## Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 **Venue**: St Mary's Church

**Present:** Cllr Sullivan, Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Gredley, Cllr Christmas

In attendance:

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Council Action
a. Apologies	Cllr Barrett	
b. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed and duly signed by the presiding Chairman, proposed by Cllr Gredley and seconded by Cllr Christmas. Similarly the minute of the Extraordinary meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 was agreed and duly signed by the presiding Chairman, proposed by Cllr Gredley and seconded by Cllr Christmas.	
c. Chairman's announcements	Cllr Sullivan updated members on the Clerk's appointment, having signed the employment contract, would commence his duties on 1 January 2023. The movement to bi monthly meetings would commence next year, commencing in the January meeting and bi-monthly thereafter. There would be scope for interim meetings for discussions, and where necessary Extraordinary meetings could be called. It was intended to move towards online banking once the ongoing bank mandate renewals were complete.	
d. Declaration of Interests	No relevant interests declared	
e. Matters Arising	<ul> <li>a. Cllr Christmas updated the council on progress towards the new website. The engagement letter with Aubergine has been received and approval was given to sign.</li> <li>b. It had been brought to the council's attention that the Code of Conduct on the Parish website was not the current version that was approved in the June 2022 meeting. It was confirmed by the council that the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 was adopted.</li> </ul>	Cllr Sullivan to sign the engagement letter with Aubergine Cllr Sullivan to update the website for the Code of Conduct

6. Democratic Period: a. Dorset Councillor Somper b. Public & Parish Council	Ward Councillor: Cllr Somper had sent in the Ward report. There were no comments to this.	
7. Correspondence	Emails received by the Clerk for statutory matters and council business are sent onto the Council by the Clerk and itemised for discussion at the next council meeting.  Noted without comment.	
8. Parish Council Representatives	Not taken at this meeting	
9 . Parish Council Projects	Not taken at this meeting	
9. Finance Matters	<ul> <li>a. Council approved the move to online banking and an amendment to the financial regulations to reflect this.</li> <li>b. Council approved cheque for £238.80 for the Aubergine annual website fee.</li> <li>c. Council approved cheque for £43.02 for DAPTC email upgrade fee.</li> <li>d. Council approved cheque for £180 for Iwerne Valley Maintenance, grass cutting of the Glebe.</li> <li>e. Council approved cheque for £117 for DAPTC for Cllr Hewitt training.</li> <li>f. Council approved cheque for £200 for Shroton Cricket Club grass cutting of the Play area for 2022.</li> <li>g. Council approved refreshment, including loading of software, on the Parish Council laptop computer, to be expensed by the Clerk, to the amount of £45.</li> <li>h. A recommendation from the interim audit report was to use a standardised expense report for re-imbursement where councillors have spent money on council approved projects.</li> <li>i. The second version of the Precept proposal for 2023/24 was presented and approved by the council. The Precept proposal would be £4936.</li> <li>j. Lloyds bank has requested the Parish Council to update the signatories to the Parish Bank account. The bank has been requested to change the account address to that of the new Clerk.</li> </ul>	Cllr Sullivan to amend the Financial Regulations section 5.1  Cllr Sullivan to submit Precept to DC  Cllr Sullivan to submit signed mandates to Lloyds .

10. Planning Matters	a. P/FUL/2022/04534 Location: Shroton Cottage Frog Lane Shroton Blandford Forum DT11 8QL Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to holiday accommodation. The Parish Council sees nothing in this recent amendment to the planning Application to change our original objection. We are glad that an improvement has been made to the proposed access, but we have additional concerns about sewage treatment and disposal. Recent rains have flooded adjacent fields, in close proximity to the stables, with surface water spilling over from the River Iwerne. We would suggest that Wessex Water is invited to comment.  b. P/FUL/2022/07428 Location: Shroton House Telegraph Street Shroton Dorset DT11 8QQ Proposal: Installation of solar panels on south facing roof of barn. There were no comments/objection to this application.	Cllr Sullivan to post comments on to DC Planning portal
11. Other Matters for next meeting	Cllr Sullivan requested a volunteer to Chair the next meeting of the Parish Council as he would be away on holiday. Cllr Hewitt agreed to Chair the meeting.	

The presiding Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is 18th January 2023

Presiding Chairman	Date
Iwarna Courtney & Stanlaton Parish Council	

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