

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Parish Councillors:

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

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Two

Public in attendance: Two

23-183 Apologies

RESOLVED: Members accepted apologies from Cllr Jade Lundean, Cllr Sarah Eaves and Cllr Max Eaves and Cllr Francis Gent.

23-184 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts

23-185 Dispensations

RESOLVED: Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

23-186 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 10th October 2023 were agreed and signed.

23-187 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Maggie Wright sent a report ahead of the meeting and items were noted including updates on Remembrance Sunday, HBBC Toy appeal, waste site closure, EV charging consultation, fostering update and a household support funding.

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

[https://www.stoneystanton.org.uk/uploads/district-councillor-report-fosse-stoney-cove-november-2023-\(2\).pdf?v=1700144216](https://www.stoneystanton.org.uk/uploads/district-councillor-report-fosse-stoney-cove-november-2023-(2).pdf?v=1700144216)

Cllr Neil Wright then updated members on the HNRFI hearings. He then raised a question to the parish chair regarding a recent advert in a Liberal Democrat publication which chair confirmed was nothing related to the parish council.

Cllr Stubbs also questioned the District Councillors regarding how they voted regarding the disposal of land at South Drive (which was held in an exempt session at BDC), with a follow

up discussion, including County Councillor Maggie Wright (who is also finance portfolio holder at BDC), relating to the reasons for the disposal. Members were informed that both Cllr Maggie Wright and Cllr Neil Wright had voted in favour of the disposal, Cllr Luke Cousin (District and Parish chair) voted against.

23-188 Public Participation

Two members of the public were present and items discussed were the land disposal at South Drive and the private gated access into the arboretum.

23-189 To report on the village hall

Toilets

The update to the toilet system will be completed over the Christmas period.

Information and Help Event

The clerk is hosting an event with LCC and BDC on 5th December between 1.30-3.30pm, it is an afternoon dedicated to supporting the surrounding communities of Stoney Stanton over the coming months. The event will cover a variety of topics, including cost of living support, loneliness/isolation, support for carers, anxiety, depression, and any other subjects that individuals would like to learn more about.

A request for a regular Sunday booking.

The clerk advised a request had been received from a religious group from outside of the village wanting a regular 5 hours slot each Sunday. The costings, parking, precept and further discussion was held and members agreed that the hall is a community building for the residents of Stoney Stanton and must remain as such so they get priority on Sunday bookings which are primarily booked for children's parties.

23-190 To consider plans for the Christmas event

The clerk advised the plan for Sat 2nd December 2023 and requested volunteers help:-

4.30-5pm – Set up gazebos

5pm – DJ set up/First Aid arrive/Santa arrive

5.30pm – Living Rock Church Community Choir

6pm – Lights on & lanterns lit

6.01pm – Enderby Band with carols together

6.30pm – Refreshments at the village hall

Christmas Food Parcels

The clerk is working with Living Rock Church again to organise the Christmas food parcels, they are being packed on Sunday 10th December and will be delivered on Monday 11th December. BDC community hub, Stoney Stanton Food Bank and the Good Neighbour scheme are supplying the list of families and people in need. Co-op have donated £200 again.

Poplar Tree

As the poplar is growing so fast, the last 2 years has seen the growth split the lights requiring new sets, then needs unwrapping and rewrapping. So this year following a discussion with the contractor it was agreed we would not wrap but cable tie the lights along the tree branches, the effect will be different but hopefully will last longer than having them wrapped.

The Star

The clerk had confirmed the parish insurers have stated any damage to the exterior of the church will not be covered, as they believe that any damage would come from a faulty installation so Bousers must cover this under their own policy and we must have a copy of

their insurance and agreement to take responsibility for the installation, however Cllr Stubbs raised concerns regarding his own liability with regards to validation of the design and manufacture so for the moment the installation is on hold. Council also need to see a written permission from the church/diocese that they have given full permission for the star to be installed on their building, this means that the star is then covered under our public liability insurance.

23-191 To update on land management items

Grounds Maintenance Tender 2024-2027

The clerk and current contractor did a full site visit of all the land under the parish responsibility and she renewed the tender document along with the council staff job list which copies were sent to members ahead of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the tender document for the grounds maintenance contract for a 3 year undertaking.

Weedkilling course

The training course is organized for January 2024.

RESOLVED: Members agreed an increased price of £602 for the training course, PPE and exam.

Sett stones around the benches

Members did not agree the additional costs so the item is now deferred until next year or the previous contractor becomes available.

Cemetery - Burial fees for non-residents

The clerk asked council to consider a review of the time allowed for non-residents who have had to moved due to ill health or needing a care facility. Currently the cemetery fees have a 2 year grace period for this, but council was asked to consider extending and reviewing this.

RESOLVED:

- 1) Members agreed re-open fees for a non resident that has had to move due to ill health will remain as standard residents fees and not as a non-resident.
- 2) Members agreed that a new plot for a long term resident who has had to leave the village for a care arrangement would be charge standard fees and not as a non-resident.

Cemetery - Bench donation

The clerk confirmed the new bench has been installed at the Cemetery and all payments from the donor have been received.

BDC will be asked to repair or remove the wooden seat located on the closed side due to it being unsafe.

Arboretum – Gate Access

The clerk advised that the residents of the 3 properties with the three gates are unhappy with the request to remove them and wished to speak to council directly.

The resident who attended spoke articulately to the council with reasons for the non-removal of the gates, the length of time that they have been in situ and why it was important to his family.

RESOLVED: Council discussed the issue and decided due to the length of time that the gates have been in place, that a different approach is needed. Council agreed to ask for a legal right of access to be granted but just for the 3 residential properties with private access via gates. The clerk to contact the solicitors.

Salt bin outside Manorfield School

The clerk advised the salt bin lid is broken outside the school and reported to Highways to be replaced. Issue to be raised with the school for safety.

Severn Trent – Clint Hill Drive

The clerk confirmed video's and a complaint had been sent to Severn Trent regarding the drainage issues at the bottom of Clint Hill Drive.

Email response from STW dated 3rd November 2023

I am very sorry to inform you we will not be able to assist you with this issue, what you are experiencing is a Hydraulic Overload.

Hydraulic Overload is when there has been heavy rain that the sewers where unable to Handle so that caused the sewage to overflow. We have no control over excessive rainfall that can overwhelm the sewerage system or what is put into public sewers. This means we have no legal liability for damage caused by sewage flooding.

Treeworks

The clerk asked Council to consider pruning of the willow tree that is located over the balancing lake at the Persimmon Estate to help prevent blocking the outlets and access to the balancing lake.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to prune the willow tree up to the cost of £300 (Cllr Bateman abstained).

Allotment Lawnmower

The clerk advised that Sharnford Horticultural confirmed that the allotment lawnmower needs a new carburettor and 2 new cables in addition to the service. The cables are £26 and the carburettor is £90 (all plus VAT).

RESOLVED: Members agreed the costs of £230 inc Vat

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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 by Cllr Luke Cousin and Cllr Simon Bateman.

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
14.11.23	1	V303	Mobile (Nov)	Three	14.64	3.66	18.31
14.11.23	2	V304	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	1,361.66	0.00	1,361.66
14.11.23	3	V305-V316	Expenses	Roz Ward	268.66	24.84	293.50
14.11.23	4	V317	Newsletter	Roz Ward (Sarah Eaves)	222.88	6.00	228.88
14.11.23	5	V318	Hall chair cleaning	Zenith	461.00	92.20	553.20
14.11.23	6	V319	Planning Consultant	Aitchison Raffety	2,701.60	540.32	3,241.92
14.11.23	7	V320	Van MOT/Service	Main Street Garage	210.07	31.05	241.12
14.11.23	8	V321	Parish Online	Geosphere	130.00	26.00	156.00
14.11.23	9	V322-V323	Groundsman Expenses	Steve Windram	45.90	9.60	55.50
14.11.23	10	V324	Memorial bench	Broxap	526.00	15.20	631.20
14.11.23	11	V325	Remembrance Music	Dave Collins	150.00	0.00	150.00
14.11.23	12	V326	Van Tow Bar	Roz Ward (JIB Towbars)	325.00	65.00	390.00
14.11.23	13	V327	Bins	Espo	150.00	30.00	180.00
14.11.23	14	V328	External Audit	Moore Ltd	420.00	84.00	504.00
14.11.23	15	V329	Hall pest control (Qtr)	Central Pest Control	50.00	0.00	50.00
14.11.23	16	V330	Van insurance	Zurich	651.42	0.00	651.42
14.11.23	17	V331	Church Clock service	The Cumbria Clock Co	195.00	39.00	234.00
14.11.23	18	V332	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	29.75	0.00	29.75
14.11.23	19	V333	Memorial training	NAMM	150.00	30.00	180.00
14.11.23	20	V334	Allotment fence repair	Roz Ward (Future)	120.00	24.00	144.00
14.11.23	21	V335	Van Storage	Library	75.00	0.00	75.00
14.11.23	22	V336	Consultant fees - HNRFI	Aitchison Raffety	1,052.00	210.00	1,262.40
14.11.23	23	V337	Training	Progreen	602.49	120.50	722.99
14.11.23	24	V338	Bench install at Cemetery	Future Contractor	200.00	40.00	240.00
14.11.23	25	V339	Order of Service	Sarah Eaves	80.88	3.00	83.88
14.11.23	26	V340	PAYE/NI	HMRC	961.17	0.00	961.17
14.11.23	27	V341	Water - Long St Car Park	Waterplus	22.44	0.00	22.44
14.11.23	28	V342	Highways consultant - HNRFI	MEC	650.00	130.00	780.00
14.11.23	29	V343	CCTV electricity (Sept)	Npower	78.49	3.92	82.41
14.11.23	30	V344	Christmas lights install	David Lloyd Pitchcare	450.00	0.00	450.00
14.11.23	31	V345-348	Groundsman expenses	Steve Windram	79.08	16.07	95.15
14.11.23	32	V349	Youth Clubs fees	Young Leicestershire	1,778.01	0.00	1,778.01
14.11.23	33	V350	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	111.44	3.00	114.44
14.11.23	34	V351	Van Tax	Roz Ward (DVLA)	320.00	0.00	320.00
14.11.23	35	V352	Bark Mulch	Future Contractor	125.00	25.00	150.00
14.11.23	36	V353	Xmas Lights power leads	Festive Lighting	65.00	13.00	78.00
14.11.23	37	V354	Union Jack & lanyard	House of Flags	153.40	30.40	184.08
14.11.23	38	V355	Remembrance Flowers	Sue Astill	78.07	0.00	78.07
14.11.23	DD	DD141	St Michaels Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
14.11.23	DD	DD142	Long Street Car Park - NDR	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
14.11.23	DD	DD143	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
14.11.23	DD	DD144	Bin Rental (Qtr3)	Blaby District Council	535.95	0.00	535.95
1.11.23	DD	DD145	Litter & Dog Bin cleansing	Blaby District Council	2,527.26	505.45	3,033.36
14.11.23	DD	DD146	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	389.77	19.49	409.26
14.11.23	DD	DD147	Village Hall Water	Everflow	44.50	0.00	44.50
14.11.23	DD	DD148	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	73.04	3.65	76.69
14.11.23	DD	DD149	Bathroom supplies	Initial	61.27	12.25	73.52
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14.11.23	39		Investment interest into savings	CCLA	2,052.52		

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

23-193 Clerks Report

D Day Beacon lighting – 6th June 2024
Awaiting further update on the byelaws
Police surgery at the hall on 16th January 5-7pm
LCC have awarded us some trees for the orchard.
National pay award has been agreed and the clerk will process for the December meeting.

23-194 To note any correspondence

Clint Hill Drive – Severn Trent
Thank you to the groundmen for hedge work at Abbott Drive
Firework complaint
Parking complaint – Hinckley Road
South Drive land disposal
Gate access correspondence
Press release – traffic order (Long Street/Carey Hill Road)

23-195 To accept items for the next newsletter

HNRFI & Planning update
Hall advert
Councillor details
Christmas update
Precept/budget updates

23-196 To consider memorial safety training qualification

The clerk attended the NAMM (National Association of Memorial Masons) Safety Inspection and Assessment of Memorial refresher course and now needs to pass the final exam with City and Guilds - £325 to be lawful to do the memorial testing.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to share the costs with the clerk at her request with a 50% each of £162.50. The clerk to update when completed.

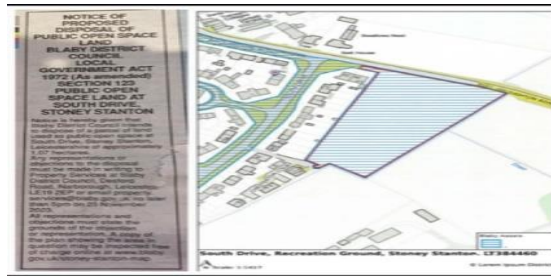
23-197 Planning:

Disposal of land on South Drive

BDC have publicised the disposal of land at the rear of South Drive in the Leicester Mercury. They have apologized to the parish council for not given any advance warning.

RESOLVED: Members discussed and agreed a letter with amendments prepared by Cllr Martin, the letter asks for their opinion on the disposal along with information. Cllr Martin along with members of the action group will deliver and canvas opinion to the nearest affected residents.

Cllr Stubbs agreed to prepare a consultee response from the parish ahead of 23rd November 2023.



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

Extension granted for the consultee comments,

The parish council consultee letter was sent to BDC on 6.11.23, link to letter below:-

<https://www.stoneystanton.org.uk/uploads/final-highfields-farm-development-sspc-response.pdf?v=1699278982>

23/0860/HH – 10 Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton

Single storey rear and side extension – NO objections

23/0886/FUL – Fortway Farm, Broughton Road

Retention of campsite, proposed 50 allocated camping pitches and new internal road, installation of 4m bund and erection of fencing, proposed childrens play area, proposed caravan storage area, retention of toilet block and reception building.

NO objections but the pathways need improvement and the drainage/sewerage systems need better infrastructure.

23/0928/HH – 2 Star Cottages, New Street

Single storey side extension and new window opening to first floor front elevation – NO objections

Granted:

23/0646/FUL – Sutton Elms Filling Station – Demolition of existing sales building and HGV forecourt (retention of domestic forecourt and underground fuel tanks) and then erection of a new sales building, HGV forecourt, provision of car parking and electric vehicle charging hub and associated works, including alterations to canopy.

23/0465/HH – 42 Sapcote Road – Vehicular access with dropped kerb

23-198

To update on the Fosse Village Neighbourhood Plan/Fosse Village Shaping our future meetings.

The fact-check examiners report of the Fosse Villages Neighbourhood Plan Review was received and comments were returned by 28th September 2023 – no further update has been received.

Fosse Villages Shaping the future meeting. £25,000 has been agreed from the funding to use for drones to produce data from the 72 junctions of concerns.

23-199 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Representation from the council and action group were at the hearings on 30th October, 31st October, 1st November and 2nd November.

The next deadline for Tritax to update all parties is Tuesday 14th November which will then be followed by the site inspections.

The two month data from the road counters have been received and Cllr Stubbs has been working with the data which has been very useful.

LCC have contacted the council to seek permission to use the data with a small reduction in the final costs.

RESOLVED: Members discussed and agreed that in this instance, the parish council will **not** release the data currently. However maybe they will consider, on occasion an adhoc release, at an agreed charge.

23-200 To update on plans for land west of the village

Turleys will be doing a 15 minute presentation at the December meeting. Members asked if they could send questions ahead of the meeting.

23-201 To update on other large planning developments

Cora Homes met with members in October, following the meeting members were sent their planning reports for consideration. Council now needs to decide who to proceed with regards another meeting.

RESOLVED: Members discussed and agreed that a regular formal meeting with Blaby Planning would be beneficial, the clerk to update.

23-202 To receive reports

Allotments – Allotment visit completed on Sat 11th November and the renewal tenancies will be issued shortly.

WMPFC – Welding repair needed on the skate park

Stoney Stanton Library – New boiler is being installed this week

Youth Club – No update.

Residents Association – Meeting held on 13th November, a list of dates and data will be put together for the next newsletter and consideration for a public meeting.

Dementia Cafe –The Manorfield Childrens Choir have arranged to sing for the group on 24th November and poster competition is completed and will be displayed, café are donating food.

Patient Participation Group – Next meeting to be arranged in January 2024.

23-203 Chairman's Time.

Items were noted.

23-204

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

The meeting closed at 21.52pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____