

# STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Parish Councillors:**

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

**Clerk:** Miss R Ward

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** None

**23-153 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr Jade Lundean and Cllr Philip Martin.

**23-154 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts  
Cllr F Gent: Large planning developments  
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC  
Cllr S Eaves: Library

**23-155 Dispensations**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

**23-156 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and the extraordinary meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 were agreed and signed.

**23-157 Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Maggie Wright sent a report ahead of the meeting and items were noted.  
LCC budget shows a 9m overspend this year as children's and adult social care have rocketed.  
'School Streets' project has been put in place both at 2 schools in Anstey and Coalville which close road access to cars during specific times.  
Ash die back and Forestry team updates  
Boost in funding for electric vehicle charge points  
New initiative to encourage mental health friendly places  
Applications for school admissions are open

Cllr Wright updated on the PPG from the Old School Surgery, she advised the clinic for flu and covid jabs had been successful, they had good feedback from the surveys, she continues discussion with the surgery regarding their statutory requirement for supporting the PPG. She

is speaking with Highways regarding options for lines or disabled bay on the road outside the surgery.

District Councillors Neil Wright and Luke Cousin sent their shared report ahead of the meeting and members noted the content.

**23-158 Public Participation**

No public were in attendance

**23-159 To report on the village hall**

Toilets

The proposal is ongoing 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.

Chair cleaning

The 100 hall chairs are to be cleaned on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 2-5pm.

Cleaner – Probation

Wesley Herbert has successfully passed his 3 month probation and is now in permanent employment following a meeting with the clerk.

Solar Panels

The clerk has contacted Tarmac to consider tree removal at the rear of the hall so solar panels could be purchased.

**23-160 To consider plans for the Christmas event**

The clerk discussed event items with the members.

Thank you to the co-op for £200 gift for chocolate items within the food parcels  
Members agreed not to do a raffle this year as it was not very successful last year.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £1700 for lights maintenance, event and associated costs.

The Star

Cllr Stubbs asked the clerk to contact our parish insurers to cover the cost of the public liability for the Star to be installed onto the church. He confirmed it is ready and |Bonsers have agreed to take responsibility for the install. The clerk to advise.

**23-161 To note the plans for Remembrance Sunday**

The clerk discussed plans with members.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £450 for the flowers to decorate the war memorial vases, trumpeter to play the Last Post and Revielle and the printing of the order of service.

**23-162 To update on land management items**

Weedkilling course

The groundsman, Simon Dewar, requested to do the weedkilling spray course.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £401.50 for training and knapsack – with a 12 months training agreement in place.

### Land Sale

Council received a land purchase request for part of Disney Close open space, the clerk advised that the council are bound by the following covenant so therefore are unable to consider the sale of any of the land.

*The Council covenants to hold and maintain the Property as public open space and for no other purpose”.*

### Sett stones around the benches

Still awaiting installation

### Cemetery - Burial Fees complaint

The clerk advised that a complaint regarding the double burial fees for non-residents had been received and updated members of the details, the deceased had lived outside of the parish since 2012 following 35 years within the village, they were given price comparison, the waiver of the exclusive rights and confirmed there is a 2 year grace period for residents who leave the parish.

Members discussed and all agreed that the double fee remains, the clerk will advise the complainant.

### Cemetery - Bench donation

The donor confirmed she will pay £436 for the bench, £90 for the delivery.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to pay for the £200 installation costs with slabs and boltdowns.

### Closed cemetery grass cutting – expression of interest

Blaby District Council’s legal department have granted the parish rights to take over the grass cutting on the closed side of the cemetery from the start of the 2024 mowing season.

The parish will only be taking over the grass cutting, the district council will continue to undertake all other responsibility ie memorial inspections, paths, fences, hedges, trees etc.

It is understood that the district council will not offer any financial support and the parish will cover these costs from the precept.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to take over the grass cutting and will budget upto an additional £3500 for a weekly boxed mow on this site.

### Abbott Drive bridge repairs

The bridge repairs to remove joists and decking, replace with lintels to act as joists with 2 inch treated timber fixed to the top with non-slip grip decking were completed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

## Arboretum

The clerk updated members that letters had been sent to the 2 properties on Johnson Rise with gated access and further correspondence is ongoing, she advised the residents are unhappy with the decision of the council and the clerk is trying to work with them to arrange gate removal.

Following correspondence with Orbit/Greencroft we await a response.

## Tow Bar

Members were asked about the addition of the tow bar to the parish van and were given 3 quotes.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to pay £390 inc VAT to JIB Towbars, the clerk to organise.

## 23-163

### 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 Sarah Eaves and Cllr Simon Bateman.

10.10.23	1	V256	Mobile (Sept & Oct)	Three	31.98	7.99	39.97
10.10.23	2	V257	Grounds Maintenance	Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
10.10.23	3	V258-V268	Expenses	Roz Ward	227.18	36.12	263.30
10.10.23	4	V269	Arboretum signs	Nuneaton Signs	140.00	28.00	168.00
10.10.23	5	V270	Fire Alarm Service	Daemon Fire	463.97	92.79	556.76
10.10.23	6	V271	Fire Alarm Batteries	Daemon Fire	52.94	10.58	63.52
10.10.23	7	V272	Venue4hire subscrip	Venues4hire	30.00	0.00	30.00
10.10.23	8	V273	Allotment water	Waterplus	31.85	0.00	31.85
10.10.23	9	V274	Chairmans training	LRALC	50.00	0.00	50.00
10.10.23	10	V275	Removal of heap	R Jones & son	200.00	40.00	240.00
10.10.23	11	V276	PPL Music Licence	PPL PRS Ltd	343.32	68.66	411.98
10.10.23	12	V277	Wreaths RBL	Roz Ward	83.29	16.66	99.95
10.10.23	13	V278	McAfee Security	Roz Ward	109.99	0.00	109.99
10.10.23	14	V279	Door entry maintenance	Geek-Tech	438.00	87.60	525.60
10.10.23	15	V280	Planning consultant	Aitchison Rafferty	2,940.00	588.00	3,528.00
10.10.23	16	V281	Stationery	Staples	152.45	30.50	182.95
10.10.23	17	V282	Transport assessment	M-EC	1,250.00	250.00	1,500.00
10.10.23	18	V283	Bridge repairs	Future Contractors	1,450.00	290.00	1,740.00
10.10.23	19	V284	CCTV Electricity	Npower	53.74	2.69	56.43
10.10.23	20	V285	Long Street Water	Waterplus	3.75	0.00	3.75
10.10.23	21	V286	PAYE/NI	HMRC	672.80	0.00	672.80
2.10.23	DD	DD133	St Michaels Car - NDR	Blaby Dis Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
2.10.23	DD	DD134	Long Street Car - NDR	Blaby Dis Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
2.10.23	DD	DD135	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
18.9.23	DD	DD135	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	31.59	1.57	32.96
18.9.23	DD	DD136	Village Hall Water	Everflow	33.58	0.00	33.58
26.9.23	DD	DD137	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	62.66	6.74	78.81
29.9.23	DD	DD138	Cheque charges	Unity Trust Bank	1.20	0.00	1.20
29.9.23	DD	DD139	Bank Handling charges	Unity Trust Bank	41.85	0.00	41.85
15.10.23	DD	DD140	New bin Farndon Drive	Blaby Dis Council	248.54	49.71	298.25
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(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

**23-164 To note the mid-year budget**

Members noted the mid year financial position and raised no concerns

**23-165 To comment on the scrutiny work programme**

Members raised no comments.

**23-166 To note the external audit report**

Members noted the external audit report and the conclusion of audit has been published. The clerk has raised concerns regarding the auditors and awaits an update.

**23-167 Clerks Report**

The remembrance plaque needs a repair, the clerk has contacted BBC repair shop and Bonsers to see if they are able to help.

New public health drop to start at the library on the last Tuesday of the month to help with benefits, carer support, cost of living, community engagement, housing, loneliness and more.

The clerk has put in a request for the ANPR/Speed van to come to the village.

The byelaws have been accepted by the Secretary of State and we await further details.

LRC have asked to use the flag garden at the hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the clerk to check with hall user but council see no problem with this.

**23-168 To note any correspondence**

Complaints about post office tenants burning items – enforcement are dealing with it.

Complaints regarding Hinckley Road parking – police advised

Complaint regarding van obstruction on Middleton Close – police advised

Repair to road hump – LCC completed

**23-169 To accept items for the newsletter**

Christmas Events Diary  
HNRFI & planning updates  
Remembrance  
Hall advert  
Councillor details (Vice-Chair)

**23-170 To consider the PLR (Police liaison Representative)**

Members considered this and the clerk advised she would attend the first meeting to get an idea of what is required.

**23-171 To continue with the standing orders and financial regulations**

Members agreed to continue with the SSPC standing orders and financial regulations.

**23-172 To adopt a vexatious complaints policy**

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

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the vexatious complaints policy 2023

**23-173 To note the 2024 council meeting dates**

Members agreed to continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month and the additional Annual Parish Meeting in May.

- 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (APCM & FC)
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024 (APM and awards)
- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the dates but will take a summer recess meaning there will be no meeting in August 2024.

**23-174 Planning:**

**Street Trading Licence**

Members had no issues or objections for the renewal of the licence for Stoney Ground Coffee.

**New applications:**

23/0740/FUL – Highfields Farm Enterprise, Huncote Road, Stoney Stanton.  
Proposed development comprising of the erection of 4 buildings (7687 sqm) and house 8 industrial/warehouse units (Class B2 and B8) with associated access, parking and landscaping.  
B2 – general industrial  
B8 – storage and distribution

Due to size and nature of the planning, an extension has been sort for council to make sufficient consultee comments on this application.

**Granted:**

No applications were granted.

**23-175 To consider delegated powers for the planning committee**

The Local Government Act 1972, gives a parish council power to delegate decisions to a committee or the clerk, being the councils proper officer.

Decisions may be made, including authorisation of expenditure, by committees of the council, provided these decisions fall within the standing orders and budget levels.

Urgent decisions required between scheduled meetings of the council can be delegated to the committee or clerk and be recorded in the minutes of the next full council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to give delegated powers to the Planning Committee via the clerk as and when required. All committee meetings are open to all council members.

Cllr Gent – Abstained.

**23-176 To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan**

Comments were returned to the examiner on 28<sup>th</sup> September relating to the fact that - The arboretum cannot be held as a separate entity as it is an open wooded area within the boundary of Carey Hill Park so therefore, should be included with the LGS of Carey Hill Park. One of the requirements of the LGS is it should be an area of tranquillity and calm which the arboretum is, where trees are dedicated to loved ones and has seating where people sit and reflect so this fits the requirements entirety.

**23-177 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

The council met with Jonathon Weekes (Aitchison Rafferty) and Tim Rose (M-EC) to finalise the written representation to the planning inspectorate in regards to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange.

The final document is included in the minutes dated 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023.

**23-178 To update on plans for land west of the village**

Some members met with Barwood Ltd, LCC and Mather Jamie on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 to discuss the strategic development area for the land to the west of the village.

Moving forward all members should attend these meetings.

**23-179 To update on other large planning developments**

There is a meeting with Cora Homes to discuss the possibility of 40 homes being built off Huncote Road due to take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the hall.

**23-180 To receive reports**

Allotments – Repair to lower allotment fence to be completed

WMPFC – No update

Stoney Stanton Library – £200 was made during the scarecrow festival and the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November, the library will be closed for a new heating system to be installed.

Youth Club – No update.

Residents Association – No further update

Dementia Cafe –The Manorfield Childrens Choir have arranged to sing for the group on 24<sup>th</sup> November and poster competition is ongoing.

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

**23-181 Chairman’s Time.**

Items were noted.

**23-182 Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

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

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