

STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017, AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STANTON UNDER BARDON, LEICESTERSHIRE, COMMENCING AT 7PM

PRESENT: Mr Bridges (Chairman)(In the Chair)
Mrs Briggs
Mr Geary
Mr Briggs

Councillor M Lay (HBBC)

Apologies for absence - Mr B West
- County Councillor P Bedford

CLERK: Ms Beesley and Ms Zola

Mr Stuart Bridges welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Vanessa Zola as the new Clerk to the Council.

19/17-18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mrs Briggs declared a non-pecuniary interest in the village hall.

20/17-18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record:

21/17-18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Details of Hanging Basket etc Contractor

Markfield PC still to respond

Allotment Plot Lettings

Top Allotments: Plot 14 let to Ms Storer. Plot 13 let to Mr Wortley. The Clerk was requested to send tenancy agreements. Ms Beesley reported that a letter had been sent to Mr Jardine at his last known address. To date this had not been returned by the Post Office.

All other actions from the last meeting were completed, in hand or reported further in the meeting.

22/17-18 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LAY

Councillor Lay reported on the latest position regarding recycling within HBBC. Leicestershire County Council had withdrawn its recycling grant. Recycling within HBBC was very cost effective. However, this was now being brought in-house and as a result the paper bin within the recycling bin would be phased out and all recycling material would be placed in the main bin and sorted at the recycling site. HBBC was also seeking to build up its commercial waste business. He informed the meeting that it was also looking at recommitting to in-house ground maintenance and activities such as hanging baskets.

Councillor Lay reported that the Police Commissioner had attended the last Scrutiny Meeting

at HBBC. Overall crime rates had reduced in the last 10 years but had shown an increase in the last 12 months. The Police force had still to make further cost savings and was now focussing on crimes which caused the most distress.

The Chairman asked Councillor Lay about the £30K which Markfield Parish Council had received from the Bardon Hill Community Fund. He reported that no publicity had been given about this fund, which had £40K available each year. He was not sure whether Stanton-under-Bardon qualified for this grant, as it was not directly affected by the new quarry extension. As a condition of the planning application, resurfacing work would be undertaken with noise reducing surfacing. Despite an earlier indication that a pelican crossing would be provided for residents of Shaw Lane, this was now in question.

23/17-18 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEDFORD

Councillor Bedford has sent his apologies for absence, due to the urgent need to meet with a constituent. His report was received.

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

It had been noted that the 30mph limit at the south end of the village did not commence until near the village, rather than at the Parish boundary. It was agreed that LCC be approached with a view to moving the 30mph zone.

24/17-18 FINANCIAL REPORT

An additional items of spend was reported, viz new computer, software and anti-virus software totalling £583.00 (RESOLVED to reimburse Mr Briggs this sum).

The Financial Report, detailing income and expenditure, was presented by the Clerk. She reported that two additional amounts required to be added (copy of revised report attached to the minutes as an appendix). It was proposed by Mrs Briggs, seconded by Mr Briggs and RESOLVED that the revised report be received.

The Clerk updated members on the position regarding income tax. The latest submission had failed. Mrs Beesley was to contact HMRC to try again to remedy issues.

Mr I Smith had applied for support for the Special Olympics at which his sons would be competing in August. It was proposed by Mr Geary, seconded by Mr Briggs and RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be made.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Submitted statement and covering letter as part of Stage 1 which has been authorised verbally by F. Belcher. Joint venture with Bagworth and Thornton. To be shown on the published planning department website. Mr Briggs had checked at the time of the meeting but it still wasn't shown. Stage 2 will be to prepare a draft proforma for a community questionnaire on how the community sees the villages developing, services and public transport. It needs to include their perceptions and ambitions. Steering meeting will be on the 6th July. The Rural Community Council happy with the progress that we were making.

25/17-18 PARISH PROPERTIES

(a) Mr Bridges reported that he had inspected the recreation ground. The new parts to the swing have been fitted. Mr Smith has submitted his account for painting the picnic table, totalling £118.75. It was agreed to remit this to Mr Smith.

(b) Additional Park Benches/Repairs to Equipment

Mr Briggs reported that extensive investigations into the provision of park benches had shown how expensive these were, making Hags quotation of £1200 plus vat seem very

competitive. However, he had identified two possible suppliers of recycled plastic benches. It was RESOLVED that Mr Briggs be asked to acquire two 1500mm seats from Big Dug at a cost of £126 each. These would need to be bolted into a base and Mr Briggs reported that he had asked PB Landscapes to visit the site and to supply quotations for the erection of the seats and their bolting into a base. He would also request them to supply a quote for the outstanding slabbing to the village hall fire escape.

It was reported that the swing repairs had been carried out and the slide repairs were in hand.

The small slide and new gates, to be paid for by the Parish Initiatives Fund and Section 106, was on order and due to be installed circa 18 August.

(c) Village Hall Mrs Briggs reported that M &BG had agreed to trim the small areas around the hall at no cost to the Council.

(d) Allotments Mr Geary had inspected the allotments. The plot formerly occupied by Mr Kibble was being cleared. Mrs Briggs reported upon the receipt of an email from the family stating that they had encountered a bee's nest, which had stopped them completing the clear up

Top Plot 12 was vacant and required tidying. Mr Bridges agreed to obtain a quote.

Top Plot 13 had been allocated and was being cleared.

Top Plot 14 had been trimmed and the shed repaired. Mr Jardine's large shed had been repaired and the polytunnel was still standing. Mr Geary reported that a well had been dug. This required urgently to be filled.

Bottom Plot 1 had now been rotovated and was tidy. Various areas need to be tidied.

The holder of Bottom Plot 29 had requested retrospective approval of a shed (transferred from Mr Baxter's plot). This was approved. He also asked for permission to construct raised beds and for the planting of dwarf fruit trees. Both were approved.

(e) It was agreed to discuss the establishment of an Allotment Sub-Committee at the next meeting.

26/17-18 PLANNING

No planning matters received.

The Chairman asked if the breach of condition notice had been complied with. As no notification had been received it was agreed to ask HBBC on the latest position.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

The next Parish Council Meeting to be held on 5 September 2017, commencing at 7pm

Matters pending to be actioned before the next meeting.

Markfield for details of hanging basket/spraying contractor

Purchase and erection of benches

Fill in well on top allotments

Tidy Top allotment Plot 12

Change of 30mph zone

Approval of matters, Bottom plot 29