

## STANTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 in The Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Charnock; (Chair), Cllr. S. Tomlin; Cllr. R. Codrington, Cllr D. Tucker, Cllr. Nick White and Ms S Watson (Clerk).

#### 32/23 APOLOGIES

Cllr. S Weisinger

#### 33/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations.

#### 34/23 TO AGREE AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> (ADDITIONAL) ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

The minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

#### 35/23 BUDGET FOR PRECEPT 2024/25

The amended budget was approved and signed off for submission. The Precept request form was also signed.

#### 36/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS AND BANKING

- i) The following cheques were signed:  
CHQ 800115 £224.04 Clerk salary Dec 2023
- ii) The December bank statement was authorised and dual signed.
- iii) Councillors' Allowances were approved for payment.

#### 37/23 MATTERS OUTSTANDING REGISTER

- i) Solar Farm  
Cllr Charnock reported that they are hoping to start the cabling in March/April 2024. It is intended to do the main assembly of panels in June 2024 and completion is expected 4 to 5 months from start.
- ii) 20 MPH Speed Limit  
Cllr Codrington reported that the statutory consultation took place 24<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and was signed off by Highways to go to delivery phase. It is expected that it may take a few weeks before full delivery. A speed monitor will be installed. **Post-Meeting Update:** *Sam Wright of the Highways Department is currently putting together the requirements for installation of the scheme. No date as yet.*

- iii) Church Lane Gate  
Cllr Charnock has spoken to the Assistant Facilities Manager at Stanton Hotel and she will look into it. Cllr Tomlin will send The Clerk a draft letter to be sent to the hotel on this matter.
- iv) Road Signage – The Avenue  
It was agreed that this was no longer an issue and the matter is to be closed.

### **38/23 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None to report

### **39/23 PLAY AREA**

- i) Cllr Tucker reported that the monthly check was fine.
- ii) Cllr Tucker reported that the larger firms that do play park repairs do not seem willing to quote for such a small job. He has another contact to pursue going forward. It was suggested that a local handyman be found for the work. The Clerk raised the potential issue of Public Liability insurance. Cllr Tucker and Cllr Charnock requested that the Clerk examine the BHIB insurance policy for this matter.

### **40/23 COMMUNITY**

- i) **Community Emergency Contacts:** Cllr Codrington is waiting for a reply from Nick Bancroft to establish details of responsibilities and liabilities relating to village contacts.
- ii) **Hedging work requested by resident of village:** Cllr Tomlin has spoken to the resident and it was agreed that the tree is not council responsibility. Cllr Tomlin will be getting a quote for the hedge work from Mr Ian Teasdale.

### **41/23 OTHER ITEMS WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR**

- i) **Wards:** The members agreed that there were no changes to the Wards relevant to Stanton Fitzwarren so there is no need to respond to the commission on this.
- ii) **Policies:** Cllr Charnock will edit the Hannington policies and send these out to members for review before the March meeting.
- iii) **Drains:** Cllr Tucker will report blocked drains in Mill Lane to SBC.
- iv) **SBC Work at the Lake:** Cllr Charnock reported that the park ranger says that the pump has broken and a larger one needs to be brought in. Cllr Charnock has said that he needs a formal letter of agreement before this can be driven across his land in Hossil Lane.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council meeting is Wednesday **6<sup>th</sup> March 2024** to be held in the village hall at 6.30pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.23 pm.