

STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL

Unapproved



Parishioners: 8

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 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
Mr West

County Councillor P Bedford

Apologies for absence Councillor M Lay (HBBC)

CLERK: Mrs Zola

Mr Stuart Bridges welcomed everyone to the meeting.

27/17-18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

28/17-18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record:

29/17-18 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Details of Hanging Basket etc Contractor

Mr Bridges has received no reply from Markfield PC.

RESOLVED to progress by looking elsewhere.

Benches

The two benches have been ordered, delivered and installed at the recreation ground

Allotments

The well at the top allotment has been filled in and is now safe. Plot 12 is three quarters done. Plot 29 Bottom allotment as received a letter regarding the shed.

30MPH Zone

Unfortunately, this can't be done as the sign needs to be within a specified distance of a lit area.

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

30/17-18 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LAY

No report received by Councillor Lay

31/17-18 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEDFORD

Councillor Bedford introduced himself as the new county councillor elected in May. He stated that if not here in person he will send the Parish Council a report. If there are any comments or concerns he will be open to hearing them. He is presently working with Markfield on the ongoing issue of speeding which is his main concern.

He indicated that so far, he has received a few letters from Stanton under Bardon mainly regarding the bus service. He has given his commitment that the service will run until 2018 and he will continue to support the ongoing service.

Councillor Bedford asked for any concerns. There was an ongoing concern over the flooding on public footpath R18. It is now necessary to identify the source. Councillor Bedford has reported the matter to officers at County Hall. Mr Geary reminded the meeting that he is a member of the Quarry Liaison Committee but he has had no contact from them since December 2016.

There was also concern that the road signs were dirty. Councillor Bedford agreed to report back.

32/17-18 SALE OF LAND TO THE REAR OF ST JOHN COLE CRESCENT

The Chairman of the Parish Council proposed and seconded by Mr Geary that the land be given free of charge to the residents with the condition that they pay the council's and their own legal costs. Payments must be made via the respective solicitors. The Clerk will send letters to all parties involved.

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

It had been noted that the grass verges on St John Cole Crescent hadn't been cut. This is still the responsibility of Persimmon.

It was also noted that the solar farm hadn't planted trees as required under the planning order. A parishioner who attended this meeting believed trees may have been planted. The Clerk will write to the solar farm to see if they have complied with the order.

33/17-18 CLERK'S REPORT

The Financial Report, detailing income and expenditure, was presented by the Clerk. An amendment was made to the August statement in respect of £150 for the extra work undertaken by I. Smith. It was proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mrs Briggs and RESOLVED that the revised report be received.

34/17-18 The Clerk updated members on the position regarding income tax. The Clerk will need to submit data monthly and leave the 'old' submissions on the system. HMRC have confirmed that they have received all required information.

35/17-18 It was agreed that the Clerk would use the HMRC software before deciding on different software such as Sage.

36/17-18 A payment of £52.50 was paid to Mr Smith for the cleaning and clearing of the road signage.

37/17-18 Mrs Foster's claim for reimbursement of the cost of weed killer was discussed. It was RESOLVED to pay Mrs Foster with the inclusion of a letter emphasising the legal requirement

for trained personnel to carry out weedkilling. RESOLVED: to offer training to Mr Smith in this regard. Proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Ms Briggs.

38/17-18 FINANCE

Following a discussion regarding investments it was resolved that: £30K would be transferred to a Community Account with Melton Mowbray Building Society and that £75K would be moved to an account with CCLA. Proposed by Mr Bridges and seconded by Mr Briggs.

39/17-18 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Briggs informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan was now at Stage 1 of the process: The Public Consultation Phase. A letter and supporting Statement requesting official designation of the Parishes of Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon together with the hamlet of Merry Lees had been submitted to HBBC Planning Department. The application has been published on their website for a period of six weeks terminating on 18th September at 1630. Parishioners, stakeholders and any interested parties may submit comments and/or objections to HBBC during this period.

At the end of this consultation period a 'Drop-In' event will be arranged in each of the three villages the object of which will be to inform the public about the purpose and function of Neighbourhood Planning and to encourage parishioners to become members of the various Focus Groups investigating requirements and needs for the future.

40/17-18 PARISH PROPERTIES

(a) Mrs Briggs reported that she had inspected the recreation ground. A Viburnum bush is spilling onto the footpath and nettles are partially blocking the north entrance to the park. It was resolved to request the Litter Picker to cut this back.

(b) Outdoor Gym – 2 weeks behind due to a missing piece of equipment. The stone base has been levelled off and tarmacking is due to take place this week. Signage to go up.

(c) Section 106 Money –Mrs Briggs will contact HBBC to see how much money is left.

(d) Allotments - Mr Geary had inspected the allotments.
All in good order although a bit weedy.

Bottom Allotments – Mr Milner – Trees overhanging boundary. Clerk to send a letter.

Top Allotments – Some still not used. There is some building waste outside one house. Clerk to send a letter. There is also a fridge-freezer dumped on the road to the rear of Main Street. Pending a permanent decision, it was resolved to take the door off as a safety measure. The Clerk will contact Richard Taylor to agree a mutually convenient time to look at a potential plot.

(e) PB Landscaping – Slabbing outside the village hall and on the recreation ground is now complete.

41/17-18 WW1 & WW2 Benches: the purchase of two commemorative benches was discussed. The preferred location would be on the wide footpath outside the school and opposite the war memorial. It was resolved that Mr Briggs would contact County Highways seeking permission to install the benches. Proposed by Mr Geary seconded by Mr Briggs.

42/17-18 PLANNING

A letter outlining the Council's objections to the proposed entrance and road access to the development site next to the school was approved and the Clerk was instructed to send it to HBBC.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Matters pending to be actioned before the next meeting.

The following letters to be sent:

Residents to St John Cole Crescent regarding land

HBBC regarding the Solar Farm – Compliance with order

Building Waste – intentions

Mr Hambleton – Intention of use of land to the rear of Main Street, notice on tenancy

Mr Milner – Overhanging trees onto boundary

Mrs Foster – Weedkilling

Remove door on dumped freezer

Section 106 Money left

Transfer of money to building society

Transfer of money to CCLA fund

Costs of training course for weedkilling

Cheque to Steering Committee

Ian Smith – Interested in the weedkilling training etc