

# STONEY STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Parish Councillors:**

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

**Clerk:** Miss R Ward

**District & County Councillors:** Two

**Public in attendance:** Five

Members observed a one minute's silence in memory of Mrs Sheila Gunby, who served on the council for many years.

**24-181 Apologies**

**RESOLVED:** Apologies received and accepted for Cllr J Lundean, Cllr Jim Masters, Cllr Sue Astill, Cllr Francis Gent.

**24-182 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cousin: PTFA, Action Group, Scouts, Liberal Democrat leader at BDC, Manorfield School Governor  
Cllr P Martin: PPG/WMPFC/Property on South Drive  
Cllr M Eaves: WMPFC  
Cllr R Bateman: SS Youth Club  
Cllr S Eaves: Library

**24-183 Dispensations**

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

**24-184 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the full council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 were agreed and signed.

**24-185 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.

Councillor Maggie Wright updated members on the items in the report:-  
Flooding preparation and responsibilities, Budget/Local Government Finance Settlement, Pumpkin composting, Armistice Day Service, Illegal sale of vapes, Electric vehicle charging, Tree and Hedge packs.

Cllr Stubbs asked Cllr M Wright about the flooding update that was recently discussed at the LCC Scrutiny meeting and felt that LCC and LLFA have failed to support the village as promised. Cllr Wright advised that she was unable to speak at the Scrutiny meeting as she was an observer only.

Cllr Neil Wright covered the report that was sent ahead of the meeting and thanked members for the 'Land West of Stoney Stanton' public event held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

## **24-186 Public Participation**

Members of the flooding group attended and asked for details regarding a report of an investigation that superseded the Section 19 report and the clerk confirmed that this report has not been received and she would contact the LLFA for an update.

A member from this group updated to say that they had written a letter of complaint to Alberto Costa MP which has been copied to Cllr M Wright, Ann Carruthers and Ozzie Oshea and that they had 16 questions for the Scrutiny meeting but only got responses 2 hours before the meeting.

A resident asked about the lack of information presented regarding the proposal of Land West of Stoney Stanton, chairman updated that the original event was held in 2022, a community liaison group was arranged to meet with the developers and not the parish council, updates have been noted in the minutes which are in the public domain and the action group has put relevant information in the newsletter, the parish council will continue to share relevant information.

A resident asked for better content on the newsletter about what the parish council have been doing and what they have planned, further discussion will be had before the next addition is published.

## **24-187 To report on the village hall**

### Toilets

The update to the water supply is on going.

### Fascia repairs

Three quotes received and given to members for consideration.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to the quote from J R Allen & Sons Ltd at the costs of £3384 for the front elevation and £4296 for the rear elevation over quotes from Zenith Contracts and Fascia Division Ltd.

### Bonsers – Floor repairs

The clerk is still chasing the prices for the resin seal.

### Legionella Risk Assessment

Assessment completed on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and minimal issues to sort. The clerk has attended a training course, completed the log book, noted temperature checks, heater repair and in the process of tap removal.

### Asbestos Management Report

Assessment completed on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024, no issues raised and await report.

**24-188 To update on events**

Christmas Light Switch on – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm

Wrapping lights to be installed on the Oak tree and repairs to lights on the Poplar tree are booked for Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November with David Lloyd and Richard, tree climber, Paul Clarke will sort the power and electrics. The lights will be displayed from 4.30pm to 10.30pm from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

Car Park closure

A4 signs have been put up and the correx signs will be put out the week or so before the event. Assistance will be needed from 3pm to clear the car park. The clerk shared a plan of the the site for the event.

Confirmed list of stalls attending

The Sweet Corner - pick n mix sweets  
Stoney Coffee – drinks and sweet treat  
Such's Donuts - donuts/Candyfloss/Hot chocolate  
Café – food and drinks  
Ringrose Butchers - burger/hot dogs/roast pork  
J&M Catering – burgers/hotdogs/roast pork/candy floss/drinks

Grotto plans

Santa will bring his own chair (Friday)  
Power from the library (tree, lighting, heating)  
Power leads (Cllr Stubbs)  
8ft circular gazebo (Cllr Stubbs)  
8ft x 8ft back drop and tinsel curtains £30  
Fibre optic tree (Clerk)  
Heater (Clerk)  
Lamps for Lighting (Clerk)  
2 chairs from library for parents  
Pretend presents for decorations (Clerk)  
Grotto sign £20

The clerk will send out a reminder for help the week before the event.

