

STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 30TH MAY 2021 AT 7.00

Present

Mr S. Packer (Chair)
Mrs D. Davidson (Parish Councillor)
Mrs M. Shaw (Parish Councillor)

Ms K Hudson (Parish Councillor)
Mr I.Kirkham Mr I.Kirkham
Mrs. N. Bradley (Clerk to the Parish Council)

In Attendance

Ms C. Braun (District Councillor)
Mr K. Tucker (District Councillor)

Mr G. James (District Councillor)
Rev F. Crocker (Vicar, St Cyr's Church)
Mrs P.Leggate (Resident)

Opening Remarks

Mr Packer opened by welcoming all present.

1) Apologies for Absence

Ms L. Cohen County Councillor)
Mr J. Thomas (Footpaths Warden)

2) Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2019

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Ms Hudson, seconded by Mrs Shaw and carried unanimously. They were duly signed by the Chair at the next live meeting.

3) Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising which are not dealt with later in these minutes.

4) Chairman's Report

Mr Packer's report is attached to these minutes.

5) Reports by County and District Councillors

The District Councillors' report is attached to these minutes.

6) Annual Accounts

Parish Council Accounts were presented by the Clerk and a copy is attached to these minutes. They may also be viewed by application to the Clerk

Accounts of the Village Hall were not available. However, it was noted that the Hall finances are in a very healthy state with regular bookings and frequent one-off events. The reserves are currently well in excess of £20,000.

Stinchcombe United Charities' accounts were not available but Rev Crocker will chase them up.

Dursley United Charities' The object of this charity is "the relief of persons resident in the area of benefit who are in need, hardship or distress". This includes grants for education and Christmas. Income is from

investments and property and the current balance is in excess of £400,000. Stinchcombe is within the “area of benefit” but no grants were made to Stinchcombe residents in the last year.

7) Reports by Parish Councillors

Mrs Shaw reported that containers on Rugby club land had been broken into recently and at about the same time, the lock was removed from the post on the bridleway. Mrs Shaw will email Cllr Cohen and Sarah Macauley-Lowe about replacement of the lock. [Action Mrs Shaw](#)

Ms Hudson reported that the Speedwatch Group has continued to be active in monitoring traffic and in progressing the purchase of a VAS sign. This is dependent on an agreement between the PC and GCC and on agreement by nearby residents to the proposed sites for the sign, both of which are in hand. [Action Ms Hudson and Mr Packer](#)

Road safety at Berkeley Road continues to be a concern and at a meeting with Cllr Cohen on 21st March it was agreed that this will be a next priority.

Ms Hudson has been involved in the installation of the planter on the Avenue and planting of wildflowers in the Village as well as representing the PC on Stinchcombe Hill Trust where she has contributed to the wording on new information boards.

Mr Packer thanked Ms Hudson for her hard work in all these areas.

Mrs Davidson was concerned by the number of dog walkers who do not clear up after their animals on the footpaths and fields around the village. She has been in touch with the Dog Warden and it was agreed to look into the possibility of placing signs in the relevant areas.

Mr Kirkham has replaced the fencework around the Millennium Oak. One of the trees on the Avenue split and became dangerous during the year and was removed by Highways but there are no other issues regarding trees.

8) Matters Raised

Rev Crocker explained that the PCC has agreed in principle to the use of part of the Church Field for the installation of new play equipment, though with several restrictions and conditions. This includes the use of 15% of the field rather than the 30% requested, which will necessitate changes to the proposed plans and further joint discussions will be needed before final decisions can be made. It was noted that parking is likely to be a particular issue.

Mrs Leggate expressed concern about the amount of ivy growing on the trees on the Avenue. [Action Mr Kirkham](#)

Mr Packer thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 7.50pm.

N. Bradley
Clerk to the Council.

Stinchcombe Parish Council
Chairman's Report to Annual Parish Assembly
to be held on Monday 30th May 2022

Since the last Parish Assembly in 2021 there has been the AGM and 9 full Parish Council meetings, most of which were attended by the County and District Councillors. The PC aims to meet every six weeks, primarily in the Committee Room at the Village Hall unless dictated by COVID regulations.

At the AGM on the 26th May 2021 the following appointments were confirmed:-

Footpath Wardens -	Mr Snellock and Mr Packer
Tree Warden -	Mr Kirkham
Playground Equipment Warden -	Mr Cheetham
Rep to Village Hall Committee -	Mrs Shaw
Snow Warden –	Mr Davies
Snow Plough Operator -	Mr Longstreth

The following were also appointed as representatives of the Parish Council to other organisations:-

Stinchcombe Hill Trust	Ms K Hudson
Stinchcombe United Charities	Mrs J. Thomas
Dursley United Charities	Mr R Holloway
Village Hall Committee	Mrs M Shaw
Berkeley Stakeholder Group	Mr C Davies

Parish Councillors

The Council is operating at full complement, Simon Packer took over as Chair last year with Kath Hudson acting as Vice Chair.

