

STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Stoney Stanton Parish Council which was held at the village hall on Tuesday 13th August 2024 at 7.30pm.

Parish Councillors:

Mr L Cousin (Chair)
Mr C Stubbs (Vice)
Mrs S Astill
Mr S Bateman
Mrs R Bateman
Mr P Martin
Mr M Eaves
Mrs S Eaves
Mrs J Lundean

Clerk: Miss R Ward

District & County Councillors: None

Public in attendance: None

24-106 Apologies

RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted for Cllr F Gent and Cllr J Masters

24-107 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts, Liberal Democrat leader at BDC, Manorfield School Governor
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC/HBBC Integrated Network Team
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC
Cllr R Bateman: SS Youth Club

24-108 Dispensations

RESOLVED: Cllr F Gents continued dispensation stands

24-109 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 18th July 2024 were agreed and signed.

24-110 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 Cousin updated members on the police funding and the new travel strategy and what it means for the village.

24-111 Public Participation

No public were in attendance

24-112 To report on the village hall

Toilets

The update to the water supply is on going.

Fascia repairs

The clerk sent a set of quotations for the fascia works from Fascia Division for consideration.

Due to the costs involved, the clerk will need to tender the work and needed assistance with possible contractors.

Radiator painting

The radiators are currently being painted grey to match the walls and cover the scratches.

Bonsers – Floor repairs

Bonsers have agreed to visit on Monday 19th August to review the works to the floors, in 2021 they agreed to come back to sand and reseal. It is suggested that we consider a resin seal so the floors have a longer life.



24-113 To update on the plans for the Christmas event

The clerk advised the budget for the Christmas event to cover the lights maintenance, event on the night and new canopy tent.

Members have suggested that food and drink stalls be invited this year and use St Michaels car park as the centre with payable pitches, the clerk will liaise with Manorfield School to invite the school choir.

RESOLVED: Members agreed a budget of upto £600 for a new canopy tent for events.

Cllr Stubbs updated that the Star project will not be able to continue due to him being unable to get liability cover from insurers, the fixings and installation methods are of his design and he has been unable to get fabricators to cover this work. The parish insurance also advised any damage to the exterior of the church will not be covered, as they believe that any damage would have come from a faulty installation.

24-114 To update on land management items

Cemetery

The spraying and weekly mowing have improved the full site, hedge maintenance is planned for autumn.

The fence repairs are the responsibility of the developer of the properties next to the cemetery and BDC are liaising with them to get it repaired.

A tree complaint was received from the properties to the rear of the open cemetery advising the trees were blocking sky reception and were overhanging their gardens. Our tree surgeon advised costs for a heavy prune/pollarding of those trees. Members did not agree to the works on the trees and were noted as acceptable in the last tree biannual survey, the residents will be advised to remove any branches up to the boundary that are causing an issue and will await the next tree survey in 2025.

Arboretum/Gated access

Awaiting update from solicitors regarding the gated access.

Persimmon Estate Swale/SUDS update

Severn Trent Water have requested an application to discharge under existing consents and adopt the sewers at the Persimmon estate.

The parish council are responsible for the swale, SUDS and balancing lake and therefore permission has to be granted from us.

A meeting was held with STW and the clerk advised the current position with the stream, that was at capacity in January along with the ongoing issues with the hydraulic overload, waste dispersing from their drains on our land and the local properties suffering from the foul water. The STW representatives updated about the water industry act and that it may not be possible to stop them, however, the meeting ended with a request for documentation of what is fully required and who will cover the legal costs.

Following some advice, the clerk has written to the LLFA for advice and guidance on this as the body in charge of land drainage consents to ordinary watercourses.

Wildflower Verge

The RHS soil scientist suggested the following:

The soils are not naturally well-suited to a wildflower meadow.

Byelaws

The clerk shared correspondence from the solicitors showing them chasing the government body and we await a further update. Progress has and remains poor.

QEII Orchard

Sadly we lost some of the fruit trees in the orchard which will be replaced in November, the PH of the land has been improved with some lime and the water bowser has been in regular use.

The clerk will send emails to the owners of the dead trees.

The clerk has applied for funding for the replacement trees.

