

# **STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council held at the village hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**Parish Councillors:**

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

**Clerk:** Miss R Ward

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** Two

**22-250 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr P Martin  
Members accepted apologies from Cllr F Gent

Members did not accept apologies from Cllr R Poynor

**22-251 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cousin: Action Group, PTFA, Scouts  
Cllr M Macklin: St Michaels Church, Manorfield School  
Cllr J Dixon: Youth Club  
Cllr R Neal: Bonsers

**22-252 Dispensations**

None

**22-253 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were agreed and signed.

**22-254 Reports from County and District Councillors**

The reports were received and sent to members prior to the meeting.

District Councillor Iain Hewson listed:-

- \* Events he had attended
- \* LCC budget webinar,
- \* HMP Fosseway newsletter now available
- \* Compliance checks/Food Hygiene ratings
- \* Graffiti increased

Cllr Mike Shirley advised:-

The application for the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange is expected on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and BDC have 2 weeks to respond

Prospective Councillor event to be held at BDC offices on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and it should be noted that at elections next year, all voters must have a form of photographic ID.

**22-255 Public Participation**

No issues raised

**22-256 Visit from Neighbourhood Watch Network**

Members were introduced to Craig Dawes who is the development lead on the network and keen to promote the schemes across the Fosse Villages. The scheme uses the 'Neighbourhood Link' online system which works with the police, action fraud, crimestoppers etc.

Members suggested that he send us an info pack on how it works, who can do it and then we would put it in the next newsletter to get individuals and streets to sign up.

**22-257 To update on the village hall plans**

Entrance Floor

The entrance hall tiling has been completed.

Kitchen Upgrade

The request for quote was issued on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and we await tenders. Warranty requirements and details with Environmental Health to be confirmed for compliance.

Approved premises license

The clerk had been asked if it was possible to get legally married at the village hall, this requires a license costing £1815 which is valid for 3 years. Members agreed the costs were too high and not to proceed with the license.

**22-258 To consider Events**

The Star

We await further details from the diocese and church following their next PCC meeting.

Brass on the Grass Coronation Event

The event will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and Enderby Band confirmed that the full band can be in attendance.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £600 for Enderby Band to play two sessions at the event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Coronation Planting

A meeting has been arranged with Jamie Forman (LCC Estates Manager) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 2.30pm at the playing fields land to discuss planting trees. All members will be invited along with Bill Kittle and Max Eaves.

**22-259 To update on land management items**

Persimmon Bridge Repair

Work to be completed w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

Crocus Planting

The planting has been completed for this year and we will be included in the next round.

### V51a Footpath

LCC have confirmed ownership for the footpath including the area next to The Star.

### The Queen Elizabeth II Community Orchard

The clerk confirmed the price for the standard interpretation board would be around £1000 but this did not include the artwork. The clerk will start the design and confirm full costs when available.

### Car Park Enforcement

It is 6 months since the enforcement services ended and the CCTV has been installed and no issues have been raised so Council are happy to continue on this basis.

### Disney Close

Members were given some designs and prices for a hedge maze and blossom trees, It was agreed that a maze is the preferred choice and Cllr Dixon will work with the children at Manorfield to look at a design. The clerk will measure the open space.

## **22-260 To consider plans for the sett stones**

A local contractor, Paul Farrant has estimated costs of £880 for the installation of sett stones around the quarryman. A full and detailed tender has been requested from him.

## **22-261 To review the Cemetery fees.**

Members were asked to review the fees for the Cemetery as no increase has been taken for 7 years and the clerk advised an increase of £25 on the memorials and ashes scattering would be advisable to cover additional maintenance and administrative costs.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the increase on fees with effect from April 2023.

## **22-262 Finance**

(a) To sign and approve accounts/salaries for payment.

**RESOLVED:** that the accounts and salaries were authorised for payment.

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

10.01.23	1	Mobile	Three	15.25	3.05	18.30
10.01.23	2	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,171.66	0.00	1,171.66
10.01.23	3	Expenses	Roz Ward	389.94	14.48	404.42
10.01.23	4	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	509.82	101.98	611.90
10.01.23	5	CCTV Village Hall	David Clarke Electrical	520.00	104.00	624.00
10.01.23	6	Hall entrance floor repairs	Richard Payne	1,420.00	0.00	1,420.00
10.01.23	7	Street Lighting maintenance	LCC	466.29	9.36	559.55
10.01.23	8	Allotment Water	Waterplus	26.25	0.00	26.25
10.01.23	9	CCTV subscription	Roz Ward (Ring)	66.67	13.33	80.00
10.01.23	10	Van Storage	Library	75.00	0.00	75.00
10.01.23	11	Ash tree removal	David Lloyd Pitchcare	450.00	0.00	450.00
10.01.23	12	Long Street Surface water	Waterplus	18.30	0.00	18.30
10.01.23	13	Strimmer Parts	SGS Engineering Ltd	25.80	5.16	30.96
10.01.23	14	Hall ceiling clean & inside windows	Vision Technologies	140.00	0.00	140.00
10.01.23	15	Training	Breakthrough Comms	60.00	12.00	72.00
10.01.23	16	Expenses (Fuel, PPE, oil)	Simon Dewar	135.00	27.57	162.57

