

**Minutes of a meeting of a meeting of
Marksbury Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7.30pm
Stanton Prior Village Hall**

Present : Cllr Sally Collins – Chair
Cllr David Roberts
Cllr Andrew Bendall
Cllr Richard Lord
Three members of the public
Cllr Alistair Hardwick – Vice Chair
Cllr Phillip Evans
Cllr Sandra Harding

1. **To accept Apologies for Absence** Cllr Matt McCabe
2. **To Approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 2024**

Proposed by Cllr Sandra Harding
Seconded by Cllr Andrew Bendall

3. **Matters Arising**

Replacement defibrillator pads have been bought and have arrived. Cllrs to make enquiries about insurance cover for defibrillators.

4. **Declarations of Interest from any members of any items to be discussed**
Cllr Hardwick – item 9.3

5. **To Adjourn for Public Participation**

Concerns were raised about the speed of traffic travelling through Stanton Prior. There have been several near misses.

6. **Planning**

6.1 To comment upon applications received- NONE.

6.2 To consider and comment on - NONE.

6.3 Decisions made –

24/020/15/VAR The Mount, 27 Marksbury Bottom, Marksbury. Variation of condition 5 of application 23/03095/FUL – **PERMIT**

24/02045/VAR The Mount 27, Marksbury Bottom, Marksbury -Variation of condition 4 of application 23/03095/LBA – **PERMIT**

6.4 Local Plan update

Cllr Phil Evans has put the latest press release from BANES on the website.

7. Finance

7.1 Nat West- To update progress changing correspondence address Chair Sally Collins is still trying to resolve issue with National Westminster Bank

7.2. To approve Invoices for payment –

Stanton Prior village hall £25 hall hire 26TH NOVEMBER 2024

Netwise – Website hosting, support, maintenance, Domain name for year to 28th November 2025 £468.00 Approved.

Proposed by Cllr David Roberts
Seconded by Cllr Alistair Hardwick

7.3 To consider budget for 2025/2026 and precept. Cllr Phil Evans presented the draft budget and suggested that the precept should remain the same as the previous year. The reserves are well in the recommended amounts. Cllrs to consider for conformation at the January meeting. Checking of bank statements to expenditure to be completed by two councillors.

7.4 Financial Report - Was received and will be updated on the website.

8. Maintenance, Highways, Rights of Way and allied matters

8.1 installation of Pedestrian Island A39 Marksbury The work is now completed sooner than we expected. Cllr Evans wanted it acknowledged that Lewis Cox BANES had been extremely helpful, and the team had worked solidly throughout. All agreed

8.2 Drainage Flooding Cllr David Roberts & Cllr Phil Evans will make enquiries about where the existing storm water goes from local villages and report back to the Council. Cllr David Roberts will talk to Rob Lowe from Wessex Water about flooding in Marksbury. Chair Sally Collins will write to Cllr Matt McCabe about BANES / Highways not emptying drains / gullies, once all investigations locally completed.

9. Special Matters for Attention

9.1 To consider matters relating to European Energy Community Benefit Fund

Councillors were happy to proceed with the agreement and approved the project assessment form and criteria.

9.2 Website and related IT matters – Cllr Evans gave an update visitors are increasing weekly. increasing.

9.3 S137 grant applications. Closing date 30th September 2024

Cllr Sandra Harding concern about the transparency, robustness, and integrity of the Section 137 grant awards was discussed at length. It was agreed that going forward repeat applicants must have met previous criteria or provide clear justification for subsequent awards if the criteria were missed.

The Council agreed to contact the previous recipient of grants who have not reported to the Parish by May 2024, advising them, that to be considered for a grant in 2025 the must report to the Parish no later than Tuesday 28th January 2025.

9.4 Emergency Planning – purchase of Parish Council mobile phone and network Services Cllr Phil Evans is going to research the cost of a mobile phone.

10. To receive reports of meetings attended. Chair Sally Collins attended AGM at Marksbury Village Hall

11. Reports from District Councillors None

- 12. Matters of Interest Raised by Members None**
- 13. Items Raised for Future Meetings None**
- 14. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 28th January 2025**

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