

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council held
at the village hall
on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30pm.**

Parish Councillors:

Mr L Cousin (Chair)
Mrs J Dixon (Vice-chair)
Mr R Neal
Mrs S Astill
Mr M Macklin
Mr F Gent
Mr P Martin
Mr J Masters

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Three

Public Participation: One

FOLLOWING THE SAD DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2022, THE NATION HAVE BEEN IN A PERIOD OF MOURNING AND SO UNDER SECTION 243 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 WE WERE REQUIRED TO RESCHEDULED THIS MEETING FROM THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

22-130 Apologies

RESOLVED: To accept apologies from Cllr R Poynor.

James Eales has been informed that the six month rule took effect on 8th September 2022 and that due to non-attendance has been removed from the Council records, emails etc. He has been thanked him for his support and efforts with the Council and we wish him well. This now opens a casual vacancy for the council – this leaves us 2 spaces available.

22-131 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: Action Group, PTFA, Scouts
Cllr R Neal: Bonsers
Cllr M Macklin: St Michaels Church & Manorfield School
Cllr F Gent: Large Planning developments
Cllr P Martin: PPG
Cllr J Dixon: Youth Club

22-132 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th July 2022 were agreed and signed, members agreed to an August recess.

22-133 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Maggie Wright, Cllr Iain Hewson and Cllr Mike Shirley sent their reports prior to the meeting and they were shared with the members.

The main points raised were the loss of the X55 bus service due to it not being a viable commercial service and the introduction of the Foxconnect, a demand response bus service.

There is a roadshow at the Co-op in the village on Thursday (29th) between 11-3 to show villagers about Foxconnect.

The latest update on the plans for the HNRFI is that the planning application is expected at the end of October.

Cllr Mike Shirley shared an update regarding two district councillors who have set up a new political party to allow them to stay within the district despite living in Scotland, visiting rarely and only attending the minimum requirement of meetings.

22-134 Public Participation

One member of the public was in attendance.

22-135 To update on the village hall plans

The dropped kerb extension has been completed.

The issue with the repair to the floor at the hall entrance was discussed.

RESOLVED: Members accepted the quote from Payne Carpentry for £1420.00 for the repairs, new membrane, added new concrete floor, tiles etc. Members decided on the dark grey non-slip tiles included in the quote.

Decorating completed over the summer, new heater and soap dispensers.

Members were asked regarding a request for a ballet bar to be installed at the hall under the window, members wanted further information on size, design, depth, fixings, insurance and options for smaller bar. The clerk to report back.

22-136 To update on land management items

Members were asked to consider the quote for a replacement slide at Abbott Drive play area due to it needing repair. The site is a Kompan play area and the costs for new slide, removal and installation is £2019.14 plus VAT. Members were given details of prices for equivalent play equipment.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to pay Kompan £2019.14 plus VAT for the new slide, removal and installation at Abbott Drive.

The clerk had received a request about the café having a sign in the garden area in front of the café (by the tree). Members agreed that was possible but requested no more than 2 signs in the area.

Cllr Neal left the meeting from 8.18pm-8.21pm

RESOLVED: Members agreed £250 spend for the planting at the Long Street Border and to plant some wildflower seeds in the spring.

RESOLVED: Members agreed tree maintenance costs on an Ash Tree opposite Stoney Cove of £325 and to fell a tree at the steam on Abbott Drive that is overhanging a householder at the cost of £180.

The bridge at Abbott Drive has had the lintel repaired and the ground levelled.

The trees works on the boundary of the club are ongoing – the clerk has chased for an update.

22-137 To consider plans for ‘Stan’ the quarryman

The chair suggested to members to consider a long term plan for the quarryman statue and wants to consider a resin/concrete version. The clerk has been asked to search for a company that could produce a mould of the quarryman.

Item will be ongoing on the agenda.

Members were asked about the email from Max Eaves regarding a design for around the quarryman and he was thanked for the input.

22-138 To consider options on the byelaws

Members were asked to consider giving written delegated authorization to SSWMPFC to cover items in the byelaws as listed below:-

- Byelaw 10. Bonfires, the playing fields routinely use these as a way of disposing of rubbish
- Byelaw 21. Trading, to allow the playing fields committee to determine who can trade from their land.
- Byelaw 23. Public shows or performances such as carnival.
- Byelaw 22 Part 2 Music such as carnival and Part 3. Vehicular access.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the delegated authorization being given to the SSWMPFC and members agreed that they were happy with the final draft of the byelaws and to continue to finalise them with the solicitors.

22-139 To consider the Carey Hill Quarry terms of lease

Members were sent out the draft heads of terms from Fisher German obo Tarmac for the lease of Carey Hill Quarry.

The lease has requested that we take responsibility, replacement and repair of the 35 vents and 5 boreholes and members did not agree with this.

Cllr Martin raised issues about the Environment Act and the liabilities to the Council including costs of a judicial review.