**24-189 To update on land management items**

St Michaels and Long Street Car Park signage.

Members were shown proofs of the car park signage, CCTV to be removed from the Long Street sign and to include the disability clock to be displayed with badges.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the car park signs from Nuneaton Signs

Persimmon Estate – Deed of Grant from Severn Trent Water

The clerk has chased the solicitors for an update.

QEII Orchard

New trees have been planted to replace those that died, the list will be updated on completion.

### Orbit

The clerk is still chasing parking invoice for £300.

### Underground Culvert

Cllr Eaves has shared some more photos, the clerk had confirmation from Mr Rainbow that there is only one outlet which we have located and have photos of, he also confirmed the pipe is straight across from the outlet to the section just before entrance by the meadow. He advised from memory that the culvert was damaged half way during the tip works in 70's, copy of the repair pipe work was shared with members at the previous meeting

Council should look at finding this section to access the pipe and this will allow us a maintenance entrance and source any issues as this is where the pipe goes into the 2 sections from the drawings.

The culvert is currently flowing well so not major concerns but we do need to consider plans as we have a responsibility to maintain it as it sits on parish land, further discussion and plans to be put in place. The clerk advised any significant work must be added to the developer list.

### Update on benches

The repairs on the flag garden benches and the circular benches have been completed.

The installation of the new benches at the Persimmon Estate and Carey Hill Park have been completed.

It was noted that some of the wooden bannisters in the summerhouse in the flag garden need replacing.

### Stream Clearance – LCC (Old Lodge Farm)

Update from LCC Estates Manager Jamie Forman.

*My colleague has been to inspect and met with Mr Lovatt. At the moment we're waiting for Mr Lovatt to make arrangements for the first section of stream, off LCC's land, before anything progresses on LCC's land*

### Van Insurance Renewal – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The van insurance renewal is due for the Citroen Dispatch (ST65 OYE) and the cover required is for any driver over 25 with myself, Simon and Steve as primary drivers. The clerk got 3 quotes and advised to stay with Zurich at the renewal price of £689.81 over Gallaghers and James Hallam Ltd.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to renew with Zurich at the cost of £689.81.

### Allotment

Allotment members have been asked to ensure the ground is maintained after deliveries and have advised a whacker plate has been organized to level the ground and that a new key pad has been installed.

The clerk advised the tenancy renewals have been issued.

### Baum Crescent

On the Persimmon estate, there is strip of grassed area which is not owned or maintain by anyone (no mans land) by a wall on Baum Crescent – the clerk suggested that the parish deal with it.

The groundsman can clear it, remove the grass, put some weed membrane down and put some gravel down.

**RESOLVED:** Council agree £250 for this work.

### Arboretum Path

The path in the arboretum needs some work for the winter months to make it safer to walk on and stay in keeping with the site.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to purchase 4 tonne of bark from Future for £300.

### **24-190 To update on the Flooding**

No further items were noted.

### **24-191 To consider updates on the war memorial**

The War Commission has no responsibility for the war memorials that were erected by local communities and any decision on whether names are added or amended on a war memorial will be made by the war memorial owner or custodian. If there is no clear owner, the local council has authority under the 1923 Local Authorities (War Memorials) Act.

A church in custody can authorise changes but may only consider the names of those who have died on active service. Other factors may influence whether any change can be made, including whether a memorial is listed.

The clerk confirmed that in 2019 the memorial was listed at Grade II - 'I am writing to inform you that having considered our recommendation, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has decided to add Stoney Stanton War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II'

The clerk has contacted Blaby Planning for the conservation details on listed building consent and await the application to find out what is required and who we can use for the work, it is suggested we have the memorial cleaned at the same time – costs estimate: £2000 plus names added est £250.

The item will be considered on the 2025-26 budget.

### **24-192 Finance**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the accounts and salaries were authorized for payment at this meeting.

All payments having been authorised by 2 members (online bank authorization were completed by Cllr P Martin and Cllr S Bateman.

