

# STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.**

**Parish Councillors:**

Mr L Cousin (Chair)  
Mr C Stubbs (Vice)  
Mrs S Astill  
Mr S Bateman  
Mrs R Bateman  
Mr F Gent  
Mr P Martin

**Clerk:** Miss R Ward

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** One

**23-281 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Members accepted apologies from Cllr Jade Lundean, Cllr James Masters, Cllr Sarah Eaves and Cllr Max Eaves

**23-282 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts, Liberal Democrat leader, Manorfield School.  
Cllr F Gent: Large Planning Developments

**23-283 Dispensations**

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

**23-284 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed and signed.

**23-285 Reports from County and District Councillors**

County Councillor Maggie Wright sent her report ahead of the meeting and updated members on the supercharge broadband service coming to the village and the gigahubs will be at Manorfield School and the community library. Home upgrade grant available for homes without mains gas, support for over 16's to be offered lodgings/homes, waste site updates. The flooding drop in events held across the county have been going well.

She advised that the PPG from Old School Surgery has been progressing well, with 8000 patients, they are looking at a website upgrade, the renovation works is starting soon, members were thanked for the article in the newsletter and that the surgery are holding a meet and greet at the hall on 18<sup>th</sup> April (3-5pm) with the funds held to be used for NHS system training and towards the carnival stall.

District Councillors Neil Wright and Luke Cousin sent their report ahead of the meeting which included meeting attendance, flooding session information, garden waste collection subscription and the BDC budget/council tax update.

**23-286 Public Participation**

It was requested that the district and county councillor reports be available to residents, they will be shared on the website going forward.

Cllr Stubbs was asked about progression with The Star Christmas light and updated the resident that it is ready and just needs to confirm insurance liability.

It was agreed to discuss the Christmas lights for a long term savings option at the next budget.

**23- 287 To report on the village hall**

Toilets

The update to the water supply to the toilets is ongoing, the clerk to investigate funding options.

Roof repairs

Members were given a quote from Bonsers Ltd for the tile repairs and repair to the leak above the front window at the village hall.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to pay Bonsers Ltd £945 for the repairs to the hall roof.

Martyns Law

The clerk updated members on how the new legislation is likely to affect the village hall. The hall will be classed as standard tier as it has a fire capacity of 150 people. The hirers will be responsible for actioning the necessary plans should they be needed and an evacuation and lock down plan will be written and added to the terms and conditions once the legislation is agreed.

**23-288 To consider repairs to the remembrance plaque**

The groundsman delivered the plaque to Calibre Metalwork for a free assessment and the following was updated.

The repairs required are to the top ribbon detail on the plaque, where it is missing a section, also the bottom ribbon details to the plaque, both left and right, which need bending and re-attaching, possibly needing a new section (this will be clearer once the broken end is bent back into its original position). We will also include for re-working the chain fixing points so a more substantial chain can be attached.

Price to: • Chemically clean the plaque back to clean bronze. • Our craftsmen will hand forge replica replacement pieces and insert them into the bronze, matching the existing piece as close as possible. • We will then further clean thereafter - • We will then BMA tone to a deep, even bronze finish and apply 2 coats of micro-crystalline wax protection (hot), burnishing between coats to ensure bronze work is fully protected to all areas.

Members had budgeted £1000 for the repairs and the quote was £1895 so members asked the clerk to investigate any funding streams available to assist with the costs and to report back,



**23-289 To consider costs for the Brass on the grass event**

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed costs of £900 for the Brass on the Grass event on 7th July 2024.

**23-290 To update on land management items**

ROSPA play area annual report

The clerk advised members that the bouncer at Carey Hill required a new post and the costs quoted were £1046 from Wickstead.

The clerk suggest that council uses the outstanding S106 monies of £5735 towards a new piece of equipment ie inclusive roundabout and members agreed, the clerk to report at the next meeting.

Arboretum/Gated access

The council solicitors have confirmed they have written to the residents regarding gated access and will update soon.

Orbit Housing – Garages

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

Fencing repair by Stream – Persimmon Estate

The resident has contacted the council regarding the replacement of the damaged fence next to the stream and advised that they wish to take responsibility for the fence and its replacement, which will form the boundary. They will also be replacing the fence which sits at the top of the balancing lake, directly in front of their home, this includes a small access gate for maintenance, this does not provide any permissive access - it is just for maintenance purposes.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed that they were happy for the resident to take responsibility and replacement of the fence next to 36 Clint Hill Drive.

### QEII Orchard/Water Bowser/Grillo/Library Permission

The QEII community orchard has been extended by a further 30 trees from LCC and the golden orchard project.

The trees have been offered to residents via the newsletter for £15 each which will help pay towards the water bowser needed.

The Grillo machine has been taken to Sharnford Horticulture for a re-sale value and await an update.

The library confirmed they would accept storage of the bowser.

### Severn Trent Water drainage issue – Clint Hill Drive

Further investigation is ongoing and the clerk will update when more information is available.

### Culvert at Carey Hill Park

The council are responsible for the culvert which runs across the Carey Hill land and with the current rainfall and flooding issues the clerk suggested a CCTV inspection on the pipe to ensure there are no issues.

The culvert runs 240m across from the meadow edge/path and exits in a residents garden - the records show it is 3.6ft wide with access point in the park.

The clerk gave the members quotes for the inspection.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £800 for Sewer Surveys Ltd to do the inspection of the culvert in due course.

### Allotment Gate & Fence

The Holt Close access gate needs a post repair as the gate has dropped and the fence by plot 2 needs repair to a lean.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to £350 for Future Fencing to repair the gate and to add godfathers to repair the lean on the fence.

### Wildflower Verge

Following a request from a resident regarding a wildflower verge at the path area from Sapcote Road to Carey Hill Park.

Members agreed to this and the clerk to chat with groundsmen on how to proceed.

### Bleed Kit and cabinet

The clerk advised costs for a Bleed Kit and cabinet which the playing fields committee have agreed to pay for at the cost of £425.

The council were asked if they would maintain the kit and organise installation next to the defibrillator at the Co-op in the village.

The clerk will update on any further costs and permission and update at the next meeting.

### Noticeboard repair

The public noticeboard opposite Nock Verges needs replacing due to damage and the clerk updated members of the price for replacement of the central magnetic board.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed £185 for the new board and delivery from ES Solutions, the clerk will purchase magnetic strips and the groundsmen will install.

### **23-291 To update on the Flooding**

Cllr Stubbs updated members on the current position that the damaged pipe has been located, Stressline have worked a lot on the repairs and dug/cleared the culvert area to a secondary man hole, further works to be completed by April.

Members agreed that Mr Phil Jackson will have a key to the container to access the pumps if needed, the insurance have confirmed if members agree then he must take responsibility for ensuring the container is locked securely and confirm he will use his own fuel and not that in storage.

The clerk and Cllr Stubbs had a meeting with LCC to update the emergency resilience plan and the clerk awaits details from LCC so the final draft can be agreed.

### **23-292 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 Chair Luke Cousin.

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
12.3.24	1	V485	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd			
12.3.24	2	V486-V494	Expenses	Pitchcare	1,171.66	0.00	1,171.66
12.3.24	3	V495	Mobile	Roz Ward	268.62	48.75	317.31
12.3.24	4	V496	Rospa Annual Inspections	Three	25.84	6.46	32.31
12.3.24	5	V497	Solicitor Fees	Wicksteed	396.00	79.20	475.20
12.3.24	6	V498-V500	Groundsmen Expenses	LDJ Solicitors	433.50	86.70	520.20
12.3.24	7	V501	Naturesport website	Steve Windram	45.03	3.75	48.78
12.3.24	8	V502	Long Street Car Park water	Naturespot	50.00	0.00	50.00
12.3.24	9	V503	Bookings system subs	Waterplus	28.97	0.00	28.97
12.3.24	10	V504	Christmas Lights electricity	Scribe	417.60	83.52	501.12
12.3.24	11	V505	Ceiling/window clean	Npower	133.25	6.66	139.91
12.3.24	12	V506-V511	Groundsmen Expenses	Vision Technology	140.00	0.00	140.00
12.3.24	13	V512	Email .gov domain	Simon Dewar	190.02	4.49	237.51
12.3.24	14	V513	Newsletter	Cuttlefish	100.00	20.00	120.00
12.3.24	15	V514	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	111.44	3.00	114.44
12.3.24	16	V515	PAYE/NI	HMRC	714.53	0.00	714.53
12.3.24	17	V516	Weedkilling spray	Roz Ward	131.40	26.28	157.68
5.3.24	DD	DD176	CCTV electricity	Npower	81.05	4.05	85.10
19.3.24	DD	DD177	Wifi	Vodafone	49.51	9.89	59.40
19.2.24	DD	DD178	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	899.86	44.99	944.85
29.2.24	DD	DD179	Village Hall Water	Everflow	7.23	0.00	7.23
31.3.24	DD	DD180	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	143.38	7.17	150.55
28.2.24	DD	DD181	Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	43.20	0.00	43.20
			Cheque Charges	Unity Trust Bank	3.30	0.00	3.30
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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.

**23-293 ` To adopt .gov domain & website upgrade**

The clerk advised that due to an auditing requirement, all parish councils must move to a .gov domain along with new email addresses.