Currently the heads of terms is not favourable to the council and raises many concerns, this item is deferred to the October meeting.

Cllr Martin left the meeting at 8.45pm.

22-140 To update on the Highways Fund

The extended drop kerb was completed on Monday 19th September 2022 and now brings this item to a close.

22-141 To update on the New Road bollards

Members were sent the licence from LCC for the removal, installation and maintenance of the bollards on New Road, at the crossing. These bollards are to allow access to the area for Christmas lights maintenance.

RESOLVED: Chair signed the 2 copies of the licence to be returned to LCC Legal.

22-142 To note the new boundary review

The boundary details were sent to members prior to the meeting and no further comments have been received.

22-143 Finance

(a) To retrospectively sign and approve accounts/salaries for payment for August and September due to summer recess and period of mourning.

RESOLVED: that the accounts and salaries have been authorised for payment.

All payments having been authorised by 2 members (online bank authorisations were completed by Cllr Cousin and Cllr Dixon).

August

Date	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
9.8.22	V149	Mobile	Three	13.72	2.74	16.46
9.8.22	V150	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,266.66	0.00	1,266.66
9.8.22	V151-154	Expenses	Roz Ward	71.36	7.17	78.53
9.8.22	V155	New Strimmer	RWard (SGS Engines)	119.00	24.00	143.99
9.8.22	V156	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	509.92	101.98	611.90
9.8.22	V157	Allotment Spraying	JMG Amenity	110.00	22.00	132.00
9.8.22	V158	Stationery	Staples	56.99	11.40	68.39
9.8.22	V159	External Audit	PKF Littlejohn	800.00	160.00	960.00
9.8.22	V160	Confidential Shredding	Simply Shred	59.50	11.90	71.40
9.8.22	V161	Allotment Water	Waterplus	100.19	0.00	100.19
1.8.22	DD029	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	71.58	3.58	75.16
1.8.21	DD030	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	105.00	0.00	105.00
1.8.21	DD031	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	45.00	0.00	45.00
1.8.22	DD032	Wifi	Vodafone	43.49	8.69	52.18
						3,710.40

Sept

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
13.9.22	1	V172	Hall Entrance Floor repairs	Richard Payne	300.00	0.00	300.00
13.9.22	2	V173	Mobile	Three	13.67	2.73	16.40
13.9.22	3	V174	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,171.66	0.00	1,171.66
13.9.22	4	V175-V185	Expenses	Roz Ward	341.36	51.48	392.84
13.9.22	5	V186	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	509.92	101.98	611.90
13.9.22	6	V187	Groundsman Expenses	Steve Windram	40.12	6.23	46.35
13.9.22	7	V188	Hall Boiler Service	Gascare	165.00	33.00	198.00
13.9.22	8	V189	New VAS Batteries	Westcotec	175.50	35.10	210.60
13.9.22	9	V190	Van Service	Main Street Garage	238.11	47.63	285.74
13.9.22	10	V191	Membership	Venue4hire	20.00	0.00	20.00
13.9.22	11	V192	NAMM memorial repair	G Seller	145.00	29.00	174.00
13.9.22	12	V193	Surface Water - Hall	Waterplus	10.07	0.00	10.07
13.9.22	13	V194	Poppy Wreaths	RWard (British Legion)	119.00	0.00	119.00
13.9.22	14	V195	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	124.35	3.00	127.35
13.9.22	15	V196	Allotment Spraying	JMG Amenity	110.00	22.00	132.00
13.9.22	16	V197	Plaque	G Sellers	137.50	27.50	165.00
13.9.22	17	V198	PAYE/NI	HMRC	1,718.60	0.00	1,718.60
13.9.22	18	V199	Payroll Services	Carter & Co	70.00	14.00	84.00
13.9.22	19	V200	Stationery	Staples	65.97	13.20	79.17
13.9.22	20	V201	Groundsman Expenses	Simon Dewar	184.42	36.88	221.30
13.9.22	21	V202	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	28.11	0.00	28.11

01.9.22	DD	DD033	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	139.85	41.56	181.41
01.9.22	DD	DD034	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	105.00	0.00	105.00
01.9.22	DD	DD035	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	45.00	0.00	45.00
01.9.22	DD	DD036	Wifi	Vodafone	43.49	8.69	52.18
15.9.22	DD	DD037	Recycling collections - VH	Blaby District Council	562.19	0.00	562.19
12.9.22	DD	DD038	PWLB loan	PWLB	1,629.61	0.00	1,629.61
19.9.22	DD	DD039	Village Hall Water	Everflow	35.24	0.00	35.24
15.9.22	DD	DD040	Car Park Order	Blaby District Council	400.00	80.00	480.00
15.9.22	DD	DD041	Cleansing Services	Blaby District Council	1,935.70	387.14	2,322.84
							11,209.16

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: the bank reconciliation were agreed and has been signed and dated by the Chair and Clerk.

