

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Parish Councillors:

Mr L Cousin (Chair)
Mrs S Astill
Mr F Gent
Mr P Martin
Mr S Bateman
Mrs S Eaves
Mr M Eaves
Mr J Masters
Mrs J Lundean
Mrs R Bateman

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Two

Public in attendance: None

23-124 Apologies

RESOLVED: Members accepted apologies from Cllr Chris Stubbs who is unwell.

23-125 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts
Cllr F Gent: Large planning developments
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC/HBBC Integrated Network Team
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC
Cllr S Eaves: Library
Cllr J Lundean: The Bluebell Inn

23-126 Dispensations

RESOLVED: Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

23-127 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12th July 2023 were agreed and signed. Council agreed to summer recess so did not meet in August.

23-128 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Maggie Wright sent a report ahead of the meeting and it was noted:
Bosworth Battlefield ratings
Community Orchard – free tree packs from LCC
Grants for unpaid carers and the family hub network
Green Living grants for energy bills
Climate change update

Cllr Wright also thanks members for the support towards the PPG and they have been pledge funds from other councils and £500 from BDC.

Cllr Neil Wright and Cllr Luke Cousin for district council sent a joint report ahead of the meeting which members noted. Cllr Cousin gave a short update on the HNRFI preliminary hearing from earlier that day.

23-129 Public Participation

No public in attendance.

23-130 To report on the village hall

Roof

Bonsers team completed the roof investigation and did relevant repairs and it is confirmed that this has solved any remaining issue. The clerk suggested budgeting a bi-annual roof survey.

Kitchen

The kitchen was completed in early August, all snagging issues are solved. Funding payment received from DET/Tarmac and plaque is displayed. A wonderful and practical addition to the village hall.

Toilets

Cllr Stubbs has replaced the cistern on the urinals and looked at the water flow which needs further attention. His proposal is to run a new 22mm main from the water meter incoming supply and then into the disabled toilet. This way it is a closed system and 22mm will be enough to refill the toilets in a much quicker time.

The clerk to liaise with Cllr Stubbs to prepare a RFQ (request for quote).

RESOLVED: Members agreed £500 for the upgrade to the water supply to the toilets.

Chair cleaning

Members were given two quotes for consideration of the cleaning of the 100 upholstered chairs.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £461 for Zenith Contract Services to clean the 100 chairs.

Village Hall Garden

The yarn bomb group have requested to use the hall garden to display remembrance poppies with the soldiers names. Members were happy for the group to proceed.

23-131 To consider plans for the Christmas event

Date

Saturday 2nd December 2023, lights on at 6pm.

Enderby Band have confirmed that they will be in attendance for a 30 minute concert. Living Rock Community Choir will be singing, the DJ will be set up to play music and to assist the choir/countdown, members were asked to start thinking about the raffle prizes and Santa has been asked to attend from Hinckley Fire Station Rudolph.

The 12m flagpole Christmas tree display has arrived from Sweden and a meeting to be organized with Paul Clarke regarding electric supply to this and the wrapping lights which were removed from the crossroads which will be reinstated on the trees in the hall garden.

Tarmac

Following Tarmac's H&S tree survey, the lights on the trees at the crossroads were removed on 17th August due to the trees being dead, diseased or dangerous and will be removed.

The Star

No update available

23-132

To update on land management items

Recycling Bins at St Michaels Car Park

Members were given prices for the return of the recycling bins at St Michaels. After discussion, the high costs and previous flytipping issues they decided against reinstating any bins.

Tree Surveys

The bi-annual tree survey was completed at the beginning of August. The survey only shows we have 2 urgent removals to deal with, one on the green by the reading rooms and one on the roadside at the top of our woodland. Due to this one being on a roadside and the size of the large ash it will require traffic management.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £550 for the felling of the trees by David Lloyd and £500 towards traffic management.

Sett stones

The sett stones to be laid either side of the two benches on the green, still awaiting installation date.

Cemetery

We have received a request to donate a bench to be located by the large ashes section in the Cemetery – members agreed to the request and the clerk to liaise with the donor.

BDC have requested we send a formal expression of interest setting out our intentions in taking over the grass cutting of the closed side of the cemetery, the clerk to organise.

Abbott Drive bridge repairs

Members were given prices for the bridge repairs to remove joists and decking, replace with 4 x 4 lintels to act as joists with 2 inch treated timber fixed to the top with non-slip grip decking.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £1600 plus VAT with Future Contractors.

Dog bin collection

Collection times have changed to Monday and Thursday.

Repair to knee Rail – Abbott Drive

A repair to the knee rail fencing on an area on Abbott Drive has been completed.

Bin replacement – Farndon Drive

Members were given the prices from BDC for a new replacement bin at Farndon Drive.

RESOLVED: Members agreed £248.54 plus VAT for BDC to supply and fit the new bin.

Arboretum

Members were given details of issues experienced recently at the Arboretum at Carey Hill Park with regards to fly-tipping and gated access.

The clerk updated members that the PC is responsible for the boundary to the rear of the properties on Johnson Rise and she has written to the 2 properties that have gated access to the parish land requesting removal of those gates.