I would like to thank Marian Shaw for her hard work as departing Chair and helping me as I settle into the role.

Since the AGM, Chris Snellock has stood down as footpath warden and John Thomas has taken it on. Laurie Bradley has also replaced Russ Holloway as Dursley United Charities representative. Many thanks to Chris and Russ for their work.

Kath Hudson has worked very hard on Speed Watch and getting the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) ready to install – more later.

We will all miss Richard Cheetham and are grateful for all his efforts over the years.

Financial Matters

As a result of a survey last year, the precept for 2021/22 was increased from £3,550 to £5,500 to facilitate the provision of traffic calming measures in the village and exploratory Playground works. This will be maintained for 2022/2023.

Planning

There have been 28 planning applications within the Parish and Parish Councillors have seen, consulted and commented on them all.

Notification was received from Planning of a screening request for proposed 60 dwellings, public open space and ancillary works at land north of Tait's Hill Road, which caused considerable concern among residents. A Residents' Association was formed across Stinchcombe Village, Tait's Hill Road, Clingre Down and Orchard Leaze, including parts of Cam parish as well as Stinchcombe, which sought advice from a planning consultant.

Facilities

A new bin and replacement flagpole were installed by the church – Many thanks to Craig Lawful for fitting them. A further bin is ready for installation by the bus shelter outside the Village Hall. This will replace the bin that DRC had at their entrance there.

A new notice board has been obtained and is ready to be installed to replace the one knocked over at Old Hill Lane.

The Playground group have presented their proposals at a combined Hall, Church and Parish Council meeting. The designs look good but there are still a number of unanswered questions about insurance, maintenance and public consultations that need sorting.

Highways

Standle Lane has been resurfaced completely resurfaced with thanks to all those who helped push this one through.

The Speed Watch group now have a preferred make and model of VAS and the evidence to support the recommendation. The final steps are getting the nearby residents' agreement to the installation, buying it, and installing it. If anyone knows a "street works" accredited contractor, please let Kath know.

Design for the village gateways is complete with a series of options ready to go to residents for consultation. Work on the planters has gone ahead – thanks to all those involved

After the parking issues with the rugby club earlier in the season, we had a very constructive meeting with a series of actions that I am pleased to report seem to have solved this problem.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

There was a litter pick held in March this year had a poor turnout but nevertheless produced more than 20 bags of litter.

There have been ongoing discussions between the owners of Piers Court, PROW officers and Parish Council representatives regarding the use of public footpaths on Piers Court land.

General

It's nice to see a lot more collaboration between the various village bodies in the last year, I hope that that continues - Don't forget the Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd and 4th of June!

Thanks go to Kath Hudson and Nola Bradley for continuing production of the village Newsletter and to the team who distribute it. Richard Bartlam continues to update and maintain Stinchcombe E-News for which we thank him. Richard would welcome Stinchcombe news and photographs to include in E-News.

Summary

Thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors and Clerk for their help and support over the past year. Thank you also to the Tree, Footpaths and all the appointed Wardens for their time and efforts in keeping our Parish running smoothly and such a pleasant place to live and to our County and District Councillors for their time and support which are very much appreciated.

STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22– SECTION 1

	Year Ending	31/03/21	31/03/22	Differences
1	Balances brought forward	£8,985.00	£9,248.00	
2	Annual Precept	£3,550.00	£5,550.00	+ £2,000.00 (1)
3	Total other Receipts	£1,070.00	£1,863.00	+ £793.00 (2)
4	Staff Costs	£1,253.00	£1,313.00	
5	Capital Repayments	£0.00	£0.00	
6	Total other payments	£3,104.00	£1,952.00	- £1,152.00 (3)
7	Balances carried forward	£9,248.00	£13,396.00	+£4,148.00 (4)
8	Total Cash	£9,248.00	£13,396.00	
9	Total fixed Assets	£35,209.00	35,956.00	
10	Total Borrowings	£0.00	£0.00	

Notes

- (1) Residents voted for £2,000 increase in precept to cover planned expenditure on traffic calming equipment (still in progress)
- (2) CIL payment of £1,491.00 received in addition to VAT refund covering two years (£292.00) in contrast to £1,000.00 extra received in 2020-21
- (3) 2020-21 expenditure inflated by £1,000.00 payment for defibrillator
- (4) £2,000.00 increased precept held in reserve to pay for traffic calming and late delivery of replacement noticeboard noticeboard has delayed payment Of £1137.00 into the next financial year.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Fixed Assets	£35,955.71
Borrowings during year	Nil
Leases during year	Nil
Tenancies during year	Nil
Agency work during year	Nil
Advertising and Publicity during year	Nil
Debtors during year	Nil
Earmarked Reserves (potential tree surgery and planned traffic calming equipment, held as short-term investment and included in closing balance)	£3,500.00
Capital Reserves	Nil
Pension contributions	Nil
Section 137 Payments during year	£ 110.00

£174.21 paid in VAT 2021-22 has been claimed but not yet received.