The clerk advised the new supplier (Cuttlefish) for the website, the clerks email will now include all members emails.

The current renewal ends on 11<sup>th</sup> April so we need to move over ahead of this date.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the costs of £485 for the new domain and email addresses along with migration of old email costs of £250 from Namesco. Members also agreed to take advantage of the free upgrade to the website from Cuttlefish.

**23-294 To note the update on the CCLA Local Authority Property Fund withdrawal**

The clerk received an update from CCLA regarding the notice period and agreed to send out a reminder of their notice periods to member councils.

**RESOLVED:** Due to the 6 months notice period on the Local Authority Property Fund, Chair and Vice Chair signed the redemption form for year 8 fees of £ 9891.66 which we will receive in September.

**23-295 Clerks Report**

Orbit Housing have confirmed that Colin Basin will not be moved and the petition has been closed.

Mrs Vernon and Alison Jackson have written a history book which will be available from the library.

Awaiting update from solicitors regarding the byelaws.

A free portrait of King Charles III has been ordered

A request for a pram race has been discussed and further details have been sent to a resident

Following the police invite we have not received a response to join a meeting.

The library requested the use of the grassed area at St Michaels car park for a craft fayre and book sale and members agreed.

Complaints regarding poor parking on Hinckley Road where discussed with members and it was agreed to ask for police involvement, the clerk to contact the police.

**23-296 To note any correspondence**

Petition  
Church – outdoor service request

CCLA updates,  
PPG  
Grillo  
Pram race  
STW updates  
MP Parole survey  
FVNP is made

**23-297 To accept items for the next newsletter**

Councillor information  
Events  
Parking issues

**23-298 To consider staff request**

The clerk was asked by the cleaner if he was able to receive payment for his left over holiday entitlement but this is not allowed, he must take the leave or lose it.

**23-299 Planning:**

Street Trading Licence Renewal – G Ices  
No objections received – closing date of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**New applications**

24/0139/FUL | Retention of campsite. Proposed 50.no allocated camping pitches and new internal road, Installation of 4m high bund and erection of fencing. Proposed childrens play area. Proposed caravan storage area. Retention of toilet block and reception building. | Fortway Farm Broughton Road Stoney Stanton Leicester Leicestershire LE9 4JA - NO OBJECTIONS

24/0101/FUL – Proposed change of use of land to provide mixed agricultural and educational use, proposed new log cabin to provide educational and welfare facilities and proposed new stable and tack building – Fossefield Farm, Broughton Road – NO OBJECTIONS

24/0219/HH – Single Storey front extension to porch and garage, garage conversion to living accommodation and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof – 72 John Bold Avenue  
NO OBJECTIONS

**Granted:**

24/0033/DEM - Hall Court Garages (Orbit) – Granted demolition

23/0498/FUL – Stanton Lakes - Retention of mobile home and portakabin, relocation and retention of stage containers and siting of six holiday lodges with associated track and parking.

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.

**23-300 To update on the Fosse Villages plan or FVSOF meetings**

Points taken from the FVSOF meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> February:-

1. The FVNP final version is now made and agreed at BDC Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> January

2. Cat Hartley is leaving 1<sup>st</sup> April to take a job at Harborough (not planning).
3. Local plan is expected to be agreed in Autumn,
4. HNRFI – PINS report due by mid June and Secretary of State decision expected September (this may change due to the general election)
5. Drone footage to start w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March on 73 locations
6. Agreed to meet with ‘Magna Park community fund’ members to understand how our community fund could work between the villages.
7. Flooding to be added to further projects
8. Air quality briefing details to be available at next meeting.
9. Next meeting Weds 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

**23-301 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

Highways consultant updated that National Highways are still unhappy re M1 J21 as are LCC.

The examining authority has issued a Rule 17 letter requesting further information from specific parties which needs to be submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Secretary of State decision due in September but this may be delayed due to the general election.

The clerk to discover how soon the PINS decision is available to the public.

**23-302 To update on plans for land west of the village**

Following the meeting with Turleys and the land consortium on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 no further details have been received except the planning application has now been withdrawn, defer to next meeting.

**23-303 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.

**23-304 To receive reports**

Allotments – Nothing to update.

WMPFC – Bleed kit agreed and it is noted that vandalism has taken place by cutting the wire to enter the MUGA.

Stoney Stanton Library – No update

Youth Club – No update

Action Group – Submitting a summary of the HNRFI position

Dementia Cafe – Manorfield School event to be held 22<sup>nd</sup> March 10-12pm.

Patient Participation Group – No further update.

**23-305 Chairman’s Time.**

Items were noted.



23-306

**Date of next meeting:** The next Full Council meeting is due to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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

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