

**Minutes of the MEETING of STANTON ON THE WOLDS Parish Council held on
Wednesday September 9, 2020, at 6-30pm, by the ZOOM system.**

Couns Richard Whitby (chairman)(A)
Hilary Whitby, Martin Danielson, Jim Goodman (in the chair), Julie Spillane, Paul Spillane

Clerk Mike Elliott in attendance

The meeting was carried out using the ZOOM on-line system necessary because of the coronavirus pandemic situation currently affecting the UK and preventing face-to-face meetings.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Richard Whitby
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 30, 2020 were approved as circulated and would be signed at the next convenient time.
4. CLERK'S REPORT – VERBAL UPDATE
The Government have extended the time when zoom meetings can be held, to May 2021.
Royal Mail have, after four years, said they will remove the two disused mail holding boxes in the parish. But they have also pointed out that social distancing prevents them at present from doing this.
Rushcliffe Borough Council confirmed they had investigated an alleged smoke nuisance from fires at 140 Stanton Lane and considered the matter closed.
5. NOTTS COUNTY COUNCIL AND RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT
Coun. Edyvean said he considered the matter involving 140 Stanton Lane had not been handled satisfactorily by the Enforcement Team at Rushcliffe. He intended to take up the general matter of enforcement with the Borough council.
The chairman spoke on behalf of Coun. Cottee who was not able to attend. He said the County were getting back into the swing of their work following the usual August closedown. Vehicle parking and speeding traffic were taking up a good deal of their time.
6. FINANCE
Accounts for payment were approved as circulated
7. ENVIRONMENT
Morris Cast Designs have held the price on the village signs. The cost for them is £7955 and the Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme grant is £7120. The council agreed on meeting the deficit of £895 between the cost and the grant.
8. CORRESPONDENCE
Midlands Rural Housing survey on Stanton. Fifty-two per cent of the parish who had responded said they would support building a small number of new homes to meet the needs of local people. Eighty per cent of the respondents said Stanton was a nice place to live and the same amount said it is let down by a lack of facilities.
Website figures show in August there were 129 sessions with 102 users. Traditionally August figures are lower than the rest of the year. The highest monthly figure so far this year is 178, in May.
Rushcliffe Borough Council advised they were again offering free trees in a scheme they started three years ago. The offer is for 10 trees to be available free for parish councils and two free for any residents. Orders had to be made by the end of September. The trees available to parish councils would be Alder, Aspen, Crab Apple, Oak, Field Maple, Large-leaved Lime, Small leaved Lime, White Willow and Wild Cherry. The trees offered to residents are Hazel and Crab Apple. It was agreed to advertise the scheme on the website.

9. PLANNING INCLUDING NOTTINGHAM STRATEGIC PLAN

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

20/01668/ful. Simon Varley, 62 Stanton Lane. Demolish derelict house and replace with two. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

20/01568/ Mr D Macaren Prior approval for conversion of portal frame building to 2 dwellings. Revised scheme. Refused.

20/01508. Robert Kalisiak, land off Thurlby Lane, New glamping site and change of use of stables to Winery and supporting activities. Grant.

20/00130/ful. Mrs Kath Gibson, 138B Browns Kane. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension. Front porch extension. Demolish existing garage and replace. Grant.

20/01029/ful. Mr Singh. Land east of The White House, Old Melton Road. Construct two two-storey dwellings with associated access (revised application). Refuse.

20/00815/ful. Simon Miller, 48a Stanton Lane. House remodelling including ground floor rear extension, replacement first floor and additional first rear and second floor roof extension and new garage. Grant.

Rushcliffe Borough Council have said they oppose suggestions by Notts County Council for a Unitary Authority and have joined the other seven district councils and Nottingham City Council stating their opposition. A letter from the district councils has gone to Luke Hall, the Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government in which they say the County has developed its proposition in isolation, and has not attempted to engage with them on any alternative options and has failed to demonstrate an open mind to any option other than the one that preserves and enhances its own identity and responsibilities. A single unitary council for Nottinghamshire would attempt to serve 828,000 people. This is way beyond the acceptable size threshold that the Government have articulated. The districts admit that scale can deliver economies but too big breeds bureaucracy and inflexibility.

Coun. Edyvean spoke of the subject of the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan and said it was seen by many as an unbalanced plan which pushes housing development south of Nottingham instead of equalisation for the county as a whole. The meeting felt that the current proposals disproportionately put additional housing in the south of the county and the effect of that would be unacceptably detrimental to this part of the country as a whole.

Coun. Edyvean reminded the parish council that Rushcliffe Borough Council were already committed to providing 13,500 new homes in their own approved Local Plan.

10 WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER

Coun. Hilary Whitby was thanked for her efforts in producing another issue of the village newsletter.

Parishioners appreciated having the publication and the hard work in producing it was much appreciated. It was agreed the subject of speeding traffic and builders' traffic should be highlighted in the next issue.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - CONFIRMATION NOVEMBER 11, 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.