

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council held at the village hall on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

Parish Councillors:

Mr L Cousin (Chair)
Mr C Stubbs (Vice-chair)
Mrs S Astill
Mr J Masters
Mrs R Bateman
Mr F Gent
Mr P Martin
Mr S Bateman

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Two

Public in attendance: One

23-042 Apologies

RESOLVED: Members accepted apologies from Cllr S Eaves, Cllr M Eaves and Cllr J Lundean

23-043 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: Action Group, PTFA, Scouts
Cllr F Gent: Large planning developments
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC

23-044 Dispensations

None

23-045 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th April 2023 were agreed and signed.

23-046 Reports from County and District Councillors

A short report from Cllr Maggie Wright was received ahead of the meeting.

Cllr Wright discussed the PPG at the Old School Surgery, progress was slow due to lack of funding but the item in the newsletter will help, Cllr Martin has joined the group and a stall is organized for the carnival.

Mr Mac (owner of Granithorpe Quarry, Sapcote) remains under investigation and with enforcement, Cllr Wright plans to get the MP involved along with the Environmental Agency.

The first Fosse Villages Growth meeting is due to take place tomorrow night at 6.30pm and several members will attend.

Our new district councillors for the ward of Fosse Stoney Cove are Luke Cousin and Neil Wright, they introduced themselves in their new role and Cllr Neil Wright then advised members about himself and his plans as district councillor.

23-047 Public Participation

No items were raised.

23-048 To update on the village hall plans

The pat testing was completed on 25th April at the hall and office.

The hall cleaner job advert has been issued and currently the clerk advised we have 4 interested parties, the closing date is 9th June.

Following a leak from the small hall roof, the roofer has been to investigate and quoted to re-bed the ridge tiles and remove old mortar and replace.

RESOLVED: Members agreed emergency expenditure of £2499 for the roof work with Matt Merry Roofing.

Members were given the financial statement of the village hall, it shows a pleasing result and now allows for further works to be undertaken. The clerk will get prices for flooring in the hall way and both the toilets and replacement of the handryers in both mens/ladies

23-049 To consider the tenders for the kitchen upgrade

The kitchen deposit was paid to Portree Kitchens and the installation date of 24th July is stated with a 2 weeks install period.

The third party contribution is no longer being paid by the private individual as previously agreed in December so Council agreed to pay the £1381.76. (cheque number 300056 was signed) and the agreement and TPC forms were signed by Chairman.

The funder, Derbyshire Environment Trust have confirmed that they are happy with the tendering process and to continue forward to allow the funding to be released.

Members were given a damp proofing quote to be included in the kitchen installation works. RESOLVED: Members agreed £850 for damp proofing treatment to the kitchen from Payne Carpentry.

23-050 To receive update from community events group

No update received.

23-051 To consider plans for Christmas

The clerk advised that Enderby Band are now booked elsewhere for 2nd December 2023 and a decision on the lights switch on urgently needs to be made. It was decided that a response from the Community Events Group would be received before the next meeting.

Cllr Stubbs updated members that the Star decoration is formed and he will proceed to the next stage with regards to completion and installation etc.

The clerk advised following the renewal of the parish insurance, the insurers require us to hold third party permissions and public liability insurance for all Christmas lights. As the lights at the crossroads are on Tarmac's land, the clerk had spoken with their land agent.

Fisher German (land agents for Tarmac) confirm that in principal we can continue with the lights but we must pay for a licence to be put in place to cover the third party permissions including specifics for the health and safety within a consent licence. An estimated price of £1500-£3000 was given.

This item is deferred for the clerk to get a clearer price structure for the licence or costs to remove and reinstate elsewhere so council can make an informed decision.

23-052 To update on land management items

Glass issue at the meadow

No further issues but the groundsmen are monitoring the area.

QEII Orchard bench and picnic bench

Installed on 18th April 2023 and have been very positively received.

Angrave drive fencing replacement.

