

## **STANTON FITZWARREN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in The Village Hall.**

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

**Meeting Commenced at 6.30pm**

#### **25/50. APOLOGIES**

None

#### **25/51. OPEN 10 MINUTES & PUBLIC SURGERY**

- i) One member of the public attended and thanked the Parish Council for work undertaken to support the village and retain verges. There is damage to the culvert along Mill Lane which has caused an increase in mud and water. Cllr Tucker to take forward and report to SBC.
- ii) Work involving deep foundations is being undertaken opposite St Leonard's Church for the base of a large marquee. Several residents have contacted Councillors for more information as they had not been advised by SBC Planning in the usual way. Stanton House Hotel General Manager, Mr Kumar Pardhi, was invited to attend the Parish Meeting but was unable as in London. Residents concern as to the visual impact on the Grade I Listed Church, with the increased potential for noise and unclear if alternative sites in the Hotel grounds were explored. The Clerk confirmed that the parish has not been advised by SBC Planning of these works. Cllr White will follow up with Mr Kumar Pardhi.

#### **25/52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations

#### **25/53. TO AGREE AS CORRECT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THE ON 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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 February £12,694.67 spent, or 92.4% of budget. Bank charges were applied from January onwards. Estimated year end prediction 98.1% spend at £13,472.41 which includes additional Willow Gardening work and litter bins.
- ii) Assertion 10 changes are progressing; five policies will be created and agreement from Parish Councillors obtained to progress web review. No response from Hugo Fox enquiry.
- iii) Basic governance checklist and risk review will be moved to align with May meeting.
- iv) Cyber training undertaken 9<sup>th</sup> March and output will be shared with Councillors.
- v) 26<sup>th</sup> February attended SBC Elections Briefing. Information shared with Parish Councillors and posted on village Facebook, website and notice board.

#### **25/56. MATTERS OUTSTANDING REGISTER**

- i) Solar Farm
  - a. Cllr Charnock confirmed electrical connection at Solar Farm has not yet been made.
  - b. Cllr White confirmed initial work undertaken on flooded foot path and further work planned when weather improves.
- ii) Church Lane Gate
  - a. Cllr Tomlin confirmed gate has been delivered to hotel and will be installed shortly.
- iii) Playpark
  - a. Cllr Tucker confirmed play park does not need a clean-up. Moss scraping, jet washing and cross bar replacement work planned, weather permitting with support from Cllr White.

#### **25/57. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i) Cllr Codrington attending next SLCF meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **25/58. PLAY AREA**

- i) Cllr Tucker confirmed weekly inspections in place.

#### **25/59. COMMUNITY**

- ii) Cllr White will invite PCSO Vicky Townsend to our next meeting.

#### **25/60. OTHER ITEMS WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR**

- i) The Village Hall Committee and Alan Fletcher are considering recognition for Linda Fletcher for her contribution to the village.

- ii) All Councillors have undertaken Code of Conduct training.
- iii) Cllr White has completed a review of the Willow Gardening works schedule.
- iv) Parish Councillor Allowances 2026-2027 reviewed, and Clerk will confirm acceptance to Swindon Borough Council.
- v) Tree Management Policy signed off and Clerk to arrange safety inspection.
- vi) IT Policy signed off
- vii) Cllr White to review bench maintenance in Spring.
- viii) Cllr Codrington has raised the condition of the hotel's boundary fence fronting the Avenue with Mr Pardhi, Stanton House Hotel General Manager.

#### **24/61. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND BANKING**

- i) Precept submitted to Swindon Borough Council
- ii) Cllr Charnock signed Financial Reports for January and February
- iii) Cllrs Codrington and White signed off bank statements.
- iv) Cllrs Charnock and Tucker signed cheques.
- v) Bank balance on 28<sup>th</sup> February £11,077.77

#### **MEETING DATES**

The next Stanton Fitzwarren Parish Council meeting is Wednesday **13<sup>th</sup> May 2026** to be held in the village hall at 6.30pm.

**THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.50pm.**