

## STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STANTON UNDER BARDON, LEICESTERSHIRE, COMMENCING AT 7PM

PRESENT: Mr Bridges (Chairman)(In the Chair)  
Mrs Briggs  
Mr Geary  
Mr Briggs  
Mr West  
Cllr P Bedford

CLERK: Mrs Zola

Mr Stuart Bridges welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 26/18-19 ELECTION OF CHAIR

There being no other nominations, it was proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mr Geary and

RESOLVED That Mr Bridges be elected as Chair for 2018/19. Mr Bridges signed the Acceptance of Office.

### 27/18-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

### 28/18-19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None to report

### 29/18-19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mr Bridges and:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 30/18-19 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR P BEDFORD

Cllr Bedford stated that the consultation on the future of passenger transport and of the 120 bus service continued. He had received approximately 100 letters, which included those from Markfield and Stanton under Bardon. He informed the meeting that the 120 bus was subsidised by £2.50 per journey per person, which was considerably less than other subsidised routes. The decision on the future of the route was expected in August/ September.

Mr Geary was concerned at the quality of road repairs undertaken on Main Street and stated that they were already failing. Cllr Bedford to take this up with Highways Department.

### 31/18-19 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LAY

None received

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO ENABLE COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE THE CHAIRMAN (MAXIMUM 10 MINUTES)

No residents present.

32/18-19 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Clerk presented a report updating the Council on matters arising from the last meeting. It was RESOLVED that the report be received.
- b) Mrs Briggs reported that LCC had advised that the lamp posts for the MVAS had been inspected and were satisfactory. It was RESOLVED that she approach Markfield PC in order to progress the purchase of the sign. If there is a further delay, Members considered that they should consider purchasing a sign outright.
- b) The Financial Report, detailing income and expenditure, was presented by the Clerk. It was proposed by Mrs Briggs, seconded by Mr Briggs and RESOLVED that the report be received

33/18-19 FINANCE

- a) Cheques referenced in the financial report were approved.
- b) It was reported that the wage rate for the Litter Picker needed to be increased to £7.83 per hour, in line with the legal minimum wage.  
RESOLVED: That the rate of pay of the Litter Picker be increased to £7.83 in line with the minimum wage and that this increase be backdated to 1 April 2018
- c) The salary of the Clerk needed to be increased in line with the Local Government Conditions of Service.  
RESOLVED: That the salary of the Clerk is increased in accordance with the agreement and that the figures be reported to the next meeting for formal agreement.

34/18-19 PARISH PROPERTIES

- a) Recreation Ground:  
Mr Geary had undertaken the inspection and found the ground to be in good condition. Mrs Briggs reported that the two new signs have now been erected.
- b) Allotments:  
One plot was vacant on the top allotments. On the bottom allotments some plots were overgrown and a heap of manure had been deposited on the roadway.
- c) The Litter Picker had reported that the grass near the sub station on St John Cole Crescent had not been mown. It was RESOLVED that this should be taken up with the mowing contractor.

35/18-19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Mr Briggs reported the Stakeholder meeting had now been held. The attendance by landowners, businesses and others invited had been poor but that good feedback had been received. The report from RCC was awaited after which the Steering Group would move on to the next phase. There were no changes to the balance sheet.

36/18-19 PLANNING

One planning application had been received:-

- a) Closure of part of a public bridleway – no objection as a new bridleway was to be constructed to replace the closed part

37/18-19 METAL DETECTING

An approach had been made for permission to metal detect on Council land. As the Council had no land that was neither farmed nor used for recreational purposes, it was RESOLVED: That the request be refused.

38/18-19 SEAT – TOP OF MAIN STREET

Following a motor accident the seat had been damaged and needed to be replaced.  
RESOLVED: That a replacement seat be purchased from Big Dug and PJ Landscapes be approached to take delivery, remove the damaged seat and fit the new seat.

39/18-19 SOLAR PANELS, VILLAGE HALL

A meeting had been held with Green Fox at which the cost of solar panels had been put forward, the financing of which would be taken from 4 years' donation from the Thornton Solar Panel

owners. However, Green Fox had requested that the council commit to £200 per year maintenance. Should the amount not be needed in any one year, the residue would be paid into the scheme.

Discussion took place on the Feed In Tariff. It was  
RESOLVED:

- a) That the payment of £200 annual fee be agreed
- b) That the Parish Council deduct the £200 fee from the FIT and the residual paid to the Village Hall Trust.

#### 40/18-19 VILLAGE HALL BLUE BADGE SCHEME

A resident has drawn attention to non-blue badge holders using the disabled spaces at the village hall. Whilst the use of the parking spaces was largely a matter for the hirer of the hall, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Village Hall Trust advising them that the Council would prefer the spaces to be used for disabled persons. Further, that hirers be reminded that parking on the road is not allowed and that the car park should be used.

#### 41/18-19 MILNER SITE/RECREATION GROUND

The developers of the site (Westleigh) has surrounded the site with Heras fencing. This has denied access to the recreation ground for mowing. The Clerk reported that Westleigh had not furthered the offer of parking on a part of the Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED:

- a) That Westleigh be approached in order to make arrangements for access by the mowing contractors
- b) That Westleigh be asked if they intend to take up our offer of land for parking etc.

#### 42/18-19 LAMP POST MEMORIAL POPPIES

It was RESOLVED to purchase 33 memorial poppies at a cost of £3 each.

#### 43/18-19 WAR MEMORIAL TROUGHS

It was RESOLVED that David Smith at Thornton Nurseries be approached with a view to filling the troughs.

#### 44/18-19 120 BUS SERVICE

It was RESOLVED that Mrs Briggs draft a letter to Leicestershire County Council expressing the Parish Council's support for the service for agreement and onward transmission to LCC by the Clerk.

#### 45/18-19 TRANSFER OF LAND – ST JOHN COLE CRESCENT

The Clerk reported that residents were now asking for dimensions of the pieces of land to be transferred. The Clerk also reported that the residents had been informed of the legal costs of the Council at the outset.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the residents stating that the land involved was to the boundary rabbit fence and that they be given a deadline to respond to the Clerk on whether they wish to proceed.

#### 46/18-19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from resident concerned that the rabbit fencing will be removed from his back garden.

AGREED that the clerk write to resident to inform him that the fence will not be removed.

Letter received from Community Lincs Insurance advising that as of 1<sup>st</sup> July they will not be renewing terms for the village hall.

Letter received from Severn Trent Water to advise the council that Water Plus will be acting as the agent.

Letter received from Westleigh Partnership introducing James Badham as the Project manager.

47/18-19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
Tuesday 5th June 2018

The Meeting closed at 8.52pm