

# **STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council held at the village hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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  
Mr F Gent  
Mr P Martin

**Clerk:** On medical leave (minutes taken by Deb Cooper)

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** One

### **22-309 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr Iain Hewson

Members did not accept apologies from Cllr R Poynor

### **22-310 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  
Cllr F Gent: Large planning developments  
Cllr P Martin: Integrated network team for HHBC

### **22-311 Dispensations**

None

### **22-312 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were agreed and signed.

### **22-313 Reports from County and District Councillors**

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

**Cllr Mike Shirley** advised: -

- News release sent on action on stray dogs, he confirmed the initiative is working.
- Candidates briefing at BDC for parish and district councillors – forms have been collected. There is an email with the slides that Cllr Shirley can provide to members of the briefing if required and he agreed to pass on.

- Community grants deadline – Cllr Shirley asked if we wanted a report and whether it gets circulated to the residents. Luke advised no means of sharing information to the wider community; we share what BDC share.
- Cllr Shirley advised he will be standing for the new Highcross area for the upcoming district council elections. Therefore, he will no longer cover our area, and the next SSPC meeting in April will be his last one.

**Cllr Maggie Wright** advised: -

- Asked if Council still require articles from her. Council agreed they do.
- Trent River Trust are holding a forum with the flooding action group at the village hall on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Wright concerned this may overlap with existing LCC projects and will attend and report back. Cllr Gent confirmed he will also attend.
- Leicestershire Matters publication – to advise Cllr Wright if not received.
- HNRFI – to have a community forum to work with Tritax

Sapcote quarry was discussed – Cllr Wright to share full details of the planning request for the site and members requested an update on the status of the planning breach and fine.

Members also discussed flooding impacts of development at the quarry area and Cllr Neal agreed to send Cllr Wright the contact details of Paul Clark who can help with Severn Trent water courses information.

Cllr Gent left the room to speak to Cllr Wright at 19.55 until 20.03pm.

**22-314**

### **Public Participation**

The landlady of the Bluebell Inn (Jade) talked about ideas for events for the Coronation weekend, to bring the community together, she is now Chair of the CEG (Community Events Group)

**Saturday** – most of the village will be watching events live.

**Sunday** – Jade asked for permission to tie in with the Brass on the Grass event and hold a steam engine event and have vehicles on display at the same time in space available. Members suggested the land opposite the green next to the Reading Rooms for vehicle display as well as Nock Verges and the Bluebell car park.

To get more community spirit, Sean will write to any licensed business in walking distance, including the café, to be involved that weekend.

St Michaels Church will do a display and have a special evensong service for the coronation. At 6pm, invite all the village pubs to pick an era throughout The King's life and do a music event to reflect this era.

**Monday** – A Tug of war event for various different groups – school children, sports teams, etc to be held on the Green.

Fancy dress competition with entry fees and funds possibly to go to PTFA/Youth Club.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that St Michael's court car park could not be used as it is a public car park and could not be closed off.

Cllr Dixon was happy to support with putting flyers out and asked if CEG could get the event information together in time for the next parish council newsletter.

Cllr Martin suggested resurrecting the Pram race as an event for the Coronation weekend - buggies with dolls in them, considerations would need to be the route chosen, road closure permissions, Highways department agreement and insurance/risk assessment considerations.

### **Christmas lights**

St Michaels Church have suggested bringing the Christmas tree festival back.

The Bluebell to have similar at the front of their premises.

Jade also suggested having 'light switch on' at 5pm a week earlier in November (not to coincide with Hinckley), with a lantern parade at 4pm before the switch on with a choir to do carol singing with the lantern walk.

Members discussed that the Lanterns need to be safe.

### **22-315 To update on the village hall plans**

The cleaner has resigned and will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Zenith Contracts are obliged to fill the position and members were given the costing details.

It was suggested that the position could be brought in house and maybe reduce hours from 7 to 6 – there is a 3 month contractual period which will be arranged on the clerks return.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to reduce the hours to 6 and to look at the employment position being in house.

### **22-316 To consider the tenders for the kitchen upgrade**

Deferred to April meeting due to clerks post surgery medical leave.

### **22-317 To receive update from community events group**

Cllr Masters advised very positive initial CEG meeting with 12 attendees. Cllr Dixon wanted it noted that it was pleasing to hear so many people wanted to be involved.

