

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday March 7th 2023

Present:

Councillors: Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA
Marion Francis (MF)
Catherine Burnett (CB)
Kim Lidlow (KL)
Barb Lowings (BL).

Officers: Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance: 11 Residents/ Visitors including representatives from St Mary's Church and Ride London

996/23	Apologies for Absence Heather Brady, EFDC PC Andy Cook, Essex Police.
997/23	Declarations of Interest None
998/23	Minutes of last Meeting Minor amendments to be entered and will then be confirmed as a true record
999/23	Matters for Report Clerks Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulated: All bulletins from EFDC, ECC, EALC, NALC, VAEF, Trading Standards, Police Fire & Libraries • Hate Crime Awareness - Clerk would like to go as part of CPD, anyone else free to sign up • Drones sighted again at night. Clerk heard that TV Licensing does license fee scrutiny via drone. • Info on notice boards from Alex Burghart, our MP. Details also on website • EFDC Local Plan has been approved by the Inspector: report circulated. • First Aid Course successful, article to follow, trainer to send information on defibrillator awareness • Horses at Twin Oaks - Clerk referenced Enforcement officer. Member of the public worried about the horses advised to tell the RSPCA. Enforcement said grazing horses does not require planning permission, the site has been occupied for many years, so it is irrelevant who is living on the site as they do have the right to reside. However any footpath blockage should be reported to ECC. • ULEZ: several reactions to the plans have been circulated, notably those from Havering and Harlow. • February Planning Decisions list has been circulated • EALC AGM to take place in September - Clerk requests to attend • Local Council Liaison Committee on March 28 - call to action for agenda items has been circulated, Clerk planning to attend, if anyone else wishes to come please speak up. • New Electoral Boundaries map is out and circulated, confirming that we are in the Theydon Bois ward Matters for Report Welcome to Chris Davey of Ride London. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will be one day only the 28th of May 2023. Expected 25,000 riders this year. • Chris Davey will be distributing his phone number, email address and pamphlets. • Last year was a big learning curve. They want to minimise the impact by going to all of the towns and meeting people and promoting business and resident packages. • For those who will be directly affected - Access plans can be implemented this year • Stapleford Abbots is on the last run back to London, so the road will unfortunately be closed for longer. • It will be more controlled: more crossings, marshals better briefed, local volunteers recruited • Do we want public engagement event – as per the Rabbits last year - will take lead from us. • Communication will take place on Facebook, Linkup and Nextdoor. • Comments: the toilets by the pub were really bad. Ride London will provide more toilets this time. Rider briefing will emphasise not to make a mess, and especially not to use hedges as a toilet - and provide activation points via an app showing “activation” toilet and food points: happy to have one at the Rabbits. • Resident asked for a phone number to call when anyone blocked in wanted to leave the house. Hook Lane residents were marooned last time and cars were not insured to leave elsewhere. If people can make alternative arrangements on the day please do, if not, tell the Ride London team who will try to help.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activation zones will have more and better facilities. There will be a stern message given about respecting the public and the environment. More bins to be provided. • Ride London team want to make more cafes etc. accessible to riders every weekend of the year • Resident comment: litter was not picked up the next day or week after Ride London 2022: this year, cleanup begins once riders go through. • Potholes: Ride London team to scope out the course. All those scheduled ones for repair will move up the ECC list, Ride London to repair others. • Church service time may be altered as per last year – Ride London to liaise with the vicar. • Roads will be opened as quickly as possible - closure hours on the website now (estimated to be closed 7:30am till 5:30pm, it will be closed when the first riders are 10 to 15 minutes away, and marshals will be better briefed.) with a community information interactive map. • Accidents on the day: there were two last year, and there was an issue for the ambulance. Roads will now be laned with 220 cyclists per minute on one side and access for emergency vehicles on the other. • Health care plans: in place with private and NHS, family carers will be kept in closer contact this year. Leaflets will be in GP surgeries – clerk to add to Linkup • Grants: £1million for small projects that expire that inspire activity (yoga mats, gardening tools). The vicar applied in January for a grant for Team Challenge but no response - Chris Davey to chase. • Schools campaign for cycling proficiency in progress. Essex County Council town and village activation grants are also available. Please contact Chris Davey with any questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Aid: covered • Public footpaths: nothing new • Accidents: the log is being kept up. The farm at Hook Lane planted hedges intermittently: suggest that he could do this where cars can go into the ditch. Cllr Jackson briefing Cllr McIvor: at the sharp bend on Hook Lane, can we get banners or markings to prevent more accidents. Cllr McIvor asked for pictures/ information to put it through the right channels: parish council can ask for a barrier to start off with if we think it would help. ECC panel would visit, assess and report. This would take time but we can propose interim solutions. Cllr Atkinson: does the law stop landowners planting verges to mitigate crashes? Farmers can plant what they want on their own land if it does not contravene planning permission. • Bus Service: Meeting attended by Cllr Francis & Clerk has had knock on effects. ECC and community transport team are trying to help get the transport extended to the village: Dart 87, a bus you can book in advance, might be suitable for us. Possibly would meet up with Abridge bus link to Loughton. They have put it out to other parishes, considering that ULEZ might make more people want to use the bus. ECC rep to attend Seniors Luncheon on April 23rd - questionnaire prepared. • ULEZ: flyers have been distributed and to go on website, please respond. Concerns of parking mayhem on Havering boundaries. • Speedwatch: has been out on duty - successful. A revised schedule to follow. Office keys for access to equipment: agreed new one will be cut. Agreed teams to go to the layby, school and Tysea Hill • Rent review: circulated next year this will come into force. We are writing formally to the tenants now. • Coronation: fun day is fixed for Saturday, service and tea and bellringing for Sunday. A Stapleford-Lambourne footpath walk from one church to the other will happen on Monday as part of the Big Help Out event - footpath clearance or litter pick component. Cllr Jackson asking for donations from builders and businesses. Proposal to up the spend from £500 to £1000: agreed. Litter pick to be booked ASAP. • History projects: CD to be produced. Clerk to ask if we can get the link to the website to show drone footage. To confirm £5 for additional CDs. We can show the films on the laptop at the flower festival. 															
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	<p>Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 1431 1428 1565"> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>CLERK FEBRUARY 2023</td> <td>484</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>PRINTER INK</td> <td>21.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K LIDLOW</td> <td>CORONATION ENTERTAINMENTS</td> <td>223</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J JACKSON</td> <td>CORONATION CHOCOLATE</td> <td>262.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J JACKSON</td> <td>CORONATION CRAFT MATERIALS</td> <td>114.69</td> </tr> </table> <p>Cllr McIvor to donate ribbons – please send requirements. Cllr Jackson to ask Sue Freeman about church tea donation.</p>	E THOMAS	CLERK FEBRUARY 2023	484	E THOMAS	PRINTER INK	21.30	K LIDLOW	CORONATION ENTERTAINMENTS	223	J JACKSON	CORONATION CHOCOLATE	262.37	J JACKSON	CORONATION CRAFT MATERIALS	114.69
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989/23	Parish Council Projects
	Covered.
990/23	Correspondence
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Hall has received our letter about issues with planned ULEZ expansion • Alex Burghart MP has received our letter about issues with planned ULEZ expansion • Office of Andrew Rosindell has received our letter about issues with planned ULEZ expansion • Spencers Farm - last email from a neighbour was on Feb 17 and circulated EFDC: Epping Town Council are considering a church service: Coronation events are more geared to local celebrations and street parties. As far as things stand, no flag protocol or official expectations for the weekend. • Epping Mayor - charity dinner invite to Chair. • No word from EFDC re. how much council tax was paid by village last year - Clerk FOI'd it 22 Feb 2023 • Resident phoned 27 Feb re. road defects making houses on Tysea Hill shake - reported to Highways • Member of public who travels through the parish every day for work phoned 2 March re. road closures: Clerk has updated the website and the querent was directed to the news page. • Ride London: Cllr Mc Ivor of ECC emailed re. updates about the event and attendant road closures. <p>5G Mast – on Havering border: hearing but it affects us residences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mast is on the grass which is Havering but the land in front of it is in Epping Forest. • We fought this in 2021 and it was refused because it was out of keeping. • We can't see the plans as the Havering site is down March 29 is the deadline. • They have reduced the height by three metres, 15 metres not 18 metres. We understand that it was being reviewed and reduced in the height but it is still as a whole not acceptable. • All need to object if we are to speak; we will fight this and put in our previous objection - everyone to copy into Clerk their objections, • This creates a blind spot for traffic and it blocks the sight line. This was why it was refused last time. • There's a black spot for signals: why put a mast in a valley? • Our objection we will include the original application and the new application numbers. • Question why we were not informed as a parish council and no signs put outside for public view. • Why were all neighbours not informed? • We cannot ask access the plans. Please find out if we can have paper copies. • Who is the applicant? What are the measurements and where is it? • Parish resident to email Clerk, neighbours will copy us in with their objections. • Noted that Telefonica and Vodafone already have a mast across the road. So why do we need another one? Why can't that be upgraded and serve? • Clerk to rewrite, circulate and amend the older objection
991/23	Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting (held every 3 months) at the Abridge Medical Centre re.funding and issues. Please tell Cllr Jackson if you want to go in the future. Minutes to come from the last meeting. Covered surgery's catchment and services. • Cllr McIvor is on the Essex Health Board and has recently raised concerns like ours. Reviewing the funding under Section 106, there are so many components to it. Councillor for Rochford at ECC, Mike Steptoe, is heading up the section 106 funding issue. £13 million available to claim for doctor surgeries improvements – eg installing a new sink