Chairman

Date

RFO

Date

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH 2022

<u>2020/21</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2020/22</u>
3,550.00	Precept	5,550.00
70.31	Building society Interest	14.36
0.00.	VAT Refund	292.10
<u>1,000.00</u>	Grants and other Receipts	<u>1,556.50</u>
		7,412.96
4,620.31	Total Receipts	
	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
1,253.00	Salaries	1,313.00
00.00	Training	00.00
351.00	Insurance	424.08
49.69	Administrative Costs & IT	177.57
33.33	Maintenance & Repairs	109.50
1,275.84	Special Items	692.72
391.97	Subscriptions	268.74
24.00	Donations	00.00
100.00	Audits	105.00
278.40	VAT Payments	174.21
0.00	Cost of Elections	00.00
600.00	Grants (Village Hall)	00.00
4,357.23	Total Payments	3,264.82
8,985.06	Opening Balance	9,248.14
<u>4,620.31</u>	Receipts	<u>7,412.96</u>
13,605.37		16,661.10
<u>4,357.23</u>	Payments	<u>3,274.82</u>
9,248.14	Closing Balance	13,396.28

NOTES

All figures are in pounds.

All payments listed are net of VAT

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REGISTER OF FIXED ASSETS

	31/03/19	31/03/20	31/03/21	31/03/22
4 Bench Seats	£1,679.71	£1,679.71	£1,679.71	£1,679.71
Bus shelter	£650.64	£650.64	£650.64	£650.64
3 Notice Boards	£1,947.40	£1,947.40	£1,947.40	£1,947.40
War Memorial	£11,795.68	£11,795.68	£11,795.68	£11,795.68
Millennium Commemorative Plaque	£222.56	£222.56	£222.56	£222.56
Trafalgar Commemorative Plaque	£275.00	£275.00	£275.00	£275.00
Set of Double Swings	£938.45	£938.45	£938.45	£938.45
Safety Surface at Playground	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Fountain	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£16,000.00	£16,000.00
Telephone Box	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Flagpole				£310.74
2 Litter bins				£435.53
Total Fixed Assets	£35,209.44	£35,209.44	£35,209.44	£35,955.71

All assets restated at earliest available Insured Value, i.e. 2005, except Millennium Memorial Plaque (2006), Fountain (2014) Telephone Box (2018), Flagpole and Litter bins (2022)

E.N. Bradley,
Clerk & RFO.
April 2022

Your three Stroud District Councillors regularly attend Parish Council meetings and present a monthly report (available with the [meeting minutes](#)).

Council services Results of the Council's annual budget survey (December 2021) showed that residents' levels of satisfaction with the Council continue to be much higher than the national average. District Council services include waste and recycling, planning, environmental health, parking, parks and recreation, leisure centres, The Museum in the Park, canal restoration, animal welfare, benefits administration and advice, elections, youth work, upkeep of open spaces including Selsley Common Cam Peak and Long Down, plus licensing and flood management.

Community support The District Council provides some grant funding to support groups who work with communities (including GL11 and The Keepers) to reduce inequality and promote physical, mental, and financial health, social connection, arts, culture, heritage and the environment.

Council Priorities Following elections in 2021, the Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat administration agreed a new Council Plan with three priorities: Environment and Climate Change; Community Resilience and Wellbeing; Economy, Recovery and Regeneration (as shown in the image). Each priority identifies objectives and actions for delivery by 2026.

Planning Review The Local Plan sets the strategic framework for development within the district. A revised Local Plan is currently being considered by Planning Inspectors. This draft Local Plan sets the following development strategy for the village:

Stinchcombe is a Tier 4b settlement and has Settlement Development Limits (SDL). Very limited infill and re-development to meet specific local needs may be permitted inside the SDL and (exceptionally) adjacent to the SDL (subject to policy criteria), with a view to sustaining or enhancing Stinchcombe's role and function as a settlement with basic facilities and boosting community vitality and social sustainability. There are no site allocations at Stinchcombe.

The revised Local Plan also proposes that all new development within Stroud District be constructed to achieve the highest viable energy efficiency and to maximise delivery of renewable or low carbon energy generation.

Your District Councillors, Catherine Braun, George James and Ken Tucker



OUR PRIORITIES & OBJECTIVES