Underground Culvert – CCTV

Following several visits the underground cctv team came on 2nd August and discovered there is far too much debris on the floor of the culvert. The camera truck couldn't move more than 10m from any of the points so we need too find a solution.

The summary of the works are that we need to get someone in who can remove the debris from the floor of the chamber, to allow us to see if there is further damage along the 260m length.

The clerk will liaise with the contractors to consider costs to clear the debris or alternative options to view the culvert ie zip wire, drone.



Play equipment repair

The contractor advised the repair to replace the legs on the bouncer would costs over £14k so members agreed to remove the item unless an alternative item can be source quickly and much cheaper.

General land updates

The Fleet is planned to be cleared and grass seed added to promote into a grassed area, weed removal to tidy and make the area more useable.

The lower fleet hedge works to be completed in the autumn, remove dead trees and possible replanting to fill gaps.

Swale clearance with flail will be completed mid September.

Stream clearance of silt has been completed with Future contractors.

Groundsman Mower

One of our groundsman has purchased a sit on mower and has requested that if he felt it necessary could he use it on parish land to improve areas.

The insurance has confirmed that the mower is covered under our policy as long as it is in full working order.

RESOLVED: Members agreed up to £300 for a service on the mower at Sharnford Horticultural.

Bench request at the Persimmon Estate

Additional seating has been requested along the path at the rear of the Persimmon Estate and for dog owners to sit outside of the play area.

RESOLVED: Members agreed upto £600 for a bench in keeping with the other seating and installation.

24-115 To update on the Flooding

Members were sent the update from the flooding group ahead of the meeting.

24-116 To continue with the Health & Safety Policy

RESOLVED: Members agreed to the Health and Safety Policy which will be shared with all employees.

24-117 Finance

(a) To sign and approve accounts/invoices and salaries for payment

RESOLVED: that the accounts and salaries were authorised retrospectively for payment in July and were again agreed for payments due at this meeting.

All payments having been authorised by 2 members (online bank authorization were completed by Cllr Eaves and Chair)

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
9.7.24	1	V133	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	2,028.33	0.00	2,028.33
9.7.24	2	V134-V142	Expenses (Clerk/RFO)	Roz Ward	154.06	16.93	170.99
9.7.24	3	V143	Mobile	Three	14.80	2.96	17.76
9.7.24	4	V144-V147	Expenses for Groundsman	Steve Windram	78.85	15.76	94.61
9.7.24	5	V148	Long St Car Park Surface	Waterplus	23.35	0.00	23.35
9.7.24	6	V149	Planning Consultant fees	Aitchison Rafferty	426.00	85.20	511.20
9.7.24	7	V150	Cemetery Water	Waterplus	13.32	0.00	13.32
9.7.24	8	V151	Small lottery licence	Blaby District Council	20.00	0.00	20.00
9.7.24	9	V152	Pest control	Central pest control	50.00	0.00	50.00
9.7.24	10	V153	Enderby Band	Enderby Band	550.00	0.00	550.00
9.7.24	11	V154	Lime for Orchard	Roz Ward	43.32	8.66	51.98
9.7.24	12	V155	PAYE/NI	HMRC	969.50	0.00	969.50
9.7.24	13	V156	CCTV Electricity	Npower	76.59	3.83	80.42
9.7.24	14	V157	PRS/PPL Music Licence	PRS PPL Ltd	367.50	73.50	441.00
9.7.24	15	V158	Herbicide Spraying	Languard	2,850.00	570.00	3,420.00
9.7.24	16	V159	Orchard signage	Nuneaton signs	172.00	34.40	206.40
1.7.24	DD	DD206	NDR - St Michaels Cr Park	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.7.24	DD	DD207	NDR - Long St Car Park	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
1.7.24	DD	DD208	Wifi	Vodafone	52.67	10.53	63.20
17.7.24	DD	DD209	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	33.24	1.66	34.90
18.6.24	DD	DD210	Village Hall Water	Everflow	44.50	0.00	44.50
1.7.24	DD	DD211	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	152.64	7.63	160.27
10.7.24	DD	DD212	ICO Certificate	Info Commissioners off	40.00	0.00	40.00
31.7.24	DD	DD213	PWLB Loan	PWLB	1,063.38	0.00	1,063.38
1.8.24	DD	DD214	Bin cleansing (2 of 3)	Blaby District Council	2,603.68	650.92	3,254.60
							13,429.71

