

STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL



Unapproved

Parishioners: 2

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 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
Councillor M Lay

CLERK: Mrs Zola

Mr Stuart Bridges welcomed everyone to the meeting.

116/17-18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Bedford sent his apologies

117/17-18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None to report

118/17-18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

119/17-18 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR M LAY

Councillor Lay reported on HBBC council tax proposals for 2018/19 and the following points were noted:-

- Expected £5 increase in council tax for this year and next
- Commitment not to increase the Brown Bin fee

A possible increase in the Parish and Community Initiative Fund with a contingency was under consideration. Councillor Lay supported 3 applications for funding in Stanton under Bardon. Members discussed the purpose of the funding and it was agreed that this was to support village projects.

120/17-18 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEDFORD

Councillor Bedford had submitted a written report which was accepted.

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

121/17-18 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) The Financial Report, detailing income and expenditure, was presented by the Clerk. It was proposed by Mrs Briggs, seconded by Mr Bridges and RESOLVED that the report be received

122/17-18 FINANCE

- a) Budget 2018/19 – The Clerk provided a budget for financial period 2018/19 with the changes agreed at the previous Council meeting. It was Proposed by Mr Briggs, Seconded by Mr Geary and APPROVED.
- b) The Insurance was APPROVED based on a commitment until Feb 2020, taking advantage of the financial incentive for the Council to commit for a longer period than 1 year.
- c) It was Proposed by Mrs Briggs and Seconded by Mr Geary and RESOLVED that the Clerk be given access to online banking in order to view the Council's accounts only.

123/17-18 PARISH PROPERTIES

- a) Recreation ground inspection. It was reported that the condition of the grounds was satisfactory. However, it was agreed that, when the weather permits, weed killer must be applied to the footpath and some sunken areas of the path must be made good.
- b) Allotments – inspections have been suspended.

124/17-18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Mr Briggs reported that the Stakeholder meeting will be held next month. Later in the year a public consultation by means of a questionnaire will be sent to all parishioners seeking their views and suggestion.

The report of the results of the recent affordable housing survey carried out by Midlands Rural Housing on behalf of HBBC has been received. Following discussion it was agreed that the offer by Midlands Rural Housing to send a representative to discuss their findings would be more appropriate if given to the NP Steering Group. Mr Briggs agreed to arrange this.

125/17-18 PLANNING

Two planning applications had been received :-

- a. Alterations and Extensions to an existing bungalow on Ellistown Lane
- b. An extension to the Maths and Science block at South Charnwood School.

The Council had no objections to either application.

126/17-18 3G SPORTS PITCH AT SOUTH CHARNWOOD SCHOOL

The Council will not support the application for this project under the Parish and Community Initiative Fund as the funding criteria was set up to support projects in the heart of the villages and not to support schools.

127/17-18 LAND AT ST JOHN COLE CRESCENT

Only two residents on St John Cole Crescent had responded to the Council's proposals for the disposal of the land to the rear of their properties. Following discussion it was agreed that ownership of the land behind Nos. 43, 44 and 45 be divided into 2 plots and sold to the interested parties immediately and the remaining land would be retained by the Council and the fencing removed.

128/17-18 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

It was AGREED that the Parish Council would invite the Officer to a future council meeting for a 10 minute discussion on Fly Tipping, Littering, Dog Fouling etc.

129/17-18 RURAL LAND PLAN

It was AGREED that the Council will not be inviting Cllr Kevin Morrell to a Council meeting to discuss the rural local plan. Councillors Briggs have already seen the presentation.

130/17-18 LITTER PICKER REPORT – IAN SMITH

It was AGREED that Ian Smith report to the clerk monthly with any issues/concerns regarding Council properties.

131/17-18 TRAINING

It was APPROVED that Cllr B. West will attend the councillor training course offered by LRALC, the cost of which will be met by the Council.

132/17-18 RECREATION GROUND BLUE GATE

It was APPROVED that a replacement blue gate be ordered from Wicksteed at a cost of £216 plus VAT.

133/17-18 GRANT THORNTON

It was Proposed by Mr Bridges, seconded by Mrs Briggs and APPROVED that the letter and supporting information would be sent both electronically and by post.

134/17-18 SIGNAGE FOR THE RECREATION GROUND

It was proposed by Mr Bridges, Seconded by Mr Briggs and APPROVED that the quotation of £465 plus VAT by Coalville Signs for the provision and erection of two signs to be positioned at the two entrances off Main Street, be accepted.

135/17-18 FLOWERS AT WAR MEMORIAL SITE

Mrs Briggs presented an idea for two self-watering planters to be placed either side of the war memorial. Mr Bridges agreed to take the measurements.

136/17-18 CORRESPONDENCE

It was AGREED that the Council proceed with obtaining a quotation for heritage signs for the village. The Clerk to write to Daniel Britton at HBBC to inform him of the number of signs required and to register the Council's interest under the Environmental Improvement Programme 2018/19

It was proposed by Mr Bridges, seconded by Mr Briggs and AGREED to set up a direct debit with Waterplus and to change the consumer address to the Village Hall

137/17-18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 6th March 2018

Meeting closed at 8.30pm