Fencing repairs completed on 24th April 2023

Left over sett stones

The small number of sett stones are left over and council agreed to use them for around the benches on the green, the clerk to speak with the groundsmen to discuss design and installation. Thank you letter to be issued to Bardon Aggregates.

Permission to plant a tree

The Lock family have requested to plant a horse chestnut tree within the arboretum. Council have agreed and the clerk with the groundmen will assist the family on location to plant.

Planters

The clerk has asked the groundsmen to look at a bigger scheme for the entrance planters for the summer, costs will be under £150.

Air Monitor

Blaby District Council have asked for permission to install a Zephyr air monitor on the new lamp post at the play area at the War Memorial playing fields. Council members agreed but requested the data as part of the permission, confirmation from the SSWMPFA is awaited.

Cemetery

The clerk advised that the only complaints received are about the grass cutting of the closed side of the cemetery which is currently maintain by BDC under the LGA 1972 Section 215 where they only have to keep it in 'decent order, nothing more'.

The clerk confirmed for our groundstaff to mow it to the same standard as the open side it would be around £3300. Members advised as it was not included in the budget for this year we should look at future budgets and in the meantime send details to the district councillors.

Planting at St Michaels Court

To formalize a maintenance plan for the planted areas at the St Michaels court, the groundstaff have suggested the area is weeded in April, prune the areas in June after the bushes have flowered and further weeding with a heavier prune of the bushes in October/November to maintain size and shape.

RESOLVED: Council members agreed the maintenance plan of the planted areas at St Michaels Car Park.

The land opposite the library

The library are holding a craft fayre on 1st July 10-3pm and would like to place stalls on the pavement on footpath V51. The clerk will need to check with LCC for permissions, alternatively they can use the grassed area.

23-053 To update on the maze for Disney Close

Cllr Phillip Martin has taken on the plan for the open space at Disney Close.

23-054 To update on the CCTV at the War Memorial Playing Fields

The cameras are now in and being monitored, one has been replaced and we are waiting for a meeting with Wilson Alarms to show all parties how the system works along with the app.

23-055 Finance

- (a) To sign and approve accounts/salaries for payment retrospectively due to the elections and lack of signatories, the clerk has delegated powers and all payments were made on 2nd May 2023

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)

2.5.23	1	V35	Mobile	Three	14.71	2.94	17.65
2.5.23	2	V36	Grounds Maintenance	Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
2.5.23	3	V37	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	560.91	112.18	673.09
2.5.23	4	V38	CCTV Electric	Npower	36.69	1.83	38.52
2.5.23	5	V39-V48	Expenses	Roz Ward	251.02	37.90	288.92
2.5.23	6	V49	Library funding (Year 2)	SS Library	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
2.5.23	7	V50	CCTV Double Plug	Clarke Electrical	120.00	24.00	144.00
2.5.23	8	V51	Container Lighting	Clarke Electrical	670.00	134.00	804.00
2.5.23	9	V52	Benches ground/install	Future Contractors	600.00	120.00	720.00
2.5.23	10	V53	Parish Insurance	BHIB Ltd	1,647.69	0.00	1,647.69
2.5.23	11	V54	2 new folding tables (hall)	Roz Ward (Amazon)	74.97	15.00	89.97
2.5.23	12	V55	Kitchen Deposit	Portree Ltd	3,707.00	741.40	4,448.40
2.5.23	13	V56	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	25.20	0.00	25.20
2.5.23	14	V57	Pat Testing (Hall & Office)	Pat Tester Solutions	86.00	0.00	86.00
2.5.23	15	V58	Fencing repairs	Future Contractors	495.00	99.00	594.00
2.5.23	16	V59	Band for Brass Event	Enderby Band	600.00	0.00	600.00
2.5.23	17	V60	DJ for the Brass Event	Will	100.00	0.00	100.00
1.5.23	DD	DD094	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.5.23	DD	DD095	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
1.5.23	DD	DD096	Wifi	Vodafone	43.49	8.69	52.18
18.4.23	DD	DD097	Village Hall Water	Everflow	27.10	0.00	27.10
15.5.23	DD	DD098	Annual Bin Rentals	Blaby Council	535.96	0.00	535.96
							13,574.34

- (b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

23-056 To update and sign for new banking signatories

All members signed the relevant banking papers.

