

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Parish Councillors:

Mr C Stubbs (Vice-chair)
Mrs S Astill
Mr F Gent
Mr P Martin
Mr S Bateman
Mrs S Eaves
Mr M Eaves
Mr J Masters

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Two

Public in attendance: None

23-097 Apologies

RESOLVED: Members accepted apologies from Cllr L Cousin, Cllr J Lundean and Cllr R Bateman.

23-098 Declarations of Interest

Cllr F Gent: Large planning developments
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC/HBBC Integrated Network Team
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC
Cllr S Eaves: Library

23-099 Dispensations

RESOLVED: Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

23-100 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13th June 2023 were agreed and signed.

23-101 Reports from County and District Councillors

Reports from Cllr Maggie Wright and Cllr Neil Wright/Cllr Luke Cousin were received ahead of the meeting.

Cllr Maggie Wright updated members on the weed spraying and flooding grant along with the B581 Station Road speed data review following a site walk, the PPG attended two carnivals in Stoney Stanton and Thurlaston to raise public profile and a traffic order to be placed outside of the surgery. She also updated on the issues with the partial surfacing at New Street, as it is an unadopted road there is no legal obligation but two highways inspectors have visited the site and the flooding issue from Sapcote Quarry is ongoing with the Environment Agency

23-102 Public Participation

No public in attendance.

23-103 To report on the village hall

Cleaner

The new cleaner, Wes Herbert, starts on Monday 17th July, the clerk has a meeting with him on the 14th July 2023.

Flooring

Hall and toilet flooring completed on 23rd June and the central door needs to be trimmed (this is organized for Thursday 13th July).

Roof

Cllr Stubbs did a report on the roof and the previous roofer returned to make some repairs that he failed to complete on the previous visit and the leak has improved but is not solved. Bonsers have done a site visit and have quoted £588 to do the investigation of the under boarding and remove and replace any damaged slates.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £588 for the repair work with Bonsers.

Martyns Law

Members noted the anti-terrorism law due in the future to assist hall users of the procedures in the event of an issue, the hall will be the lowest tier as we allow 150 people in at any one time. <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/news-views/martyns-law-what-you-need-know>

23-104 To update on the new kitchen at the hall

Cllr Stubbs has opened up the kitchen unit under the sink and removed the paint on the lower side of the wall, the wall appears dry but there was an issue with some pipework which will be solved when the new kitchen is replaced.

RESOLVED: To cancel the damp proofing work and save the £850 which will be used towards the hall roof.

Portree have confirmed kitchen is made, appliances are ordered and all set for fitting due to start on Monday 24th July 2023.

23-105 To receive update from community events group

No update, the item will be removed from the agenda.

23-106 To consider plans for the Christmas event

Date for the light switch on was agreed as Saturday 2nd December 2023, lights on at 6pm. Enderby Band have confirmed that they will be in attendance for a 30 minute concert.

Land Access Permissions

Members were given the update from the parish insurers and the requirements need to allow us to access the lights and electrics on Tarmac land. The clerk has started the negotiations with Tarmac regarding a licence agreement or similar and we await an update, this will remain an ongoing issue.

The Star

Cllr Stubbs advised the Star is completed and needs the lights fitting. Bonsers are installing free of charge onto St Michaels church and Cllr Stubbs has confirmation from the diocese to go ahead.

Flagpole lights

Members were given details of the flagpole Christmas tree and agreed as the crossroad lights are not likely to be illuminated this year, this would be a suitable alternative.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £582 inc shipping for a 12m flagpole Christmas tree light display from Montejaur.com in Sweden via international transfer.

23-107 To update on the activity afternoon on the Green

Saturday 5th August from 1-3pm on the green.

Inflatable Slide

Disco

Toddler Tales are doing stories, songs, etc

Blaby Active will be doing football and fitness activities

Youth Club will be doing giant garden games, archery etc

Refreshments and tuck shop

The clerk is finalizing the risk assessments, insurance requirements and first aid. Volunteers requested on the day and the event is weather permitting.

23-108 To update on land management items

Tree Surveys

The bi-annual survey covers Persimmon Estate, The Fleet (which has tree preservation order), Carey Hill Park, Carey Hill Meadow, Cemetery, Allotments, The Green, The recreation ground, Brindley Close, St Michaels Court, Smithy Farm Drive and Disney Close.

The last 2 surveys were completed by Crown consultants and due to the costs involved the item is tendered on certified arboriculturalists.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £3500 for Original Environmental Arboriculture but if Crown would do it for this price then they would be the preferred contractors as they have done the previous 2 reports, the tender from Crown consultants was £4300 and Indigo Surveys over £4600 which included individual tree costs. The clerk to organise.

Sett stones

The sett stones to be laid either side of the two benches on the green should be completed at the end of August.

Cemetery

The members were updated and we await further details on taking over the grass cutting of the closed side of the Cemetery.

Spraying Course

Members were updated on the additional costs of the staff courses and exams for the spraying totalling £991 and agreed that all spraying will be done by contractors not staff.

Abbott Drive bridge repairs

The clerk is waiting for costs from Stressline for the lintels and will report back.

Dog bin collection

A request for collection times to be changed from Blaby District Council due to overflowing, smells and length of time between collections.

Repair to knee Rail – Abbott Drive

A repair is needed to the knee rail fencing on an area on Abbott Drive.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to pay £200 plus VAT for the repairs to be completed by Future Contractors Ltd.

To consider a business sign on the corner of the green next to entrance to St Michaels Court.

Members have been asked by the businesses at St Michaels court about the installation of a business sign to be located on the green near the entrance to St Michaels Car Park.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to consider this, subject to location plan, design and any planning requirements.

Van – Tyre Replacement

Members were given details of the MOT and tyre details needed for the van (ST65 OYE). The clerk had done a price comparison and asked members to consider Tyre Medics - £394 for the 4 tyres.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to £394 for Tyre Medics to come to the village and replace the 4 tyres on the Citroen van – cheque 300057 was signed by 2 members. The clerk to arrange booking.

23-109 Update on the Maze idea for Disney Close

Cllr Martin distributed 50 leaflets to the neighbouring residents to Disney close with a survey and 82% were not in favour of the maze, the item will be closed and members thanked Cllr Martin for his efforts.

23-110 Finance

(a) To sign and approve accounts/invoices and 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 S Eaves and Cllr P Martin)

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
11.07.23	1	V120	Mobile	Three	14.63	2.93	17.56
11.07.23	2	V121	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
11.07.23	3	V122-V133	Expenses	Roz Ward	535.20	53.63	588.83
11.07.23	4	V134	Cleaning Contract	Zenith Services	560.91	112.18	673.09
11.07.23	5	V135	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	26.30	0.00	26.30
11.07.23	6	V136	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	111.44	3.00	114.44
11.07.23	7	V137	CCTV electric (May)	Npower	55.50	0.00	55.50
11.07.23	8	V138	Long St Car Park	Waterplus	62.85	0.00	62.85
11.07.23	9	V139	Small lottery registration	Blaby District Council	20.00	0.00	20.00
11.07.23	10	V140	Planning consultants	Aitchison Rafferty	1,056.00	211.20	1,267.20
11.07.23	11	V141	Event Music	Crazydisco Entertain	80.00	0.00	80.00
11.07.23	12	V142	Pest control - Hall	Central Pest Control	50.00	0.00	50.00
11.07.23	13	V143	Playground training	LRALC	60.00	0.00	60.00
11.07.23	14	V144-V146	Expenses	Steve Windram	81.23	18.23	99.46
11.07.23	15	V147-V152	Expenses	Simon Dewar	209.21	43.61	252.82
11.07.23	16	V153	New hallway flooring	Keardean Flooring	2,030.00	0.00	2,030.00
11.07.23	17	V154	Long St Car Park	Waterplus	44.16	0.00	44.16
11.07.23	18	V155	Councillor Training	LRALC	100.00	0.00	100.00

01.7.23	DD	DD108	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
01.7.23	DD	DD109	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
01.7.23	DD	DD110	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
10.06.23	DD	DD111	Village Hall Water (June)	Everflow	48.72	0.00	48.72
27.6.23	DD	DD112	Village Hall Electric	British Gas	55.59	5.84	67.03
17.07.23	DD	DD113	Dog & Litter Bin cleansing	Blaby District Council	2,527.26	505.45	3,032.71
30.06.23	DD	DD114	Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	42.90	0.00	42.90
31.07.23	DD	DD115	Loan repayment	PWLB	1,112.73	0.00	112.73
17.7.23	DD	DD116	Village Hall Gas	British Gas Lite	13.79	0.69	14.48
18.7.23	DD	DD117	Village Hall Water (July)	Everflow	30.78	0.00	30.78
15.7.23	DD	DD118	Election Charges	Blaby District Council	2,957.69	0.00	2,957.69
							13,390.31

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED: The bank reconciliation with associated paperwork was signed and dated by the Vice-Chair and Clerk.