01.01.23	DD	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	105.00	0.00	105.00
01.01.23	DD	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	45.00	0.00	45.00
01.01.23	DD	Wifi	Vodafone	43.49	8.69	52.18
19.12.23	DD	Village Hall Water	Everflow	38.69	0.00	38.69
27.12.22	DD	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	106.74	5.34	112.08
22.12.22	DD	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	349.07	17.45	366.52
30.12.22	DD	Bank Charges/Cheque fees	Unity Trust Bank	46.95	0.00	46.95
03.01.23	DD	PWLB Loan	Public Works Loan Board	1,137.40	0.00	1,137.40
						<b>7,768.73</b>

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

#### **22-263 To finalise the budget for 2023-2024**

Members were given an updated budget document following the issue of the tax base rate on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. The clerk included estimated income, expenditure and advisory items for consideration, year on year costs and the actual costs to the residents.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed a budget increase of 3.9% equating to a precept of £130,000.

#### **22-264 To confirm the precept amount for 2023-2024**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to send a precept request to Blaby District Council for £130,000 (one hundred and thirty thousand pounds). This will present a Band D charge of £87.83 and increase of £3.30 per household annually.

#### **22-265 Clerks Report**

Members were advised about flytipping on Cllr Gents land off Huncote Road

Election / Coronation Day being 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – this will mean that Councillor's will take office on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and should ensure they are available on this day for the Annual Parish Council meeting to elect Chair etc, this will therefore mean the Annual Parish Meeting will be held the following week on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May and this will be when the awards are presented.

Memorial tree for Mr Allen has been planted at the Arboretum, the family were very grateful and have requested they install a bench at the same location. Council resolved that they are happy for the family to install a hard work bench next to the tree.

The wildflower verge project has been cancelled due to the continued mowing of the site, it is suggested we look at an alternative site in the future.

The clerk advised she had completed Simon Dewar's first year appraisal with no issues and that he was a good addition to the team. Simon had requested when the ground is wet if he could use his land rover to drive onto Carey Hill Park as the van is unable to drive in these conditions. Members asked for our insurers guidance and that we accept no liability for his vehicle or personal items. The clerk to update.

#### **22-266 To note any correspondence**

Police speed checks have taken place around the area  
The jetting of the drains and Hydrobrake will take place in March

Thank you received for the hall improvements.  
Request for contact details for church

**22-267 To accept items for the newsletter**

Happy New Year  
Precept information  
New community group request  
Community award nominations  
Foodbank and xmas gifting update  
Youth club  
Library opening times  
Dementia Cafe

**22-268 To note the clerk's appraisal**

Chairman confirmed he had done the appraisal with the clerk in December and was very happy with her continued work and commitment to the parish council.

**22-269 Planning:**

The clerk advised members of a retrospective planning application by Mr Mac for the waste disposal at Sapcote Quarry – 2022/CM/0144/LCC – which is being dealt with by Leicestershire County Council.

**New applications:**

None

**Granted:**

22/0995/HH – 18 Underwood Drive for a two storey side extension and conversion of garage to habitable room.

22/0879/FUL – Sutton Elms Filling Station for the demolition of the existing sales building and forecourt and the erection of a new sales building, forecourt for domestic and HGV including fuel tanks, pumps and canopy, provision of car parking and EVC Hub with canopy and associated works.

22/1035/FUL – 19a Highfield Street for the erection of 1 detached dwelling and associated amenity space and parking (including demolition of workshop)

**22-270 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan**

The latest update is that before the final documents can be submitted to BDC, all remaining parishes within the Fosse Villages must confirm that they support the resubmission documents.

**22-271 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

Awaiting the application which is now due on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The planning consultants (Aitchison Rafferty) agreed to continue their work for us and asked for an initial fee of £2500 towards the necessary work to be undertaken and this will be subject

to how much time is spend on this specialised work. Further costs will be discussed at a later date and a budget has been agreed.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to agree the sum of £2500 as we are unable to tender this specialised work.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the sum of £2500 as the initial fee for the work to be undertaken by the planning consultants relating to the application for HNRFI.

**22-272 To update on plans for land west of the village**

The next CLG (Community Liaison Group) meeting with Turleys is to be held at the village hall on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**22-273 To update on other large planning developments**

No new developments noted.

**22-274 To receive reports**

Allotments – 2023 tenancies have been renewed.

WMPFC – The updated kitchen has been completed and the playgroup is doing well.

Stoney Stanton Library – Financial forecast has been received.

Youth Club – 2023 sessions start this week and an item has been put into the newsletter.

Residents Association – Awaiting the HNRFI application, the banner has been cleaned and will be on display again soon.

Dementia Cafe – Next session is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10am and Cllr Masters confirmed he is working with the NHS team on how to progress.

Patient Participation Group – The clerk to contact the doctors surgery for an update.

**22-275 Chairman's Time.**

Items were noted.

**22-276 Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.39pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_