22-144 To consider the delegated financial powers

Members were asked if they wished to raise the delegated financial limits for the clerk, chair and emergency spend but following a brief discussion, the limits will remain at £150 for the clerk, £500 for chair and £2500 for emergency spend.

22-145 To continue with the direct debits

PWLB Loan (finishes Jul 2026) J	January & July
PWLB Loan (New)	February & August
Blaby District Council	
Waste collections (VH/Cemetery)	Quarterly
Dog & Litter bins	Quarterly
Non-domestic rates (Car Parks)	Monthly
LCC	
Street Lighting costs & maintenance	Annually
VH electricity supply	Monthly
VH gas heating	Monthly
VH water	Monthly
VH bathroom services (initial)	Annually
Wifi – VH & CCTV	Monthly
ICO – Data Protection Licence	Annually

22-146 To consider the youth club budget increase

Members were given the request for an increase in the youth club costs for 2023-24.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the new cost of £7900 for youth club to include salary, admin and affiliation costs.

22-147 Clerks Report

Request for a tree to be planted at Disney Close – deferred to October meeting

Green agenda to be carbon neutral in 2030 to council will need to look at van and hall heating.

There is to be a food bank forum to be set up, the clerk is secretary of the food bank.

HMP Fossey are looking for community projects

The chair was invited to speak at the rotary club about the parish council

The school bollards have been in the national press.

The Christmas raffle was discussed and members felt an on the night raffle for a £50 co-op voucher would be trialed this year.

The walking market is happening on 3rd December 2022.

Cobleys Transport are running a charity Elvis event on 22nd October 2022.

22-148 To note any correspondence

Members noted the correspondence list sent to them prior to the meeting.

22-149 To accept items for the newsletter

The next newsletter will include Foxconnect, Scarecrow Festival, Christmas Food Box requests, Dementia Café, Active Blaby, Car park reminders, cost of living help, Remembrance Sunday and action group reminder.

22-150 To update on the councillor co-option

No applications have been received and members agreed to advertise for the two vacancies.

22-151 To update on the production of the Vernon book

The chairman is currently producing the book and will update as required.

22-152 To note standing order update

Members noted the update from LRALC regarding item 3M and were happy with the understanding.

22-153 Planning:

New applications:

22/0738/FUL – The Homestead, Station Road – Demolition of existing two storey dwelling and replacement with 2 storey dwelling with rear detached garage with office above – No objections.

22/01383/REM – Broughton Astley Golf Complex – Erection of four warehouse buildings and offices, parking, servicing together with landscaping and all associated works and structures – Objection document shared with members and sent to Harborough Council on 18th August 2022.

No objections or comments received in August for:-

22/0586/FUL – Land at Elisha Close for a construction of a detached double garage to outline application 16/1516/FUL in addition to dwelling approval under reserved matters application 18/0175/RM

22/0669/FUL – Granitethorpe Quarry Disused – Replacement of existing field shelter with a new field shelter.

22/0640/HH – 6 Abbott Drive – Single Storey rear extension, garage conversion and internal alterations

22/0711/HH – Acacia, Stanton Road, Elmesthorpe – Two storey side extensions, front canopy, two storey and single storey rear extensions with internal alterations and alterations to vehicular access.

22/0677/HH – 23 Underwood Drive – First floor side and rear extensions and conversions of part of existing integral,

Granted:

None

22-154 To note any update on the village drainage and flooding

At the moment the additional and new road gulley system has been installed. The culverts and drainage systems that were blocked during the flooding have also been cleared. The plans to increase the sizes of holding pools in the Godfrey estate once the funding bids have been secured, the latest update was that the bids have been submitted and the outcome is dependant on the bids and LCC resource.

22-155 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan

Members were sent the Local Green Space documents produced by Chris Stubbs for the resubmission of the revised LGS.

RESOLVED: Members were happy for these to go forward as our final draft to BDC.

22-156 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Edward Stacey from BDC planning as advised that the planning application is expected in, in October so we await an update.

The HNRFI planning inspectorate virtual training has been rescheduled for Wednesday 12th October 10-11.30am.

22-157 To update on plans for land west of the village

Chairman advised that he had attended a developers land walk which had taken place on 22nd August 2022.

22-158 To update on other large planning developments

No new developments noted.

22-159 To receive reports

Allotments – The clerk had completed an allotment walk with no concerns, the renewals will be going out in November.

WMPFC – No updates received.

Stoney Stanton Library – No updates received.

Youth Club – Running well, plans to do the kindness bags again this year, discos and activities for the members.

Residents Association – Focus on awareness for the group.

Dementia Champion – The Forget Me Not Café’s are ongoing on the last Friday of each month at the village hall from 10-12noon.

22-160 Chairman’s Time.

Items were noted.

22-161 Date of next meeting: The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____