### **Vehicle display**

Details already noted in the public participation above....

Additional items for consideration.....

To provide toilet facilities for those displaying vehicles and if some stay overnight.

Members agreed unable to provide camping facilities in the village but a suggestion of Fortways Farm – just before Stanton Lakes - £10 a night for those staying overnight involved with display.

Car parking was also discussed for those visiting the events.

Suggested parking included asking the Living Rock Church for the Sunday afternoon and use of the War Memorial Playing Fields car park.

Members expressed concerns of parking on grassy areas if wet weather.

Cllr Cousin stated members will need to understand how many vehicles will be coming, and what space will be needed and how CEG who will monitor and manage the safe movement of people around the event.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to send an email to CEG requesting details of the Coronation Sunday events plans, consideration for display parking, number of display vehicles, contingency for bad weather, visitor parking, safe movement/risk assessments. Next meeting of the CEG is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

**Lantern parade**

Cllr Masters advised they will need to find the safest route to do the parade with no risk to children.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that the CEG will fund their own events and manage all responsibilities associated with their group and the events. The council will offer non-financial support where needed ie land use permission for example.

**22-318 To update on the plans for Brass on the Grass Kings' Coronation Event**

The plaques are on order, awaiting payment and proofs to be agreed.  
432 mugs are on order, awaiting payment, the costs to shared with Manorfield school and PTFA. The clerk to invoice on receipt of the delivery expected w/c 10<sup>th</sup> April.  
Banner and union jack flags have been purchased.

**22-319 To consider the plans for Christmas**

Update from Chris Stubbs to proceed with the Star and to arrange a meeting with Richard Hill from Bonsers.

Date for Christmas event will need to be agreed at the next meeting.

**22-320 To update on land management items**

Jetting of the drainage at Abbott drive was completed.

Clare from the Café requested permission to have lighting on the handrails of the ramp walkway.

Members expressed concerns of using handrails as it could be a hazard for those needing to use rails for safety reasons, it was suggested using the walls but with non-permanent fixings.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to send a response to Clare prohibiting the lights on the handrails but consideration for non-permanent wall lights.

**22-321 To consider updates at The Queen Elizabeth II Community Orchard**

Bench details sent to members on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 and which are now on order,

**22-322 To update on the maze for Disney Close**

Cllr Dixon advised she will get the design sent to Manorfield School

Cllr Martin suggested using yew trees for the maze.

**22-323 To consider plans for the sett stones**

Paul Farrant, local contractor to confirm installation will be completed by end of March/early April.

**22-324 To update on the WMPFA CCTV**

Cllr Martin attended WMPFA meeting who are happy to contribute to cost - £215.00 for link to light.

Cllr Neal suggested council ask WMPFA to cover the costs as they had significantly increased funding from grants received.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to email the WMPFA to ask for further assistance with the additional costs noted in the email from Bill Kittle regarding the ground works.

**22-325 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 Cousin and Cllr Dixon)

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|----------|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|------------------|
| 14.03.23 | 1  | Mobile                         | Three                    | 15.25    | 3.05   | 18.30            |
| 14.03.23 | 2  | Grounds Maintenance            | David Lloyd Pitchcare    | 1,171.66 | 0.00   | 1,171.66         |
| 14.03.23 | 3  | Expenses                       | Roz Ward                 | 195.71   | 33.97  | 229.68           |
| 14.03.23 | 4  | Cleaning Contract              | Zenith Services          | 509.82   | 101.98 | 611.90           |
| 14.03.23 | 5  | Street lighting LED conversion | Leicester County Council | 552.29   | 110.46 | 662.75           |
| 14.03.23 | 6  | Newsletter                     | Sarah Eaves              | 202.90   | 3.00   | 205.90           |
| 14.03.23 | 7  | Naturespot website             | Naturespot               | 50.00    | 0.00   | 50.00            |
| 14.03.23 | 8  | Plaques                        | Brunel Engraving         | 179.15   | 35.83  | 214.98           |
| 14.03.23 | 9  | Carnival article               | Carnival                 | 80.00    | 0.00   | 80.00            |
| 14.03.23 | 10 | Christmas Lights Electricity   | Npower                   | 76.65    | 3.83   | 80.48            |
| 14.03.23 | 11 | PAYE/NI                        | HMRC                     | 2,166.49 | 0.00   | 2,166.49         |
| 14.03.23 | 12 | Business domain & email ren    | Roz Ward (Namesco.uk)    | 264.27   | 52.86  | 317.13           |
| 14.03.23 | 13 | Cemetery Water                 | Waterplus                | 15.15    | 0.00   | 15.15            |
| 14.03.23 | 14 | Scribe Bookings Renewal        | Scribe                   | 417.60   | 83.52  | 501.12           |
| 14.03.23 | 15 | Rospa Inspections (annual)     | Wicksteed                | 360.00   | 72.00  | 432.00           |
| 14.03.23 | 16 | Window cleaning                | Vision Technologies      | 45.00    | 0.00   | 45.00            |
| 14.03.23 | 17 | Long Street Surface Water      | Waterplus                | 16.52    | 0.00   | 16.52            |
| 14.03.23 | 18 | Coronation Mugs                | Running Imp Ltd          | 1,054.28 | 210.86 | 1,265.14         |
| 14.03.23 | 19 | Jetting of drains @ Abbott Dr  | County Drains            | 485.00   | 97.00  | 582.00           |
| 14.03.23 | 20 | CCTV power costs (6mths)       | NPower                   | 303.21   | 15.16  | 318.37           |
| 01.03.23 | DD | St Michaels Car Park - NDR     | Blaby District Council   | 105.00   | 0.00   | 105.00           |
| 01.03.23 | DD | Long Street Car Park - NDR     | Blaby District Council   | 45.00    | 0.00   | 45.00            |
| 03.03.23 | DD | Wifi                           | Vodafone                 | 43.49    | 8.69   | 52.18            |
| 15.03.23 | DD | Cleansing Services             | Blaby District Council   | 1,935.70 | 387.14 | 2,322.84         |
| 31.3.23  | DD | Bank Charges                   | Unity Trust Bank         | 43.35    | 0.00   | 43.35            |
| 22.3.23  | DD | Village Hall Gas               | British Gas              | 288.97   | 14.45  | 303.42           |
| 20.3.23  | DD | Village Hall Water             | Everflow                 | 37.91    | 0.00   | 37.91            |
|          |    |                                |                          |          |        | <b>11,894.27</b> |

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

**22-326 Clerks Report**

Deferred to next meeting

**22-327 To note any correspondence**

LWSS consortium letter

Correspondence from WI about the arboretum planting regarding the newly planted memorial tree for Jed Allen, concerns raised about additional planting.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that any further memorial planting requests should only be trees and nothing else.

**22-328 To accept items for the newsletter**

CEG events  
Dementia Cafe

**22-329 Planning:**

**New applications:**

None

**Granted:**

None

Hope Estates have formally applied for a pizza takeaway and we await consultee details from BDC – concerns noted.

**22-330 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan**

Update from BDC

We apologise for the delayed response but we have been considering whether it would be appropriate to hold the Regulation 16 consultation for the update in the pre-election ('Purdah') period for the upcoming local elections. We have decided that the Regulation 16 consultation should wait until after the elections and we will work towards commencing the consultation as soon as the elections are over.

**22-331 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

Details received from the Planning Inspectorate after the application was withdrawn. It is expected to be resubmitted with the missing information in due course, the timeframe will be adjusted accordingly.

**22-332 To update on plans for land west of the village**

LWSS consortium have requested permission to do a walkover ecological survey around a specific site where a potential bypass road between Sapcote and Stoney Stanton could be proposed. The parish land known as Carey Hill Park, conservation area and meadow.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that this is public land and therefore SSPC could not object to the survey, they appreciated them asking and the request was approved.

**22-333 To update on other large planning developments**

No new developments noted.

**22-334 To receive reports**

Allotments – No update

WMPFC – No update

Stoney Stanton Library – No update

Youth Club – Club is going well.

Residents Association – Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March it was agreed to raise the profile of the group to the wider community via generic flyers, social media and attending the community events to attract new members.

Dementia Cafe – Cllr Masters gave an update, session going well, liaising with the NHS, possible music appreciation session to broaden the interest, next session is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Patient Participation Group – PPG meeting held in February and Cllr Wright gave an update.

**22-335**

**Chairman’s Time.**

Items were noted.

**22-336**

**Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.33pm

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

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