23-057 To note the internal audit report

Members were sent the successful internal audit report prior to the meeting and were pleased with the result.

23-058 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement

The chair read each statement to members.

RESOLVED: The members agreed the statements included in the Annual Governance Statement and it signed by the Chair.

23-059 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Return

RESOLVED: The chair signed the annual return.

The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) has now been completed and will be sent to the external auditors in due course.

23-060 Clerks Report

The clerk advised:

There is no update from the Secretary of State on the byelaws and it remains ongoing.

£50 donation received from the ice-cream van from Brass on the Grass – awaiting confirmation of where to donate it too.

The signage for the disabled bay on Long Street has been delayed to 26th May 2023.

The clerk confirmed she had met Tom Martin at the Brass event and thanked him for his service to saving a life and he confirmed that EMAS had presented him with a medal.

The clerk said she would like to run a childrens afternoon on the green with Blaby Active, SS youth club and the other childrens groups, she will update when a date has been confirmed.

Members were asked who was attending the APM and awards next week and it was discussed on who would be giving out the awards.

The allotments have asked if they can set up a recycle and reuse station for the public to reuse trays and pots – members suggested a 3 month trial.

23-061 To note any correspondence

Enquiry about the land ownership of a strip of land at the rear of Taylor Close/Mountsorrel cottages is now under LCC control.

Report of damage to a tree by a youth at the Persimmon Estate is being monitored.

Complaint received from resident regarding the parking at the MOT garage, LCC dealing with it and police to enforce.

PC Keaton Payne confirmed he has moved to Hinckley Beat and PC 2198 Ben Morris and PCSO 6028 Ryan Keane remain our beat officers.

23-062 To accept items for the newsletter

May newsletter went to print on 9th May 2023.

June items to be sent to the clerk.

23-063 Planning:

New applications:

23/0191/FUL – 23-25 Long Street – change of use from office to pizza takeaway with alteration to window on front elevation and proposed flue
Members welcome the idea but raised concerns about litter, parking and road safety

23/0196/HH – 82 Hinckley Road – Proposed porch – no objections

22/0972/HH – 7 Lee Close – Erection of detached rear garden room and retention of rear playhouse - no objections.

Granted:

23/0196/HH – 82 Hinckley Road – Proposed Porch

23/0093/FUL – Unit Foxbank Industrial Estate – Cladding, alterations to and extension of existing building, widening lorry access and alterations to external timber storage area.

22/1025/FUL – SSWMPF Sports Pavilion – Change of use of sports pavilion to a mixed used premises with sports pavilion, day nursery and multi-purpose community hall.

23-064 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan

No update received.

23-065 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Meeting arranged for 17th May at 7.30pm with Jonathon from Aitchison Rafferty planning consultants on the current position.

The Planning Inspectorate has decided to accept the HNRFI application from Tritax for consideration only.

A copy of the development consent notice was received and has been displayed as requested.

The members have agreed to split so some will attend our meeting and some to attend the Fosse Villages Growth meeting and will report back.

23-066 To update on plans for land west of the village

No update received.

23-067 To update on other large planning developments

No new developments noted.

23-068

To receive reports

Allotments – No further updates.

WMPFC – No update.

Stoney Stanton Library – Awaiting financial details.

Youth Club – No update.

Residents Association – Leaflet under development to be issued before bank holiday.

Dementia Cafe – 1st anniversary approaching.

Patient Participation Group – No further update.

23-069

Chairman’s Time.

Items were noted.

23-070

Date of next meeting: The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 13th June 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.54pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____