

Minutes of the MEETING of STANTON ON THE WOLDS Parish Council held on Wednesday January 14, 2015, at 7.30pm, at The Parish Church, Stanton on the Wolds

Couns. Jim Goodman (chairman)
Bryan Baines Mike Sheriston (vice chairman)
Alex McKee (A) Mrs Angela Benney
Richard Whitby Mrs Charlotte Chapman

Also in attendance: The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. John Cottee and one member of the public.

1] **Apologies For Absence**, There were none.

2] **Declarations of Interest** There were none

3] **Minutes from previous meeting held on November 12, 2014** were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman after Coun. Whitby asked for his comments on the state of sections of the Browns Lane footpath to be added.

4] **Clerk's Report from previous meeting**

The clerk had attended the annual meeting of Notts branch of Association of local Councils at Woodborough when guest speaker was MP Kenneth Clark.

Prices had been obtained for notice boards and seats, and would be presented under the Environment heading later on the agenda.

5] **Correspondence**

Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed that its Local Plan Core Strategy had been adopted by the council. The chairman said he didn't feel there was anything to directly affect the parish.

BT Payphones wrote to say they had not yet heard further from Community Heartbeat Trist in regard to the defibrillator

Notts County Council/Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of the suggested Combined Authority for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, aimed at bring about a reduction in some expenditure. Coun. Cottee explained the position to members.

Rural Community Action Nottingham appealed for the council to object to government suggestions to withdraw funding for them and the clerk was asked to write to support the objection.

6] **Planning Matters**

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

None

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

14/02554/ful. Noel Maloney, Red Roofs, 202 Melton Road. Demolish garage, flat roofed rear extension, reconstruction of roof to existing rear elevation, new front boundary wall and fence, demolish greenhouse and outbuildings. Grant.

14/02188/ful. Mrs S Dean, Foxcote farm, Melton Road. Change of use and extension of existing barn to single dwelling and detached double garage, revised scheme. Grant.

Keyworth Draft Neighbourhood Plan: The chairman spoke on the work that had been put in by those involved at Keyworth and the clerk was asked to write to compliment them on this. The proposals in the plan were supported by the council.

7] **Village Amenities**

Environment

The clerk said a complaint has been received from a resident in regard to the condition of the Melton road garage. The litter bin not being emptied and the grass verge in front of the garage not being cut. The front wall looks unsafe. . Rushcliffe Borough Council said they would look at the bin situation as a one-off item. Coun. Whitby said a Rushcliffe bin on Browns Lane near the notice board was not being emptied and the clerk was asked to inform the Borough.

Coun. Mrs Benney said she had attended the Police Priority Setting meeting earlier in the day when speeding traffic on the A606 road had been discussed. She said it had been stated at the meeting that Stanton did not qualify for a flashing speed sign on the A606 road but consideration could be given to the council paying for a sign at a cost of £8,600. The clerk pointed out that the County Council would still have to agree to having a sign erected and to its siting. Coun. Cottee said he would follow up the matter at the County Highways department.

New seat: The council considered the provision of a new seat to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War and the clerk was asked to proceed with purchase of a Phoenix Jubilee seat at a cost of £702 05p from Glasdon. The clerk was also to discuss with Notts County Council on the siting of it.

Footpath No. 6 Elliotts Field: Members discussed a suggestion that had been made to divert the existing footpath which runs from Melton Road, a local field and through the Golf Course. The clerk was asked to write to Jane Baines at Notts County Council to seek comment on the feasibility of such a diversion and who would meet the cost of it.

Golf Club Land including brash burning: The clerk was asked to write to the Golf Club to express concern at an exercise they had carried out to burn brash they had collected from the course when it was providing a habitat for wild life. Coun. Whitby said he had approached the club last year when they had carried out a similar exercise. The chairman said he understood the clearing work was to allow the club to provide a new chipping range.

Notice Board: The clerk was asked to obtain three new single door notice boards in man-made timber. It was agreed the board at £832 from Greenbarnes was suitable.

8] **Defibrillator Unit** There was no further discussion.

9] **Financial Matters**

Cheques for Payment were approved as per the circulated list.

Budget /Precept for 2015-6 The council considered a report prepared by the clerk and after discussion agreed that a precept figure of £4,650 be sought for 2015-16.

Clerk's salary

10] **Transparency code for small authorities:** The clerk presented a report on the new Government code and members accepted it after comment. The need to advise the public of any individual item of expenditure of £100 or more was discussed and it was felt it could provide additional work. Members agreed to receive agendas and minutes via the email service following the Government decision to make this legal.

11] **Website** Members agreed that the council needed a more modern appearance website and the chairman was to advise the present organiser of a decision to move to a professional provider.

12] **Newsletter** The next issue would be in March and would include details of the Parish Meeting, plans for a Christmas card competition, of public sessions at meetings of the council – which the council agreed would be at both the start and end of each meeting and limited to 15 minutes each. The chairman said he would welcome an input from members. Coun. Whitby asked members if they were aware of the Streetlife website. He said he felt it could be a useful vehicle and could perhaps be mentioned in the council newsletter.

13] **Agenda items for next Meeting**

Nothing was put forward but it was pointed out the date March 11 coincided with a service in church. The meeting would be held at the home of the chairman and a new date arranged in April for the parish meeting.

14] **Public Session**

The question of a parish Christmas Card was discussed.

Her Majesty The Queen is set to become the longest ever reigning monarch in British history on September 9 this year. when she will pass the record set by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria who reigned for 63 years and actually for 23,226 days, 16 hours and 23 minutes, Queen Elizabeth II will enter the history books when she overtakes Victoria during September 9 2015. It is likely to be business as usual for the Queen when she reaches the landmark date at the age of 89.