

STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 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 was in attendance

Apologies for absence Councillor M Lay (HBBC) – No apologies sent

CLERK: Mrs Zola

Mr Stuart Bridges welcomed everyone to the meeting.

58/17-18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
None to report

59/17-18 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 3rd October 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

60/17-18 REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LAY
No report received by Councillor Lay

61/17-18 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR BEDFORD
Councillor Bedford reported that Leicestershire is the least funded county in the country and will go bust in the next two years if they don't cut their costs further.

He reiterated his support for the 120 bus service where the contract will expire early next year. He will know in 2-3 weeks and would want to ensure public action if not recommended.

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

62/17-18 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 Mr Briggs, seconded by Mrs Briggs and RESOLVED that the report be received.

c) Clerk's Extra Hours— It was proposed by Mr Briggs, seconded by Mrs Briggs and RESOLVED that the clerk would be paid for any extra hours

63/17-18 FINANCE

- a) The new investment accounts are now open. It was RESOLVED that the clerk present these with the financial report
- b) It was RESOLVED that we accept the £1.60 increase from BT for the Broadband and Telephone
- c) It was RESOLVED that we will donate £50 each to Citizen's Advice and QSJ Committee and £25 to RBL Poppy Appeal

64/17-18 PARISH PROPERTIES

- a) Recreation ground inspection. It was RESOLVED that all was in good order except for a pedal which has been mended.
- b) War Memorial Benches. It was RESOLVED to order the war memorial benches now we were in receipt of the licence from County. Costs not including installation £1,781.12

65/17-18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Mr Briggs reported that HBBC has approved the application by BT&SuB NP Steering Group for designation of the three parishes as a Neighbourhood Planning Area; this represents the completion of stage 1 of the neighbourhood planning process.

As a result of continuing research, networking and the natural development/evolution as the process unfolds it is now thought necessary to agree some additional administrative measures.

These measures are to enhance transparency, to assist audit trail and to satisfy any appropriate examination of the Steering Group's workings keeping both PCs fully informed.

Following discussion it was resolved that:-

- 1 For the duration of the process and existence of the Steering Group each Parish Council has 'Neighbourhood Plan' as an Agenda Item as a matter of routine for monthly PC meetings.
- 2 The Steering Group's Meeting Minutes and Account Records are made available and ratified at each monthly Parish Council meeting for the duration of the process and existence of the Steering Group.

66/17-18 PLANNING

Planning Permission 12/015052/OUT erection of 25 dwellings to the land adjacent to the school. It was AGREED that we discuss the possibility of renting out the land for a car park with Westleigh Partnership and to discuss traffic calming measures. It was further agreed that quotations be obtained for fencing (point A to B on plan)

67/17-18 Mr Hambleton Contract

Due to the late rental payment it was AGREED to seek advice as to the Parish Council position. Mr Bridges to provide the clerk with the details along with Mr Hambleton's new address.

68/17-18 Deed of Easement Persimmon Homes

It was AGREED that we take advice from Moss Solicitors as we do not wish to adopt the easement.

69/17-18 Grant Thornton Audit Sign Off

It was AGREED that we write to LRALC regarding the length of time it is taking Grant Thornton to issue our annual audit certificate. The Parish Council hasn't received this for the last two financial periods.

- 70/17-18 Ian Smith Report – Cleaning Road Signs
The top part of the village has now been completed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would like to thank Ian for his efforts and are grateful for the continued work he does for the parish. We would also like to note that this was completed free of charge for the village.
- 71/17-18 Discuss new contract for the Recreation Grounds and other areas
It was AGREED that we advertise for a contractor to keep tidy and maintain the Parish Council open areas. This would need to be performed fortnightly between circa April – October.
- 72/17-18 Leicestershire Future & Role of PC – Mrs Briggs
Leicestershire County Council had held a meeting to advise Parish Councils on the future of the County Council and the works which it currently undertook. County needed to save a further £60 million from its budget by 2020. The main thrust of the meeting was that, should residents wish to see services maintained at their present level, the Parish Councils, which were not currently subject to a Council Tax cap, would have to take responsibility. There would be no financial recompense from County should this happen. Items which could be taken over included mowing and libraries. LRALC, who were also at the meeting, undertook to assist Parishes in any way possible. It was felt prudent to bear this position in mind for the future.
- 73/17-18 Boiler Contract for the Village Hall
It was AGREED that we look into a contract for servicing the boiler
- 74/17-18 Parish & Community Initiative Fund
It was AGREED that the Council apply for the funding to be used for 60% costs for the Zip Wire.
- 75/17-18 Midland Rural Housing Survey
It was AGREED to raise an invoice to Midland Rural Housing to recoup the expenses for the distribution of the surveys to the parish this included 3 hours by hand and 11 by second class post.
- 76/17-18 Mr Statham reported back from the letter sent regarding the building material waste at the back of his property that it is on his land.
- 77/17-18 Speeding behind Main Street
A resident complained to the council regarding speeding at the back of the post office. It was AGREED to monitor it.
- 78/17-18 Appointment of GDPR
It was AGREED that the clerk take up this position.
- 79/17-18 It was AGREED that the next parish meeting be held on 5th December 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm