce a complaint policy for SLPC.

**64/22 MATTERS TO BE RAISED AT THE NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

- Cricks Green TRO.
- S106 monies, SID and village gates.
- West Mercia police traffic survey.
- Community Speed Watch & speed enforcement data.
- NDP.
- Footpath report.
- Stoke Lacy footpath feasibility study.
- Replacement parish footpath officer.
- Parish council communications - parish digital venue.
- Parish council PR.
- Stokes Hill driveway enforcement.
- Rain washed off Skyrmes Field.
- Land at Nether Court.
- The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration.
- Pride in our Parish.
- Parish complaint policy

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 pm.**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**

**These minutes were approved at the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022**