***STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL***

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**Minutes of the AGM**

To be held Tuesday 11th May 2021 @ 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Stapleford Abbotts and to be live-streamed to residents via link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9279269156?pwd=THh6dnQzYkc4SGQ3Y2tlL2FPT1lNdz09> Meeting ID: 927 926 9156 Passcode: 673428

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| **Present:** |  | |
| **Councillors:** | Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ | Kim Lidlow KL |
|  | Marion Francis (Vice- Chair) MF | Colleen Atkinson CA  Barrie Challingsworth BC  Catherine Burnett CB  Barb Lowings BL |
| **Officers:** | Ellie Thomas, Parish Clerk | |
| **Residents**: | none present in the Hall | |

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| 1 | Welcome to the AGM |
|  | No declarations of interest were made. Chair welcomed all present and all viewing online to the AGM, the first that has been held since 2019 due to the pandemic. |
| 2 | Welcome to new Parish, District & County Members |
|  | As above, welcome to Cllr Lowings on the PC, and to our new Essex County Councillor, Cllr Jaymey McIvor. |
| 3 | Report from the Chair |
|  | The year has been very challenging and many changes are afoot in the village. We anticipate 2021-22 to be busy as far as planning applications are concerned, and we await the debut of the latest Local Plan.  Our projects for the year included the new flagpole and notice boards, and the official marking of the death of Prince Philip, which ran smoothly.  We now share the Parish Office with Harry who runs the school for vulnerable young adults in the Village Hall on weekdays – acknowledging his team’s co-operation.  Thanks go to our Clerk and Councillors – we acknowledge that new Members Cllrs Burnett, Challingsworth & Lidlow have served for almost a year now, and we welcome our newest Councillor, Cllr Lowings.  Issues and events covered in the past year include fly-tipping, which is usually well controlled, bin collections, a rates freeze and highways issues, including potholes, which are ongoing. The Seniors lunch party was a great success in March 2020 just before lockdown was called, and although we had to miss the Rogation Walk in 2020 it returned in full glory in 2021, with a beautiful day and an excellent and appreciative turnout. Many thanks to Cllr Francis and Ray Russell for organising.  Many thanks also to our EFDC representative Heather Brady, our outgoing Essex CC representative Maggie McEwan, the Linkup team, and to all our residents – with a special mention to Ray Russell and Jim Brown for all their support on planning and other issues. |
| 4 | Approve Minutes of the last AGM meeting |
|  | Approved and signed as a true record |
| 5 | Appoint the Chair & Vice-Chair 2021-22 |
|  | JJ & MF stood down as Chair & Vice Chair.  Nominations for Chair JJ: proposed by MF, seconded by CA. JJ elected Chair.  Nominations for Chair MF: proposed by JJ, seconded by CA. JJ elected Vice-Chair.  MF announced that she will be standing down as Vice Chair in 2022. |
| 6 | Overview of policies |
|  | Full policy overview to be deferred to July meeting as we will be able to have more attendees after June 21 2021, as per national council guidelines. Policy briefly discussed – we will divide the policies amongst Councillors to scrutinise, update and submit to Clerk for proofing, formatting, and making ready for approval, PDF and publication. |
| 7 | Determine the time and place of meetings 2021-22 |
|  | 2021  Tuesday 4th May 2021  Tuesday 11th May 2021 AGM  Tuesday 1st June 2021  Tuesday 6th July 2021   * No meeting in August 2021 -   Tuesday 7th September 2021  Tuesday 5th October 2021  Tuesday 2nd November 2021  Tuesday 7th December 2021  2022  Tuesday 4th January 2022  Tuesday 1st February 2022  Tuesday 1st March 2022  Tuesday 5th April 2022  AGM TBA |

The meeting ended at 7.28pm. Thanks to all who have attended. Next Parish Council meeting – June 1 2021.

Signed by the Chairman date

Signed by the Parish Clerk date