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
13.8.24	1	V172	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	2,028.33	0.00	2,028.33
13.8.24	2	V173-V178	Expenses (Clerk/RFO)	Roz Ward	265.62	45.82	311.44
13.8.24	3	V179	Mobile	Three	11.61	2.90	14.52
13.8.24	4	V180	Boiler Service and certificate	GasCare	165.00	33.00	198.00
13.8.24	5	V181	Allotment Water	Waterplus	23.00	0.00	23.00
13.8.24	6	V182	Insurance	Clear Insurance	1,654.10	0.00	1,654.10
13.8.24	7	V183	Stationery	Staples	35.35	5.71	41.06
13.8.24	8	V184	Hall refund	Katie Gilbert	143.75	0.00	143.75
13.8.24	9	V185	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	155.90	3.00	155.90
13.8.24	10	V186	Youth club fees	Young Leicestershire	2,233.50	0.00	2,233.50
13.8.24	11	V187	Dementia Café Pianist	Peter Allen	100.00	0.00	100.00
13.8.24	12	V188	Event First Aid	St Johns Ambulance	114.40	22.88	137.28
13.8.24	13	V189	Stream Silt Removal	Future Contractors	750.00	150.00	900.00
13.8.24	14	V190	CCTV electricity	Npower	80.45	4.02	84.47
13.8.24	15	V191	Subscription	Venues4hire	30.00	0.00	30.00
13.8.24	16	V192	Van Storage	Library	75.00	0.00	75.00
13.8.24	17	V193	PAYE/NI	HMRC	1,045.10	0.00	1,045.10
13.8.24	18	V194-V203	Expenses (Groundsman)	Simon Dewar Community	252.94	63.21	316.15
13.8.24	19	V204	Defib pads replacements	Heartbeat	93.95	18.79	112.74
1.8.24	DD	DD215	NDR - St Michaels Cr Park	Blaby Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.8.24	DD	DD216	NDR - Long Street Car Park	Blaby Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
31.7.24	DD	DD217	Wifi	Vodafone	52.67	10.53	63.20
22.8.24	DD	DD218	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	26.71	1.34	28.05
31.7.24	DD	DD219	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	32.45	1.70	34.16
19.8.24	DD	DD220	PWLB Loan	PWLB	1,629.61	0.00	1,629.61

15.8.24	DD	DD221	Waste Bins Rental (Qtr)	Blaby District Council	585.81	0.00	585.81
18.7.24	DD	DD222	Village Hall Water	Everflow	44.50	0.00	44.50
							12,109.67

24-118 ` To continue with the direct debits

RESOLVED: Members agreed to continue with the direct debits noted.

PWLB Loan (ends 2026)	January & July
PWLB Loan (end 2046)	February & August

Blaby District Council

Waste collections (VH/Cemetery)	Quarterly
Dog & Litter bins	Quarterly
Non-domestic rates (Car Parks)	Monthly

LCC - Street Lighting costs & maintenance	Annually
British Gas Lite - VH electricity supply	Monthly
British Gas – VH gas heating	Quarterly
Initial Washroom Cleansing – VH	Annually
Vodafone – VH wifi	Quarterly
ICO – Data Protection Licence	Annually

24-119 To sign the withdrawal form for the Nationwide

RESOLVED: Chair and Vice-Chair signed the withdrawal form for £2169.02 to bring the balance down to £85,000 in the reserves.

The FSCS (Financial Services Compensation Scheme) protects accounts up to £85,000.

24-120 Clerks Report

The clerk sent out a request for consideration of paying for a speed survey from LCC at the costs of £105 for a resident of Mountsorrell cottages, members did not agree to pay for the survey as previous speeding records have been shared with the resident.

The clerk has registered interest with the police funding project for consideration of a speed gun or speed sign for Station Road.

The clerk advised she will be covering Croft PC’s meeting to cover maternity leave.

The clerk advised that one of the groundsmen has been called for jury duty from 27th August 2024.

