

STANTON LACY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Lacy Parish Council on 16th July 2024

Members Present: Cllrs M Finch (Chair), Margaret Davis, Robin Gatehouse, Jenna Hossbach, Phil Parker, Corin Redman and Peter Williams. **In Attendance:** Cllr Cecilia Motley (Shropshire Council), Heather Coonick (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for Absence and Acceptance of Apologies:** Cllrs E Gatehouse and P Jones.
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None
3. **Public involvement session.** Member of the Public 1 (MP1) asked for improved signage at the top, bottom and just below the bends at the top of Titterhill to prevent vehicles attempting to travel up the lane. There has been a recent incident of a lorry getting stuck. The Clerk reported that West Midlands Ambulance have looked into the most recent incident of an ambulance getting stuck and suggest that those households affected should write to West Mercia Ambulance Service asking that a note is added to their address: 'Route to property not suitable for ambulance or 4x4 ambulance. Please check with caller to obtain better route for access.' The Clerk will request another assessment by Shropshire Highways Traffic Engineer.

MP2 asked the council to write to Shropshire Council regarding the continued closure of the lane from Haytons Bent to Hopton Cangeford. This is causing issues for feed lorries and vets getting to their farm.

4. **Approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings on the 23rd May 2023.**

RESOLVED: for the chair to sign the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. **Reports From Representatives:**

5.1. Shropshire Council – Cllr Cecilia Motley reported that Stuart Anderson MP has replaced Philip Dunne as the local MP. It may be necessary to push national government to be more aware of rural issues. The push towards devolution will be complex for Shropshire, it is hoped that the partnership with Powys, Herefordshire and Monmouthshire will satisfy national government. There will be elections for Shropshire Council in May 2025. Shropshire Council still face a need to save £62 million this financial year and are still experiencing high demand for statutory services such as children's and adult social care. The Shrewsbury Hospital has a lot of work to do to address the issues raised in the Channel 4 Dispatches programme. Household recycling centres will remain open but will now close one or two days each week and there will be a need to book beforehand. The charging for £56 per bin per annum starts this October.

5.2. Stanton Lacy Village Hall – Cllr Phil Jones has sent apologies. Cllr Hossbach reported that the toilet refurbishment was almost complete and work on the stage would start soon. They are planning a revamp to the bar as this is very well used. They are trying to get a grant to renew the windows.

5.3. South Shropshire Area Committee – Cllr Robin Gatehouse had attended the meeting on the 9th July. There was a presentation by the Rural Housing Enablement Officer who is available to support members of the public with housing issues. There was also a request from the Shropshire Rookery Survey 2025 to inform the scheme of any local rookeries. Rooks and rookeries are in decline, the scheme is aware of 383 active rookeries but know there will be many more. To report a rookery go to <https://lanius.org.uk/rookeries/>.

6. **Update on the Parish Path Partnership (P3) Grant Application:** The clerk has made an application to Shropshire Council for the start up grant. This will be granted once

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Shropshire Council have received the P3 agreement from the new P3 group. Shropshire Council will insure the volunteers once the P3 group has been accepted.

7. **Review the Emergency Plan:** The draft was considered to be a good start and the Clerk will contact members of the parish who may wish to be involved.
8. **Review the Environmental Maintenance Grant Reduction and Consider Writing to Shropshire Council to Object to the Reduction:** The grant from Shropshire Council for 2024-25 has been reduced by 50% to £400.

RESOLVED: to write to Shropshire Council stating that the Parish Council is concerned about the level of reduction and that if the full grant is not reinstated in the next financial year, it will severely impact the service that the Parish Council can provide.

9. **Decide on a Response to the Police and Crime Commissioner Survey:**

RESOLVED: that councillors will inform the Clerk of any comments and then she will complete it.

10. **Consider Writing to Shropshire Council to ask them to comply with their duties under Reg 18 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 for the Haytons Bent to Hopton Cangeford Road:**

RESOLVED: To write to Shropshire Council to ask them to comply with their duties.

11. Finance:

- 11.1. Review the Finance Report, Expenditure Against Budget and Bank Reconciliation:
As of the 27th June 2024 the bank account holds £10,529.06. The expenditure since 1/4/24 was £923.83. The income was £4,677 – precept. There were no concerns regarding expenditure against budget.

RESOLVED: to accept the report and Cllr Phil Parker signed the bank reconciliation.

- 11.2. Authorise Payments: D Lewis (Environmental Maintenance) Inv 549 £72 ,H Coonick, Clerk (reimbursement for software) £29.99.

RESOLVED: to make the above payments.

12. **Agenda Items for the next meeting:** a. Update on pedestrian sign near village hall b. update on report to Bromfield of trench across the road near the junction at the bottom of Whitbatch.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

Copies of the agenda and minutes are available from the Clerk, Heather Coonick:

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Signed:

(Chair)

Date: