

# **STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm.**

**Parish Councillors:**

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

**Clerk:** Miss R Ward

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** One

**23-254 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr Phillip Martin and Cllr James Masters, Cllr Sarah Eaves and Cllr Chris Stubbs.

**23-255 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts, Liberal Democrat leader  
Cllr M Eaves: SSWMPFA/Carnival  
Cllr F Gent: Large Planning Developments  
Cllr J Lundean: The Bluebell Inn

**23-256 Dispensations**

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

**23-257 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were agreed and signed.

**23-258 Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Maggie Wright sent her report ahead of the meeting which was shared to members, it included updates on government funding for flood hit residents, rogue traders, carers support grants, good food partnership award, number confidence courses, family hub network. Cllr Maggie Wright also updated on the PPG group (Patient Participation Group) from The Old School Surgery which is taking slow progress, the onsite refurbishments are due to start and further details will be in the next newsletter.

District Councillors Neil Wright and Luke Cousin sent their report ahead of the meeting which was shared to members. Cllr Luke Cousin shared details of a meeting with BDC planning regarding a new planning application from Turleys at the land south of Broughton Road and that BDC did not support the application.

Cllr Gent addressed the members regarding complaints about the road closure in Elmesthorpe and the misinformation shared which closed the road earlier than specified, Cllr Maggie

Wright advised it was being dealt with at Highways and she would update when able to, she also advised that the speed reduction request for Station Road is ongoing following another accident.

**23-259 Public Participation**

Council was asked to consider a wildflower area at the footpath into Carey Hill Park, clerk to liaise with the resident.

**23- 260 To report on the village hall**

Hall cover in clerks absence

Simon Dewar (groundsman) will be available to cover the hall in the clerk's absence.

Toilets

The update to the water supply to the toilets is ongoing.

Dishwasher

The dishwasher has been replaced with a new one and following discussion with the supplier regarding an extension of the warranty, they advised that they do not extend warranties when goods are replaced, it will run from the original date of purchase (July 23) and the new one is working well.

Roof/Fascia/Purlin end repairs

Bonsers have been asked to price up tile repairs, investigate leak above front window and the repairs to the fascia's and purlin ends that were noted in the survey report from 2020.

Car Park Light

The sensor light over the car park has been replaced.

PTFA – Hire discount

The PTFA had requested a 4 hour hire in April and asked for a discount. Members agreed to give 1 hour free from the 4 hour hire.

Further requests will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Petrol Storage

The metal storage container has been organized, a new inventory completed and await the cabinet to be delivered and installed. The clerk to update with Cllr Stubbs.

**23-261 To consider dates for 2024 events**

Members confirmed dates for events:-

Christmas Light event – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 5.30pm

D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary beacon lighting – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.15pm

Brass on the Grass – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1-4pm

Carnival - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

23-262

**To consider repairs to the remembrance plaque**



Members were sent the quote from Calibre Metalwork for the repairs to the plaque.

The clerk advised that no further response had been received from The Repair Shop.

Members had budgeted £1000 for the repairs and the quote was £1895.

**RESOLVED:** To contact The Repair Shop again and to deliver the plaque to the contractor for the assessment mentioned in the quote to ascertain the full requirements of the repair. The clerk to update when able to and costs to be covered from the budgeted amount.

23-263

**To update on land management items**

Playing Fields Recycling bin

The clerk had received a request for a recycling bin at the playing fields and gave members associated costs. Members agreed this was not required and ‘take your rubbish home’ signs will be displayed.

Arboretum/Gated access

Orbit have signed and returned the agreement with regards to the use of the gated access from the Greencroft site to the Arboretum.

The council solicitors have confirmed they are moving forward with the documentation regarding the residents gated access and hope to be in contact soon.,

Orbit Housing – Garages

£300 costs are due from Orbit for use of council car parks.

Orbit have confirmed the halls court garages will be demolished and the extra parking places will be completed by March 2024, the relevant demolition planning application has been received for comment.

### Fencing repair by Stream – Persimmon Estate

The fence which sits along the side of the stream on the boundary with 36 Clint Hill Drive needs repairing. The clerk confirmed that there are no T markers noted on the land titles to assist with boundary responsibility however the normal practice when marking a boundary is to place the outer face of the fence along the boundary so that the posts sit on the land of the fence owner.

Members discussed the costs of £920 plus vat for the repair but felt that ownership of the fence needs to be confirmed before spending any public funds. The clerk has been asked to contact the homeowner to seek further details from their title deeds and if ownership can not be formalized then a shared cost should be considered for the repair moving forward.

The clerk to update along with price for concrete posts and fully framed panels.



### BDC Cemetery Tree works

BDC confirmed that they will be doing tree maintenance at the closed side of the cemetery on 12<sup>th</sup> March – the clerk confirmed no funerals will be booked that day.

### Orchard/Water Bowser/Grillo

The QEII community orchard has been extended by a further 20 trees from LCC and the golden orchard project with hard work from the groundsmen which have confirmed that they will need a water supply (36 litres per week needed for the trees) and have asked council to consider the purchase of a road safe bowser.

The clerk advised that the groundsmen would like to sell the grillo machine as they no longer use it to assist with funds towards the bowser. The clerk will contact Sharnford Tractors for a re-sale price (it was purchased in 2017 for £1250).

It was also mentioned that a demounted trailer and water containers may be an option and the clerk will update at next meeting.

### Metal detection request

Council received a request from a resident for a detection survey on 3 areas, green in front of St Michaels church, Carey Hill Park and the footpath to what was Top Pit.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to allow the detection with a request to report on finds and if any soil removal/digging is required to put in a request. The clerk to update the resident.

Reading Rooms – Boundary

Meeting to be agreed with regards the boundary and trees,

Severn Trent Water drainage issue – Clint Hill Drive

Two teams from STW have attended the site regarding the drainage issues experienced during heavy rain at the bottom of Clint Hill Drive. Further investigation is needed by the visiting teams to look at the blockage and central drain not being the correct size.



Spraying qualification

Simon Dewar has passed his PA1 pesticide training, PA6 exam and practical exam so is now able to do weed killing as required. He has all the necessary PPE and equipment, the herbicide spray will be stored within the metal container.

**23-264 To update on the Flooding**

Members noted the report sent from Cllr Chris Stubbs following a meeting with LCC on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, another meeting with the clerk and Cllr Stubbs is arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> February to update emergency plan and receive updates.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to purchase a pallet of 50 sand filled hession sandbags for £152 plus delivery.

**23-265 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 Simon Bateman and Cllr Max Eaves.

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
13.2.24	1	V449	Grounds Maintenance	D Lloyd Pitchcare	1,171.66	0.00	1,171.66
13.2.24	2	V450-V459	Expenses	Roz Ward	552.14	70.01	622.15
13.2.24	3	V460	Pest control at hall (Qtr)	Central Pest Control	50.00	0.00	50.00
13.2.24	4	V461	Mobile	Three	11.20	2.81	14.01
13.2.24	5	V462	Tree work road traffic signals	TM Ltd	538.00	107.60	645.60
13.2.24	6	V463	HNRFI Planning consultants	Aitchison Rafferty	1,470.00	294.00	1,764.00
13.2.24	7	V464	Floodlight repair	David Clarke Ltd	122.00	24.40	146.40
13.2.24	8	V465	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	185.82	3.00	188.82

13.2.24	9	V466	Boiler repair	Gascare Ltd	65.00	13.00	78.00
13.2.24	10	V467	Webmail subscription	Cuttlefish	460.00	92.00	552.00
13.2.24	11	V468	Youth Club payment	Young Leicestershir	1,778.01	0.00	1,778.01
13.2.24	12	V469	Van parking	SS Comm Library	75.00	0.00	75.00
13.2.24	13	V470	PAYE/NI	Carter & Co	1,036.91	0.00	1,036.91
13.2.24	14	V471	Lawnmower service	Sharnford Horticultu	226.22	45.24	271.46
13.2.24	15	V472	CCTV electric	Npower	90.39	4.52	94.91
13.2.24	16	V473	Tree work Sapcote Rd	D Lloyd Pitchcare	550.00	0.00	550.00
13.2.24	22	V478	HNRFI Highways consultant	MEC	650.00	130.00	780.00
17.2.24	DD	DD168	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
12.2.24	DD	DD169	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	921.86	46.09	967.95
18.2.24	DD	DD170	Village Hall Water	Everflow	40.77	0.00	40.77
26.2.24	DD	DD171	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	82.13	4.59	96.39
17.2.24	DD	DD172	PWLB Loan	PWLB	1,629.61	0.00	1,629.61
15.2.24	DD	DD173	BDC Business bins (Qtr)	Blaby Dist Council	535.96	0.00	535.96
5.2.24	DD	DD174	Bathroom supplies - hall	Initial	82.56	16.51	99.07
1.3.24	DD	DD175	Bin Cleansing (final)	Blaby Dis Council	2,527.91	505.45	3,033.36
							<b>16,281.44</b>

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

**23-266 ` To agree the internal auditor for 2023-2024 and to note the update from the external auditor**

The external auditor has agreed that the asset register is correct and that the AGAR is corrected so that this will not be an issue going forward.

**RESOLVED:** The internal auditor will be MS Audit & Consultancy at the cost of £285 for the 2023-2024 audit.

**23-267 To note the update on the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund withdrawal**

Members agreed to withdraw the payment of £29,241.62 from the CCLA. The chair and Vice-Chair signed the redemption form at the last meeting and since then it has come to light that there is a 6 months notice period which the clerk was not aware of as the previous withdrawal was done within 4 weeks.

The clerk has been in discussion with the CCLA about their procedures with access to funds and when was this information sent to members and how it was sent, a postal letter is not sufficient for such an important fundamental change which could have detrimental effects on the member councils.

She has asked CCLA to consider alterations to their processes such as:-

1. Consultation with member councils and NALC (National Association of Local Councils) as we have strict financial regulations. 2. Cooling off period where member councils can remove their funds if the notice period is not suitable for their finances. 3. Signed agreement from member councils to show they have discussed, agreed and minuted the notice period or other relevant changes to accessing the funds.

The clerk to update and will bring the next withdrawal forms to council in March so we get the funds in September.

Due to the notice period, the clerk confirmed that a transfer of £20,000 from the savings to cover the delay of funds from the CCLA which will then be transferred back to savings upon receipt.

**23-268 Clerks Report**

The clerk updated the members:

Staff appraisals have been completed

The clerk confirmed her holidays for 2024

Members noted the passing of Bill Kittle and that his funeral will be held at St Michaels Church on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 12.30pm.

The clerk confirmed that Colin Bason will not be moving.

LRALC training for planning is booked on 12<sup>th</sup> March and asked any members if they wish to join.

It is noted that Sarah Martin Optician will be closing her business at the end of March.

If no comments are received on the gym removal from the byelaws, we expect the process to be finalized.

Reminder for the Community Award nominations

The new police sergeant, Dominic Holmes has requested a visit, he will be invited to the March meeting.

**23-269 To note any correspondence**

Parking vehicle issues (check mot & tax)

Training options

Planning complaint – Elisha Close

Harborough – Public consultation

Networking events

PPG

Clint Hill Drive – STW issues

Flooding updates

Orchard Trees

Playing fields - bins

**23-270 To accept items for the next newsletter**

PPG

Councillor information – Cllr Eaves

HNRFI

Orchard

Village events

Flooding/Sandbags

Police update

**23-271 To update on the website and clerks webmail provider**

Cuttlefish Ltd will take over the license, hosting and support for the clerks webmail and the pc website, as they are the sister company to our previous supplier nothing will change, with a reduced rate and a free upgrade to the website.

**23-272 To review the risk assessments**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the risk assessments for finance and management, events, allotments, cemetery, village hall, council land and play area's/gym.

**23-273 Planning:**

Street Licensing – Francos

No objections received – closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Street Licensing Variation – Stoney Ground Coffee

No objections to the location of The Bluebell Inn.

**New applications**

23/0904/FUL – The Cove, Sapcote Road – Replacement of raised walkway with wider walkway including new supports and reconstruction of existing lower level of restaurant and roof deck. – No objections

24/0033/DEM – The hall court garages, land and buildings on the south side of church street. Application of demolition – No objections

24/0049/ADV – The Bluebell Inn, 20 Long Street – Display of 2x externally illuminated fascia signs, 1x externally illuminated hanging sign, 4x non illuminated signs fascia sign and 2x non illuminated wall graphics – No objections.

24/0058/HH – 11 Wright Road – Two storey side extension – No objections

**Granted:** None

**23-274 To update on the Fosse Villages plan or FVSOF meetings**

Next meeting of the Fosse Village Shaping our Future is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm at BDC.

**23-275 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

Updates from the planning and highways consultant were sent to members following the hearing on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Sketchley Grange. Deadline 5 was 9<sup>th</sup> February and the final date for submissions is 12<sup>th</sup> March and PINS have 3 months to put their report to the Secretary of State for final decision.

Chairman, Luke Cousin updated members on a meeting with the HNRFI local steering group meeting he had attended prior to this meeting. He advised that SSPC had made our representations ahead of all the necessary deadlines and had nothing further to add.



**23-276 To update on plans for land west of the village**

Turleys and the land consortium attended the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with parish members, in which council were informed of an additional planning application south of Broughton Road. Further questions and information has been requested from the developers before any further discussions can take place.

**23-277 To update on other large planning developments**

Cora Homes - we will defer until we hear from them again.

Land disposal at South Drive – await formal update.

**23-278 To receive reports**

Allotments – Nothing to update.

WMPFC – Cllr Max Eaves noted the passing of Bill Kittle and confirmed the charity is on a sound footing. The park defibrillator was used recently and the Bluebell charity night covered the cost of the new pads and it was requested that with remaining funds and with help from the parish to purchase a ‘Bleed kit’. The clerk to update.

Stoney Stanton Library – No update

Youth Club – Members were given an update from the youth club.

Action Group – The group has been responding to the HNRFI deadlines and are hoping to do a public consultations ahead of the final decision from PINS and Secretary of State.

Dementia Cafe – Next café is on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March date has moved to 22<sup>nd</sup> March and planning a sing along with Manorfield school choir.

Patient Participation Group – No further update.

**23-279 Chairman’s Time.**

Items were noted.

**23-280 Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.50pm

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

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