(b) To note the bank reconciliation

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

**PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL – NOVEMBER 2024**

Date	Item No	Reference	Item	Payee	Net	Vat	Gross
12.11.24	1	V314	Grounds Maintenance	David Lloyd Pitchcare	2,028.33	0.00	2,028.33
12.11.24	2	V315-V335	Expenses (Clerk/RFO)	Roz Ward	574.73	84.27	659.00
12.11.24	3	V336	Mobile	Three	14.80	84.27	17.76
12.11.24	4	V337	Supply of xmas lights	Festive Lighting	1,244.00	248.80	1,492.80
12.11.24	5	V338	Church Clock Maintenance	Cumbria Clock Co	195.00	39.00	234.00
12.11.24	6	V339	Van MOT	Huncote Garage	413.75	71.78	485.53
12.11.24	7	V340	LRALC AGM	LRALC	15.00	0.00	15.00
12.11.24	8	V341	Planning Training	SLCC	30.00	6.00	36.00
12.11.24	9	V342	Appraisal Training	SLCC	30.00	6.00	36.00
12.11.24	10	V343	Flag garden bench repair	Future Contractors	375.00	75.00	450.00
12.11.24	11	V344	New bench (Persimmon)	Broxap	535.50	107.10	642.60
12.11.24	12	V345	Mower training	Park Hill Training	273.00	46.00	319.00
12.11.24	13	V346	Bench Install - Persimmon Est	Future Contractors	300.00	60.00	360.00
12.11.24	14	V347	DJ for event	William Wilson	80.00	0.00	80.00
12.11.24	15	V348	Xmas Flyers	Library	40.00	0.00	40.00
12.11.24	16	V349	Hall window clean	Vision Technologies	45.00	0.00	45.00
12.11.24	17	V350	Van Insurance	Zurich	689.81	0.00	689.81
12.11.24	18	V351	Caps for play area post	Kompan	56.75	11.35	68.10
12.11.24	19	V352	PAYE/NI	HMRC	1,388.83	0.00	1,388.83
12.11.24	20	V353	Water (allotment/cemetery)	Waterplus	64.43	0.00	64.43
12.11.24	21	V354	Long St Car Park water	Waterplus	22.60	0.00	22.60
12.11.24	22	V355	Circular bench repair	Future Contractors	300.00	60.00	360.00
12.11.24	23	V356	Installation bench Carey Hill	Future Contractors	300.00	60.00	360.00
12.11.24	24	V357	Van Tax	Roz Ward	335.00	0.00	335.00
12.11.24	25	V358	Online training Courses	Roz Ward	36.00	0.00	36.00
12.11.24	26	V359	Newsletter	Sarah Eaves	111.44	3.00	114.44
12.11.24	27	V360	Grotto final payment	Daniel Jones	240.00	0.00	240.00
12.11.24	28	V361	Remembrance Flowers	Sue Astill	67.02	0.00	67.02
							<b>10,687.25</b>
1.11.24	DD	DD240	NDR - St Michaels Cr Park	Blaby District Council	84.00	0.00	84.00
1.11.24	DD	DD241	NDR - Long Street Car Park	Blaby District Council	36.00	0.00	36.00
31.10.24	DD	DD242	Wifi	Vodafone	52.67	10.53	63.20
18.11.24	DD	DD243	Village Hall Gas	British Gas	466.84	23.34	490.18
31.10.24	DD	DD244	Village Hall Electricity	British Gas Lite	125.16	6.26	131.42
18.10.24	DD	DD245	Village Hall Water	Everflow	25.24	0.00	25.24
15.11.24	DD	DD246	Business Bin rentals	Blaby District Council	585.80	0.00	585.80
30.11.24	DD	DD247	Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	16.05	0.00	16.05

**24-193 To consider budget for 2025-2026**

Members were sent the draft budget ahead of the meeting along with a list of projects for consideration.

The budget will be included in next month meeting for final discussion before decision in January.

**24-194 To note the NJC Local Government Pay Award**

Details of the pay award were sent to members along with the backpay figures which have been included in October's payroll.

LRALC confirmed the agreement is contractual and should be included in the next salary payment. The increase should be backdated to April 1st, i.e. 8 months back pay in November with payments for the rest of the financial year at the new scale. The headline result is an increase of £1,290 (pro rata for part-time employees) on all Spinal Column Points (SCP) up to SCP43. Councils are advised to implement the pay award without delay.

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed the details of the pay award.

**24-195 Clerks Report**

'Speak Up' mental health event to be held at the hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Clerks operational meeting was poor and lasted 15 minutes.

New criteria for the Local Council Awards Scheme for clerk to process.

Marquee storage to be sorted.

Highways are no longer painting the crossing beacons by the co-op so the parish will have to organise it, the clerk will source paint and liaise with the groundsmen.