The clerk advised her annual leave dates.

24-121 To note any correspondence

Planning application – land in croft
 CAB request
 Hedge complaints

Highways repairs
Enforcement updates
FOI – speeding
M69 works
Advice on VAS
Network one issue
Brindley close complaint – e-scooters
Byelaws delay complaint
Land maintenance complaints

24-122 To accept items for the next newsletter

Councillor information – Cllr Lundean
Events – Christmas/PTFA/PPG
HNRFI decision
Council land ownership reminder
Public engagement meeting – 13th October

24-123 Planning:

The Reading Rooms

The decision notice was sent to members prior to the agenda issue.
Council discussed the need to agree the funds to prepare to remove and tidy the trees and overall area to then locate the agree final boundary before any works can commence.

It was previously agreed that council would pay £2200 to remove all the trees to lower level and all the overgrown area below with Dave Lloyd and then the applicant will pay for the removal of the roots so that the boundary can be agreed.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to pay £2200 for the tree removal and will work with the applicant to agree the boundary and it is noted that within the decision notice that trees will be replanted.

New applications

24/0511/OUT - Land North of Sapcote, Leicester Road – Upto 80 houses
24/0538/HH – 2 Star Cottages – Retention of single Storey side extension
24/0551/HH – 140 Hinckley Road – Proposed first floor side and rear extension (above existing garage) and single storey rear extension.

Granted

24/0410/HH – 13 Middleton Close, first floor side and rear extension
24/0396/ADV – 5-7 Long Street, display fascia signs and window graphics

24-124 To consider complaint against BDC planning

Following the failures from BDC planning to grant the Highfields Industrial development without any consultee reports from STW and LLFA. Members have agreed to make a complaint to BDC and LCC and source assistance on how the planning authority must have consultee comments from the flood authority or STW.
Cllr Stubbs agreed to prepare the document following his attendance at the planning meeting in question.

24-125 To update on the Fosse Villages plan or FVSOF meetings

No date has been received for the next meeting.

24-126 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)

The clerk sent a letter to the new Secretary of State (Louise Haigh) for her to consider when looking at the HNRFI report and this has been acknowledged with a decision date of 10th September 2024.

24-127 To update on plans for land west of the village

Members met on 30th July to discuss the letter and plan from Mather Jamie with regards to a land offer and further discussion is ongoing.

A public engagement session will be held on Sunday 13th October from 10am to 4pm to advise the residents of the plans for the land west of the village.

<https://www.landwestofstoneystanton.co.uk/>

The clerk has chased Turleys for answers to the questions from the meeting in June and for their attendance at the October public meeting.

We are still waiting for a multi-agency meeting with BDC, LCC, LLFA and EA.

24-128 To update on other large planning developments

Cllr Cousin advised that the local plan document with BDC is approaching completion

Local plans are prepared by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for this area which is BDC. Local plans are used to decide how much land should be set aside to build new homes etc usually over the next 10 to 15 years. They also show areas where development should be limited for some reason. The plan includes a map showing these areas and it will include policies that say what types of development are acceptable and what development should be like. The local plan is then used to make decisions on planning applications for individual development proposals

Cora Homes – await further update

Land disposal at South Drive – await formal update.

24-129 To receive reports

Allotments – The clerk advised two new tenants have taken plots.

WMPFC – The skate park and goal post have been repaired and they await the start of the next football season.

Stoney Stanton Library – Nothing to report.

Youth Club – They have received £244 donation from the carnival committee. They attended the Brass on the Grass event and made £15.50 from the tuck shop and Sam, a new team member has join the group.

Action Group – The action group will be closing due to lack of interest in due course.

Dementia Cafe – Cllr Martin advised that they wish to remove the ‘dementia’ from the café name and to make it ‘senior friendly’.

Patient Participation Group – Phase 1 of the building repairs has been completed to the waiting room and phase 2 will start soon for the redecoration of the treatment rooms. They attended the carnival and have a full team now and hope to work with the surgery to improve things and arrange advice events.

LRALC – The monthly bulletin was sent to members ahead of the meeting.

24-130 Chairman’s Time.

Items were noted.

24-131 Date of next meeting: The next Council meeting will be 10th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.39pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____