MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANTON ST QUINTIN PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2023

1. Present: Mr A. Andrews (Chairman); Mrs. G. Horton; Capt J. Godwin
Mrs S. Parker; Mr R. Starling; Mr T. Sheward
Mrs Carey (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Mrs R. Whiting

3. Absent: Nil

4. Public Question Time: There were no members of the public present.

5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest: Nil

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th December 2022 were signed as being a true record.

7. Matters Arising:

a. Highway issues:

- Litter by the garage: Continue to monitor
  Crossing on A429 from Lower Stanton St Quintin to the bus stop outside Buckley Barracks: Letter received from Wiltshire Council stating that a site visit and a pedestrian crossing survey had been carried out. A report is being prepared setting out the outcome of the survey and the recommended next steps. Once the report is ready a meeting with the Parish Council will be arranged.
  The Council was disappointed not to have been included in the initial site visit and requested that the next meeting is held early in the morning when the road was being used by the school children.

b. Application to register the Village Green: Public Inquiry held on 8th, 9th and 10th November in the Village Hall. When Wiltshire Council is notified of the decision, a recommendation will be made to the Planning Committee.

c. Update from CATG/Area Board: Next Area Board meeting to be held on 16th January. Cllr Andrews gave his apologies.

d. Overgrown hedge on main road out of the village: Clerk has written to Chris Clarke again.

e. Freedom of Information Request: An Appeal had been lodged against the decision of the Information Commissioner.

f. Emergency Plan (Resilience Plan: On-going. Mr Roger Starling had started to prepare an Emergency Plan. It was reported that a new Resilience Officer had been appointed by Wiltshire Council

g. Proposal to plant two Crab Apple trees on the green space in Lower Stanton in memory of Queen Elizabeth II: It was agreed to leave the final decision until the result of the Public Inquiry is known

h. Litter Pick; To be held on 4th February. A notice to be drawn up to go on the website and on the Notice Board. Anyone wishing to help should meet at the Village Hall at 10.30 am. Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council for signs that could be used.

i. Overgrown conifer trees: A letter had been sent to the owner of the property in question asking for the trees to be cut back.

j. Repainting of zig-zag lines by the School: Clerk to ask Wiltshire Highways to reinstate the lines

k. Grass cutting: Councillors were asked to consider anyone who could take on the cutting of the grass at the Village Green and by the Church, once a month throughout the Summer. Discuss at next meeting

8. To consider the expenditure for the remainder of the current financial year and to set the Precept for 2023/24

The expenditure for the remainder of this year and for 2023/24 was discussed and it was **recommended** that a precept of **£7000** be set for 2023/24 which is the same as last year and will be a band D charge of £25.41 which is a reduction of 27P = 1.05%

The Clerk's salary was discussed and it was **recommended** that the statutory pay award of 10% be awarded from April 2023.

It was agreed to look into the possibility of basic First Aid Training for parishioners. Discuss at the next meeting.

A further grit bin was required on the bend in the Lower village.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council notifying the Council that it would be responsible for paying for the cost of elections from 2025. Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council complaining that this was sent out very late to local Councils

9. Correspondence:

Parish UK: Letter received and circulated. The Parish Council recommended not to take up this offer.

10. Neighbourhood Plan Consultation: There was no further update.

11. Planning applications: The following application was considered:

PL/2022/08742 Hullavington Barracks, Lower Stanton St Quintin
75 bed modular unit single living accommodation, with supporting kitchen and utility units. New cycle storage shelter and new waste management facility.

No objections

12. Accounts for payment: The following accounts were approved for payment.

Mr M. Horton	-	Website	£30.00

13. Update from Buckley Barracks: There was no update but it was reported that there had been a break in at Valetta Gardens and some car windows had been smashed in the lower village.

14. Items of report and future agenda items:

- Consideration of a First Aid Course for parishioners
- Coronation Celebrations
- It was reported that several trees had been cut down at Woodbarn Farm – Clerk to check the conditions of the planning application re replanting
- It was reported that a separate office has been constructed at 50 Upper Stanton. Clerk to ask the Enforcement Officer to check if planning permission is required.

15. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30 pm

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman