

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 May 2024 at 7.45pm.

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
Mrs J Lundean
Mrs S Eaves
Mr J Masters
Mr M Eaves

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: Three

Public in attendance: Eleven

24-042 Apologies

RESOLVED: No apologies received

24-043 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts, Liberal Democrat leader at BDC, Manorfield School Governor
Cllr F Gent: Large Planning Developments
Cllr S Eaves: Stoney Stanton Community Library
Cllr J Lundean: The Bluebell Inn
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC/HBBC Integrated Network Team
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC
Cllr R Bateman: SS Youth Club

24-044 Dispensations

RESOLVED: Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

24-045 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 9th April 2024 were agreed and signed.

24-046 Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Maggie Wright and District Councillors Neil Wright and Luke Cousin sent their reports ahead of the meeting which included meeting attendance,

Cllr Maggie Wright sent her report ahead of the meeting which covered property flood grants, nature recovery strategy, primary school places, Bosworth Medieval Festival, she advised that the zebra crossing is expected to have new painted lining and halo lights fitted and the PPG is going well and will be on a stall at the carnival.

Cllr Maggie Wright updated residents on the current position with highways, she has contacted the MP's office and has been trying to get the speed reduced on Station Road for 5 years.

Cllr Maggie Wright also updated in the flooding and advised that LLFA have been pushing Stressline to update on the improvements, there is a meeting with LLFA to discuss the update on the remedial works and concerns about planning applications being granted without sufficient information regarding the drainage systems.

Cllr Luke Cousin briefly spoke regarding the district councillors report which was available to the residents and on the website.

24-047 Public Participation

A number of residents from Station Road joined the meeting to raise concerns regarding the crash on Sat 4th May 2024 at 1.15am. A statement was read out by a resident and we individually asked them to speak within the time constraints.

The Chair agreed that the parish agree with the concerns raised and read out the police statement as they were unable to attend. Possible solutions were discussed ie road chicane, cameras, proactive policing, concealed entrance signage, speed signage, rumble strips, painted repeaters. It was suggested to invite Highways to the next meeting but Cllr Maggie Wright said that it would be unlikely.

Cllr Maggie Wright advised following contact with the lead member, the road does not meet the criteria set by the Department of Transport but would ask MP Alberto Costa to assist where possible.

Cllr Stubbs advised that the parish had paid for the road counters in Autumn of 2023 and the data is available for Station Road.

The clerk has spoken with LCC transport department who advised details of the Community Speedwatch system, the offer of bin stickers and the police neighbourhood link. The Community Speedwatch required 12 trained volunteers and a minimum of 20% of the residents to sign a petition like document to show the support.

Cllr Maggie Wright confirmed the next scrutiny meeting is 6th June and she would take the details forward for committee to discuss and will advise any further updates.

24-048 To report on the village hall

Toilets

The update to the water supply will be completed shortly, Cllr Stubbs has all the parts and Cllr Bateman advised he will assist with the work.

Due to a blockage in the waste system from the ladies toilets, Dyno-rod were instructed to clear the blockage and during inspection found a cracked area within the drain pipe around 2 feet from the external manhole. Members were given a quote for the repair works.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the cost of £780.00 to repair the drain by Dyno-Rod and cheque number 300059 was signed.

Roof repairs

The roof repairs were successfully completed on Thursday 18th April 2024.

Fascia repairs

The clerk advised quotes are ongoing.

Pipe work boxing

Greys Home Improvements successfully completed the pipe boxing in with sloped topped timber in the main room and they were painted to match the walls.

Village Hall Finances

Members were given details of the financial position of the village hall.

2023-2024 income was £16,628.87 but expenditure left a loss of £9735.79 after salaries, running costs and repairs

The clerk shared hourly costs of other local village halls and members advised due to the increased running costs, the hourly rate should increase.

RESOLVED: With effect from Monday 2nd September, the hourly rates will be £14 per hour for residents and regular users and £18 per hour for non residents and casual users.

24-049 To consider repairs to the remembrance plaque

The clerk advised that The Repair Shop has shown interest in the repair so it was decided to delay the repair until we have a definitive decision from them.

The clerk will ask the company ‘Calibre Metals’ to defer for 6 months and then council will review in November.

24-050 To update on land management items

Arboretum/Gated access

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

Stream clearance at the Persimmon Estate & Swale/SUDS update

The clerk advised the groundsmen removed a blockage in the stream and the LCC Estates Manager confirmed that he had contacted the farmer and further clearance will be completed along the stream and will update.

Persimmon have advised that they wish to handover a section of the underground drainage to Severn Trent Water, the clerk has requested a site visit and nothing to happen until plans have been received.

QEII Orchard/Water Bowser/Grillo

The QEII community orchard has been extended and all 47 trees now have ownership following a meeting on site on Sat 4th May 2024.

The Grillo machine was purchased for £375 from Burbage Parish Council.

The clerk advised members regarding a bowser purchase.

RESOLVED: To purchase a road worthy water bowser for £458.33 plus vat from Greenland Midlands Ltd in Desford – cheque 300060 was signed.

Bleed Kit and cabinet

The clerk advised that the bleed kit has been installed by the defibrillator on the Co-op wall in the centre of the village, instructions are on the cabinet.

Land Registry

Members were updated that there were no copyright issues with the information taken from map search and we must process a variable direct debit to be about set up access to the e-services.

RESOLVED: Members agreed and two members signed the direct debit form.

Complaint - Ball games

A resident asked the clerk to discuss her complaint regarding football being played on green open space on the Persimmon estate.

Members advised that as no damage has been reported, it will be monitored but no signage will be displayed currently.

Wildflower Verge

The clerk advised there will be a wildflower verge to be included at the Sapcote Road entrance to Carey Hill park and preparations will start this year.

Land Surveys

The clerk advised the first block of land surveys have been completed by the ecologist.

Bench – Sett Stone install

The clerk is chasing the contractor to update on when these will be installed.

Byelaws

The clerk is still chasing the solicitors for an update from government.

Orbit – demolition of garages at Halls Court

Demolition has been granted and orbit advised the builder is starting work soon, The clerk has asked for a copy of the restorative plan.

Spraying – Herbicide

The spraying of the parish lands will be completed this month in conjunction with the grass cutting.

Culvert – CCTV

The underground CCTV search of the culvert will take place in Monday 20th May 2024.

24-051

To update on the Flooding

Cllr Stubbs advised there is a zoom meeting on Thursday 16th May for an update and a site visit has been requested with BDC planning and consultee following planning application concerns.

24-052 To consider new play equipment

Members discussed the options of costs to replace the 6 legs on the bouncer which was quoted at £6269.35 which members agreed was very disappointing.

RESOLVED: To replace the single leg of the bouncer as required by the ROSPA report to the costs of £1046.48 with Wicksteed Play.

24-053 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 S Eaves, Cllr S Bateman and Chair.

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
14.5.24	3	V47	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	2,028.33	0.00	2,028.33
14.5.24	4	V48-V55	Expenses (Clerk/RFO)	Roz Ward	240.67	32.55	273.22
14.5.24	5	V56	Mobile	Three	17.50	3.50	21.00
14.5.24	6	V57	Cemetery Water	WaterPlus	11.83	0.00	11.83
14.5.24	7	V58	ICCM membership	Inst. Cemetery Manage	100.00	0.00	100.00
14.5.24	8	V59	Stationery	Staples	33.47	6.68	40.15
14.5.24	9	V60	Internal Audit	MS Audit Services	285.00	0.00	285.00
14.5.24	10	V61-V67	Expenses (Groundsman)	Simon Dewar	180.27	43.38	223.65
14.5.24	11	V68	Roof Repairs	Bonsers	661.50	132.30	793.80
14.5.24	12	V69	Hall toilet clearance	Dyno-Rod	175.00	35.00	210.00
14.5.24	13	V70	New gov emails & migration	Cuttlefish	498.04	99.61	597.65
14.5.24	14	V71	Allotment Water	WaterPlus	34.83	0.00	34.83
14.5.24	15	V72	Pipe Boxing at Hall	Gray Home Improvement	550.00	0.00	550.00
14.5.24	16	V73	Awards Trophies	Bond Street Trophies	155.00	31.00	186.00
14.5.24	17	V74	CCTV electric	Npower	80.00	4.00	84.00
14.5.24	18	V75	Confidential Shredding	Simply Shred	69.50	13.90	83.40
14.5.24	19	V76	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	111.44	3.00	114.44
1.5.24	DD	DD189	NDR - St Michaels Car Park	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.5.24	DD	DD190	NDR - Long Street Car Park	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
1.5.24	DD	DD191	Wifi	Vodafone	52.67	10.53	63.20
17.5.24	DD	DD192	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	474.13	23.71	497.84
20.5.24	DD	DD193	Village Hall Water	Everflow	37.57	0.00	37.57
27.5.24	DD	DD194	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	86.96	4.35	91.31
15.5.24	DD	DD195	Waste Rental Qtr	Blaby District Council	585.80	0.00	585.50
1.6.24	DD	DD196	Parish Insurance	Cleaar Councils	1,654.10	0.00	1,654.10
1.5.24	DD	DD197	Bathroom Supplies	Initial	191.64	38.33	229.97
							8,916.79

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

24-054 To receive the Annual Internal Auditors Report 2023-2024

The members were sent the Internal Auditors report ahead of the meeting and were very pleased that no issues were raised and thanked the clerk for her work.

24-055 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement 2023-2024

Chairman read the items listed on the Annual Governance Statement.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to all the items stated and the statement was signed in accordance with the requirements.

24-056 To agree the dates for the period of public rights

The clerk advised the dates to exercise public rights will be 10th June 2024 until 19th July 2024 and the notice will be issued as required.

24-057 To consider, approve and sign the Annual Return

Members were given details of the Annual Return and noted the figures.

RESOLVED: Members agreed the annual return and it was signed in accordance with the requirements.

24-058 To resolve to keep the General Power of competence

RESOLVED: Members agree that the Council having met the conditions eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Council (GPOC) Prescribed conditions Order 2012, will continue with the General Power of Competence

24-059 To note the parish insurance renewal

The parish insurance will renew automatically on 1st June with Clear Councils Insurance at the price of £1654.10 under the 3year undertaking.

24-060 Clerks Report

The Kings portrait is on display in the village hall.

The clerk advised she has thanked the homeowner on Clint Hill Drive for the fencing replacements.

The clerk updated members regarding the D-day 80th anniversary beacon lighting, 4 members from Enderby Band will play for 15 mins, the clerk will light the timber prepared by Cllr Eaves and Cllr Gent will lift her to light the beacon in the manitou cage.

A request for a microphone system has been received, the clerk to price up and in the mean time, meetings can be held in the lounge room.

24-061 To note any correspondence

Hall pavement parking complaint
Valuation office agency information request
Street sign replacement
Overhanging hedges on Farndon Drive & Smithy Farm Drive
Tree maintenance from Stressline
Media study film request (Carey Hill Park)

Land survey
Speeding complaints
Thank you for the QEII Orchard

24-062 To accept items for the next newsletter

Councillor information – Cllr Astill
Events
Highways/Police updates
Dementia Café
Action Group/HNRFI
Village Hall prices

24-063 To consider summer recess

Members discussed the June meeting date and summer recess.

RESOLVED: The June meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th June to allow for the HNRFI recommendations and all payments/salaries will be paid retrospectively. The summer recess will take place in July instead of August unless anything urgent is required for council decision.

24-064 To consider adoption of the Parish Charter

Members were sent a copy of the draft parish charter for consideration, the document refers to the working relationships between the councils and how they will work together in the future. Following guidance from LRALC, members agreed to sign the document.

RESOLVED: The clerk and chair to sign and send a copy to Louisa Horton at BDC.

24-065 Planning:

New applications:

24/0389/HH_– 91 Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton – Single Storey rear extension and porch to the front – No objections

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Granted:

23/0688/FUL – Sturgess Motors, Austral House, Coventry Road, Stoney Stanton – Use of site as a car bodyshop, repair and valeting building with associated offices, car parking, vehicle storage and ancillary car sales.

24/0219/HH – 72 John Bold Avenue, Stoney Stanton – Single storey front extension to porch and garage, garage conversion to living accommodation and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof.

Highfields Farm Development – 23/0740/FUL

Following a meeting at BDC regards the planning application at Highfields Farm, it was been requested to Ian Davies and Jonathon Hodge to organise a site meeting to raise concerns regarding lack of consultee responses, particularly Severn Trent Water. The clerk awaits a diary date.

23/1062/OUT - Reading Rooms regarding the trees on the boundary

Following the previous decision in December 2021 council agreed to remove the trees to lower level at the cost of £2200 and the owner to remove the stumps to allow for removal of the current fence to establish boundary.

A copy of the new plan was shared with members – the landowner confirms that this is still the plan should council agree – the new outline plan shows 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings which will overlook the open space instead of the original bungalow.

Dave Lloyd confirmed the costs for the work will remain at £2200 the trees are of no value and need to be tidied or removed anyway to allow for sufficient grass cutting maintenance to take place.

Council will require planning to ask that no works are started until there is an agreed boundary line, a licence to do works, the area will need to be fenced off for public safety, risk assessments to be completed, agreed planting scheme ahead of sign off, no access to be allowed directly onto the parish open space. The clerk to contact BDC planning.

24-066 To update on the Fosse Villages plan or FVSOF meetings

The clerk updated on items discussed at the Fosse Village Shaping our Future meeting on 8th May 2024.

24-067 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

Council awaits the recommendation which is expected 14th June 2024.

24-068 To update on plans for land west of the village

Turleys advised that the masterplan and answers to the questions raised at our meeting will be received by the end of May and then a meeting to be organised with the planning committee.

24-069 To update on other large planning developments

Cora Homes – The clerk contacted Cora Homes but nothing further to advise.

Land disposal at South Drive – await formal update.

24-070 To receive reports

Allotments – A new tenant has taken over plot 18.

WMPFC – AGM was held on 1st May and they are in a good financial position.

Stoney Stanton Library – A book sale is organised for carnival day.

Youth Club – A new youth worker is being advertised.

Action Group – Await HNRFI recommendation report due 14th June 2024

Dementia Cafe – The next event is Friday 31st May 2024.

Patient Participation Group – They will be holding a stall at the carnival

LRALC – The clerk advised some password details along with the new financial regulations and councillors guide will be brought to council on completion.

24-071 Chairman's Time.

Items were noted.

24-072 Date of next meeting: The next Council meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 21st May 2024 from 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____