The clerk advised that Barwell Tip permit has been revoked from LCC.

**24-196 To note any correspondence**

New burial papers – coroners order

Trees at doctors/school

Stalls for event

Bin issues at St Michaels Court

Training options

New NALC website

Enquiry – school caretaker house

Tip permit revoked

Strategy policy BDC – South Drive

Café enquiry

Emergency Housing enquiry

WI enquiry

Accident – Station Road

Highways Survey- comments please

<https://www.nhtnetwork.co.uk/isolated/data/scorecard/229392/scoring/16/section/12287>

Complaint regarding parking on Carey Hill

Complaint regarding wall round quarry (overgrown)

Flytipping (sofa at Carey Hill)

Man hole cover issue Huncote Rd

George Marriot tree complaint

**24-197 To accept items for the next newsletter**

Councillor information (Franis Gent)

Events

Land West of SS

HNRFI  
Christmas Lights  
Village Hall hire  
Projects and recent decisions made

**24-198 To consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 S17**

Parish and town councils have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Parish and town councils should review how they exercise their powers and deliver their services, in order to comply with Section 1

The clerk advised the council have considered their impact by:-

- \* Police Crime Audit (St Michaels Car Park)
- \* Installation and ownership of CCTV (Car Park and Play area)
- \* Crime Statistics
- \* Anti-social behaviour in the newsletter
- \* Issue of police newsletter
- \* Play area's are fenced and secure
- \* The hall has secure access
- \* Police surgeries

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed the policy on the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

**24-199 To update on the clerk's other employment status**

The clerk is required to declare any other employment ahead of taking any new post.

Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton and Stapleton Parish Council have offered her the position of being their clerk & RFO. It is 12 hours a week and will run along side the 30 hours she currently does for Stoney Stanton Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted and agreed the clerk's other employment.

**24-200 Planning:**

New applications

24/0886/RM – Erection of one dwelling at rear of 86 Huncote Road, Stoney Stanton.

Granted

24/0658/HH – Two and single storey front and side extension at 8 Disney Close

The Reading Rooms

The owner of the Reading Rooms did not wish to proceed with the offer of additional land and the agreed works to the trees and boundary will proceed. The tree works are due to be completed on 30<sup>th</sup> November and then the boundary can be agreed.

**24-201 To update on the complaint to BDC/Legislational change request to the MP.**

The office of Alberto Costa MP has confirmed receipt of the letter and this was the response:-



*I am happy to write a letter to the relevant Government Minister has, I understand that you are potentially seeking water companies like Severn Trent to become Statutory Consultees for planning applications, rather than being consulted out of courtesy.*

**24-202 To update on the Fosse Villages plan or FVSOF meetings**

The clerk advised that the drone footage agreed by this group is not sufficient and unusable currently, the data needs to be put into a useable state before any details can be used.

**24-203 To update on HNRFI (Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange)**

MP meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> October and discussed sending final representations by the end of January.

**24-204 To update on plans for land west of the village**

The members received the results of the survey from the event and members decided the next steps which were to contact Mather Jamie Ltd and confirm our land agent will be Tim Fox of Brown & Co who will be working on our behalf and to organise a planning meeting with Tim in December.

<https://www.brown-co.com/view-staff/tim-fox>

**24-205 To update on other large planning developments**

Cora Homes – await further update

Land disposal at South Drive – Land is up for sale for £1.5 million via Howkins and Harrison. Parkers confirmed that they do not have interest in this land at the current time.

Cllr Stubbs asked for a meeting with the solicitor to discuss the land at South Drive following information given to him from a resident.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to cover the costs of a discussion with the solicitors.

**24-206 To receive reports**

Allotments – The clerk has issued renewal tenancies.

WMPFC – Maintenance required on the pavilion

Stoney Stanton Library – Book sale organised for the light switch on.

Youth Club – The new uniform has received and looks great.

Action Group – The action group met on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and are hoping to have new members soon.

Forget me not Cafe – has been renamed ‘Forget me not café’ and is open to all, the date for the next café has moved from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December due to the choir having other commitments.

Patient Participation Group – No update, next meeting in December

LRALC – The monthly round robins were sent to members ahead of the meeting.

Crime Statistics – The clerk is working with the police on providing accurate details.

**24-207**      **Chairman’s Time.**

Items were noted.

**24-208**      **Date of next meeting:** The next Council meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

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

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