The clerk also updated on the flytipping issue of green waste from the Orbit owned Greencroft site via a gated access, the Greencroft boundary is maintained by Orbit not the PC.

Following legal guidance members were asked, how they wish to proceed.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that the PC allows Orbit/Greencroft access via a pedestrian gate under a written permission on the strict understanding that no waste is flytipped on our land.

Members agreed that the properties on Johnson Rise have been written too several times in the past about the removal of the gates onto the parish land and as they have no statutory right of access and the subsequent liability to the council of unauthorized access. A letter instructing the household that as the boundary is the PC's responsibility and they will be closing off the access by replacing the gates with new panels and hope to work with the residents to ensure this is done correctly and safely.

Outdoor Gym

A new sign has been installed amending the user height restrictions to 1.4m.

Orchard

Unfortunately due to weather conditions last year some of the new trees have not survived. The clerk has applied for the LCC forestry team free tree packs so hopefully they can be replaced free of charge.

It was also mentioned about fitting a tow bar to the parish van to assist with the watering etc. The item was deferred to get cheaper options, the clerk to source details,

Allotments

The allotment tenants had a clear up day and the skip was filled. Two new tenants are currently in process.

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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 retrospectively in August by Chairman and Cllr S Bateman and completed in September by Cllr S Eaves and Cllr P Martin)

AUGUST 2023

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
8.8.23	1	V171	Mobile	Three	14.71	2.94	17.65
8.8.23	2	V172	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
8.8.23	3	V173-182	Expenses	Roz Ward	213.10	29.17	242.27
8.8.23	4	V183	Kitchen	Portree Kitchens	8,649.67	1729.93	10,379.60
8.8.23	5	V184	New gym sign	Nuneaton Signs	89.00	17.80	106.80
8.8.23	6	V185	Allotment Water	Waterplus	63.04	0.00	63.04
8.8.23	7	V186	Spraying Carey Hill etc	JMG Amenity	2,425.00	485.00	2,910.00
8.8.23	8	V187	Youth Club payments	Young Leicestershire	1,928.01	0.00	1,928.01
8.8.23	9	V188	CCTV St Michaels (June)	Npower	52.63	2.63	55.26
8.8.23	10	V189	Van parking	Library	75.00	0.00	75.00
8.8.23	11	V190	PAYE/NI (July)	HMRC	625.18	0.00	625.18
8.8.23	12	V191	Hall cleaning	Zenith Contracts	523.93	104.78	628.71
8.8.23	13	V192	Tree maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	210.00	0.00	210.00

8.8.23	14	V193	PAYE/NI (August)	HMRC	572.29	0.00	572.29
8.8.23	15	V194	CCTV St Michaels (Jul)	Npower	53.84	2.69	56.53
8.8.23	16	V195	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	202.90	3.00	205.90
2.8.23	online	IT	Flagpole Christmas lights	Montejaur.AB	582.00	0.00	582.00
1.8.23	DD	DD119	St Michaels Car - NDR	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.8.23	DD	DD120	Long St Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
12.8.23	DD	DD121	PWLB Loan payment	PWLB	1,629.61	0.00	1,629.61
31.8.23	DD	DD122	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
27.7.23	DD	DD123	Village Hall Electric	British Gas Lite	50.07	2.50	52.57
31.7.23	DD	DD124	Bathroom Supplies	Initial	69.12	13.82	82.94
15.8.23	DD	DD125	Bin Rental (Qtr)	Blaby District Council	535.96	0.00	535.96
17.8.23	DD	DD126	Village Hall Gas	British Gas Lite	18.27	0.91	19.18
18.8.23	DD	DD127	Village Hall Water	Everflow	28.74	0.00	28.74
							22,548.30

SEPTEMBER 2023

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
12.9.23	1	V209	Mobile (Jul & Aug)	Three	31.90	7.14	39.31
12.9.23	2	V210	Grounds Maintenance	Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
12.9.23	3	V211-V221	Expenses	Roz Ward	387.79	33.19	420.98
12.9.23	4	V222	Boiler Service	Gascare Ltd	165.00	33.00	198.00
12.9.23	5	V223	CCTV repair	Wilson Alarms	95.00	19.00	114.00
12.9.23	6	V224	Hoist	Smart Platforms	550.00	110.00	660.00
12.9.23	7	V225	Tree Condition Survey	Crown Consultants	3,500.00	700.00	4,200.00
12.9.23	8	V226-V228	Toilet Repair Expenses	Chris Stubbs	205.40	41.08	246.48
12.9.23	9	V229	Knee Rail repair	Future Contractors	200.00	40.00	240.00
12.9.23	10	V230	Window clean in/out (VH)	Vision Technicians	90.00	0.00	90.00
12.9.23	11	V231	Allotment Skip	Future Contractors	165.83	33.17	199.00
12.9.23	12	V232	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	31.85	0.00	31.85
12.9.23	13	V233	Fire Extinguisher Service	Thompsons Fire	130.00	0.00	130.00
12.9.23	14	V234	Tree Maintenance	Lloyds Pitchcare	655.00	0.00	655.00
12.9.23	15	V235	Payroll liability	Carter & Co	70.00	14.00	84.00
12.9.23	16	V236	PAYE/NI	HMRC	959.62	0.00	959.62
12.9.23	17	V237	Roof repairs	Bonsers	588.00	117.60	705.60
12.9.23	18	V238-V242	Groundsmen expenses	Simon Dewar	128.40	25.69	154.09
01.09.23	DD	DD127	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
01.09.23	DD	DD128	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
01.09.23	DD	DD129	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
01.09.23	DD	DD130	Village Hall Electric	British Gas Lite	59.68	2.98	62.66
01.09.23	DD	DD131	Village Hall Water	Everflow	28.74	0.00	28.74
30.09.23	DD	DD132	Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	41.85	0.00	41.85
							10,802.24

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

23-134 To consider the grant application

Members were given a grant application from Fosse Villages Animal Food Bank for £568.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to award £250 and cheque 300058 was signed.

23-135 To continue with the direct debits

PWLB Loan (finishes Jul 2026) 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

23-136

Clerks Report

The clerk advised that the end of year external auditor reports is due by the end of the month, she confirmed we had been assigned new auditors this year – Moore Ltd from PFK Littlejohn Ltd. She will update when the completion of audit form arrives.

Orbit have advised that the work to the Hall Court garages has not started and is still at quote stage and will be another 9-12 months. Members felt they have had 6 months grace to park in our car park but Orbit should consider paying us for allowing their tenants to use up our car parking spaces.

School crossing patrol is still be advertised for Hinckley Road

Annual small lottery license in place for the Christmas raffle and members were asked for raffle prizes.

Evergreens group have advised they will cease at Christmas.

The operation manager at Living Rock is now Pete Sivers who has replaced Annie Pemberton.

Drug dealing has been reported to the police at Stoney Cove car park/entrance.

The business sign requested on the green has been refused by BDC.

The next precept payment date is 23rd September 2023

23-137

To note any correspondence

Flytipping at the Swale & Arboretum
 Drains (several in the centre of the village_
 Tree complaints (Abbott Drive/The Green)
 HNRFI complaint referred to Tritax
 Drug dealing reported the police
 Vehicle theft and accidents
 Byelaws change and update
 Request for name addition to the war memorial

23-138 To accept items for the newsletter

Removal of Christmas lights at the Crossroads
Christmas 2023 event
Remembrance Day event
Meet the councillors
Flytipping & Being Neighbourly
HNRFI update

23-139 To retain the criteria for the general power of competence

RESOLVED: Stoney Stanton Parish Council resolves from 12th September 2023 that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence”.

23-140 To adopt a vexatious complaints policy

Members were given a draft copy of the policy for consideration.

Amendments to be made and deferred.

23-141 Planning:

New applications:

23/0465/HH - 42 Sapcote Road, Stoney Stanton – Dropped Kerb – No objections

23/0646/FUL – Sutton Elms Filling Station – Revised scheme to retain the existing domestic forecourt including underground fuel tanks and pump islands – No objections.

23/0482/HH – 21 John Bold Avenue, Stoney Stanton – Two Storey side extension – No objections

Granted:

23/0213/HH – 48 Sapcote Road, Stoney Stanton – Formation of vehicle access.

23-142 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 – awaiting further update.

23-143 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

The Planning Inspectorate started the examination of the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange scheme today, both chair and clerk attended online.

The traffic counters have been installed on all the exit roads in the village until the end of October.

The Fosse Village shaping the future have funds available and are planning to use drones to record junctions in the Fosse Village area as evidence against the HNRFI, included are the roundabouts at Hinckley Road, New Road and the Mill on the Soar junctions.

To assist with the submission responses to the HNRFI, we have received quotes for Highways consultants to assist with a review of the transport assessment.

Members were given quotes ahead of the meeting from:
Edwards & Edwards £3360.00
Bancroft Ltd £3500- £5000 (£165 per hour based on 2/3 days work)
M-EC - £1250.00

RESOLVED: Members agreed to hire M-EC to prepare a highways report to assist with the submissions to the HNRFI at the price of £1250.

RESOLVED: Members suspended standing orders and discussed the professional fees budget and agreed to increase it by an additional £5000.

23-144 To update on plans for land west of the village

A meeting is arranged with Barwood Ltd, LCC and Mather Jamie for Tuesday 3rd October at 5pm to discuss the strategic development area.

23-145 To update on other large planning developments

It is noted that Cora Homes have done a leaflet drop in the village to advise about the possibility of 40 homes being built off Huncote Road. Nothing formal has been received.

23-146 To receive reports

Allotments – The clear up day was successful and two new tenants are due in the next couple of weeks.

WMPFC – The members were sad to hear Bill Kittle is unwell and sent their best wishes and Cllr Eaves confirmed he has taken on some additional work.

Stoney Stanton Library – A book sale and the scarecrow festival should bring in funds.

Youth Club – No update.

Residents Association – No update

Dementia Cafe –The Manorfield Childrens Choir have been invited to sing to the group members.

Patient Participation Group – Cllr Wright gave an update at the beginning of the meeting.

23-147 Chairman's Time.

Items were noted.

23-148 Date of next meeting: The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____