

STANTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 4th Ordinary Meeting held on 8th January 2025 in The Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Charnock; (Chair), Cllr. R. Codrington, Cllr D. Tucker; Cllr. N. White, Cllr V Manro (Blunsdon & Highworth) and Mrs T White (Clerk). 1 Member of the Public.

50/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies Cllr S Tomlin
Cllr S Weisinger (Blunsdon & Highworth)

51/24 OPEN 10 MINUTES & PUBLIC SURGERY

Nothing to report.

52/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations.

53/24 TO AGREE AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF THE 4th ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6th November 2024 and the EGM 13th November 2024

Minutes of the above meeting were approved and signed.

54/24 PLANNING

No approvals for meeting.

55/24 CLERK'S REPORT

Hand over from Summer completed.
Changes to website minutes and agenda structure, training planned 13th Jan
Next focus is precept for end Jan.

56/24 MATTERS OUTSTANDING REGISTER

i) Solar Farm

HGV signage:

- a) Cllr Codrington exploring prominent signage at the A361/Avenue junction to warn drivers village is unsuitable for HGV's. He will provide example photograph to Cllr Munro to get support from SBC.
- b) Cllr Charnock to get Site Manager Sean to link in with Cllr White to prevent further damage to verges.

ii) **20 MPH Speed Limit**

Cllr Codrington confirmed work now completed.

iii) **Noticeboard – The Avenue**

Cllr Charnock and Cllr White to remove notice board.

iv) **Church Lane Gate**

Cllr Charnock received confirmation from hotel they are exploring costings.

v) **Pump Gate Post**

Work now completed.

57/24 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i) Cllr Codrington provided update on Swindon Local Councils Forum initiative to consider joint tendering, e.g. for playpark maintenance and weed spraying.
 - a. Clerk to explore options to partner with Castle Eaton and Hannington Parishes on 21st January, intro meeting.

58/24 PLAY AREA

- i) Cllr Tucker reported that weekly inspections were done but that he is still looking for contractors to do the repair work. He will explore alternative contractors using list obtained from other Parish Clerks.

59/24 COMMUNITY

- i) Cllr White working towards sending emergency plan form to village to collate contact details and agree communication cascade. Potential challenge with twenty-three unification houses and electoral role likely best option for contacts.

60/24 OTHER ITEMS WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

- i) Agreement to continue to support village Christmas and Easter community activity. This will still require annual request for sign off.
- ii) Cllr White also noted that the bus stop requires attention on the right-hand side wall as the mortar has eroded. Cllr Charnock exploring options.
- iii) Cllr White raised the issue of vehicle break ins in the village and is preparing a communication on Faraday Boxes or similar to village via

website, Facebook, and through doors where needed.

61/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS AND BANKING

- i) The draft budget for 2025-2026 V3 approved
- ii) The Financial reports to 31st December were signed by Cllr Charnock.
- iii) The bank statements signed by Cllr White and Cllr Codrington were received at the meeting.
- iv) Cheques signed by Cllr Charnock and Cllr Tucker
- v) Bank balances at 31st December 2024: Current Account £7153.83, Deposit Account £6,180.45 Total £13, 334.28.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council meeting is Wednesday **5th March 2025** to be held in the village hall at 6.30pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.45 pm.