RESOLVED: The bank signatory form for Councillor Stubbs was signed and authorized.

23-111 Clerks Report

The clerk advised that the average age of a councillor in England is 61 years, there are 10,000 parishes and 100,000 councillors.

The clerk advised poppy seeds to be planted along the church wall for next year.

Members agreed to fly the armed forces flag, next date is Sat 18th May 2024.

Orbit Housing have confirmed that the garage repairs will be taking a further 6-9 months and the members suggested that we ask for rent of some kind from those Orbit residents using the car park.

The position of School Crossing Patrol at Hinckley Road is being advertised and been shared.

Still no update from the Secretary of State regarding the sign off of our byelaws.

The 'All is well' mental health and vaccinator van is coming to St Michaels Car Park on 7th August at 11.30am.

Members were asked about recognizing 40 years of service by Joan at the doctors service, the clerk to organise a letter of thanks with certificate and suggestion to the surgery for a parish council award for 2024.

Next councillor training date with the LRALC is 19th September, 6-9pm – online.

23-112 To note any correspondence

Flytipping reports by the Cadbury shop and next to the recycling bins
Oak Tree care
Maintenance of footpath V51a
Graffiti reports on bus shelters
Garages for rent

23-113 To accept items for the newsletter

Hall kitchen
Dementia Café
Christmas Event
School Patrol post
PPG
Carnival

23-114 To consider the updated and new policies.

Members were sent the updated policies ahead of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to accept the updated policies and agreed the new policies for Equality & Diversity, Bullying and Harassment, Health and Safety and Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable adults.

23-115 Planning:

New applications:

23/0498/FUL – Stanton Lakes – Retention of mobile home and portacabin, relocation and retention of storage containers and siting of six holiday lodges with associated track and parking. – No objections raised.

Granted:

23/0191/FUL – Hope Estates – Change of use of office and hot food takeaway, alteration to window on front elevation, proposed flue.

23-116 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan

Consultation on the Submission version of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Review has commenced and will end on Friday 28 July, we will await what submissions have been made once the consultation period has concluded and details of the 3 examiners were shared with members.

23-117 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Registration response agreed and completed by Jonathon Weekes.

Cllr Stubbs and Cllr Cousin will be attending, on behalf of the PC/BDC, a meeting on Thursday 13th July 3-4pm with MP's Alberto Costa and Luke Evans and the Planning Inspectorate to discuss the Development Consent Order and the planning application and process for the HNRFI, only one member is allowed on behalf of PC & BDC.

Fosse Village (Shaping Our Future) Meeting was held 21/6/23 attended by all parishes in the Fosse Villages - minutes sent to members ahead of this meeting. This forum has now taken over from the FVNP group.

23-118 To update on plans for land west of the village

No update received

23-119 To update on other large planning developments

No new developments noted.

23-120

To receive reports

Allotments – The clerk completed an allotment walk and 4 plots needed further cultivation and these tenants have been emailed for updates. One tenant intends to return their plot in due course.

WMPFC – **RESOLVED:** Members agreed to remove Cllr M Eaves as a SSWMPFA representative for the PC as he is a community elected member already. Cllr P Martin will remain the PC representative and therefore this amends minute item, 23-040.

Stoney Stanton Library – They raised £200 in book sales and £60 from the fayre along with a donation from the yarn bomb group.

Youth Club – No update.

Residents Association – No update.

Dementia Cafe –The attendance has improved.

Patient Participation Group – Cllr Martin updated members on issues with poor parking at school times. There is a meeting to be arranged for those who expressed an interest in joining the PPG.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to pay £100 to help the PPG start fund.

23-121

Chairman’s Time.

Items were noted.

An issue has arisen at the arboretum where residents of Johnson Rise have unauthorised gated access to the area and have been seen dumping green waste, this must be treated as flytipping and members requested a letter be sent to the residents backing onto the arboretum.

23-122

CLOSED SESSION – To discuss the clerks working hours.

In accordance with LGA 1972.s. 100 and Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960

Members discussed the number of clerks working hours.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to increase the clerks working hours by 3 hours to 30 hours per week and noted the salary increment within LC2. Council members wish to ensure the clerk is happy, has sufficient hours to complete her tasks. LRALC have given some guidance documents to assist, Cllr Stubbs suggested a further closed session is considered.

23-123

Date of next meeting: The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm due to summer recess.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____