

STANTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 6th Ordinary Meeting held on 7th January 2025 in The Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr. T. Charnock (Chair), Cllr. R. Codrington, Cllr. D. Tucker, Cllr. N. White, and Mrs T White (Clerk).

Meeting Commenced at 6.30pm

25/50. APOLOGIES

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

25/51. OPEN 10 MINUTES & PUBLIC SURGERY

- i) No members of the public attended.
- i) Cllr White has continued consulting with Andy Allan and Ian Graham from the Solar Farm, and work on verges has now been completed. He has also raised concerns and provided photographic evidence regarding the waterlogged footpath. Commitment obtained that this area will also be reviewed.

25/52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations

25/53. TO AGREE AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 5th November 2025.

Minutes of the above meetings were approved and signed.

25/54. PLANNING

- i) No planning applications

25/55. CLERK'S REPORT

- i) Financials at end December £10,106.72 spent, or 73.6% of budget. Bank charges were not applied in December transactions and expecting these to apply from January onwards. Estimated year end prediction break even. Estimated reserve for fiscal year end 2025 £10,500.
- ii) Investigating free tools for Assertion 10 website review and subject to output will consider website MOT of £145. IT Policy drafted and will be

- reviewed ready for sign off next meeting. Tree Management Policies drafted and will be reviewed in January for final sign off next meeting.
- iii) Following tree inspection at 4 Trenchard Road, tree maintenance work undertaken 7th January.
 - iv) 12th January attending SBC Clerks Operational Meeting and will share output in next meeting.
 - v) 26th February attending SBC Elections Briefing.

25/56. MATTERS OUTSTANDING REGISTER

- i) Solar Farm
 - a. Cllr Charnock will obtain update from Power Systems on cable installation programme.
 - b. Cllr White confirmed verge repair work has been completed. He has also discussed concerns over flooded path near the oak tree which is currently being investigated by Andy Allan and Ian Graham at Power Systems.
- ii) Church Lane Gate
 - a. Cllr Charnock confirmed no further progress on Church Lane gate.
- iii) Playpark
 - a. Cllr Tucker confirmed playpark work undertaken. Remaining work on cross bar will be undertaken weather permitting.
- iv) Emergency Plan
 - a. Agreed action now closed.
- v) Speeding
 - a. All Councillors agreed next step would be to consider a speed indicator sign at the Blunsdon end of Trenchard Road when finances allow.

25/57. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- i) Cllr Codrington sent out notes from SLCF meeting held on 20 November. Joint tendering is being encouraged. There was concern about the increase in fly-tipping. Next meeting 12th March.

25/58. PLAY AREA

- i) Cllr Tucker confirmed weekly inspections in place.

25/59. COMMUNITY

25/60. OTHER ITEMS WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR

- i) Cllr Tomlin to consult with the Village Hall Committee and Alan Fletcher to explore recognition for Linda Fletcher.
- ii) Four out of five Councillors have undertaken Code of Conduct training. Remainder will be completed by 16th January.

- iii) Cllr White continuing to work with Cllr Charnock on Willow Gardening works schedule and aligned maps.
- iv) As a result of SBC's increase in road repair funding, Cllr Codrington has asked Cllr Weisinger to put in a bid for the stretch of The Avenue from the A361 to the village entrance point to be considered for resurfacing in this 4-year period.
- v) Cllr White to review bench maintenance in Spring.
- vi) It was noted that the hotel's boundary fence fronting the Avenue needs some repair, which will be raised with the manager.
- vii) Defective streetlight opposite Village Hall to be reported to SBC

24/61. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND BANKING

- i) Precept signed off for 2026-7 at £15,336.22 with 12.6% increase.
- ii) Cllr Charnock signed Financial Reports for November and December.
- iii) Cllrs Codrington and White signed off bank statements.
- iv) Cllrs Charnock and Tucker signed cheques.
- v) Bank balance on 31st December is £13,661.12.

MEETING DATES

The next Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday **11th March 2026**, to be held in the village hall at 6.30pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.45pm.