	to facilitate recruitment of a new doctor. To access this, doctors must write to the East of England NHS and ask how to claim Section 106.
992/23	Highways
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still a lot to be done - we report all the time and nothing seems to be done. Tysea Hill has had work - pothole outside the Ivys is half filled. • Resident met with the land drainage officer. In the next few weeks apparently, the drains will be cleared. • Road Closures this month, according to OneNetwork, on website now <p>Report from Cllr McIvor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything about the parish council has reported has been submitted to the right places. • Noted ECC spends most of its budget on Adult Social Care which has gone up in demand since COVID. • Highways has put extra £9 million into initial works on a scheme led by councillors. Anything that causes immediate danger or a threat to public safety will get done but others wait. • £3 million pounds going into projects across Essex as a micro surfacing scheme on the go. • All speed limits across Essex are going to be reviewed due to the mass building of houses and they will flag up places that need special attention. Cllr McIvor has put forward Stapleford Abbots for this. • Highways officers visited: Cllr McIvor told them what he saw when he went on the tour of the village. • A petition to come to full council from school at ECC. • Gutteridge Lane fly tips are being reported constantly. Cllr McIvor showed the highways officers the area. • Suggested a footpath from Gutteridge Lane to the school, for parents to park and walk, might deter activity there. Path there is a public footpath. He has asked for posts as per Cllr Jackson's suggestion. • Noted that in 1997 Ray Russell as the head of the Parish Council got the speed limit made variable (to 20mph)in writing from ECC but this was renege on • Resident asked how many houses do you need to get speed reduced? Cllr McIvor says it doesn't matter - all Essex will be getting a review on speeding in 2023 and we have a good case. <p>Speed guns: Councillor Lee Scott is investing a new scheme pending where spot penalties can be enforceable by council officers as well as police. Stapleford Abbots Speedwatch Group interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative for buses coming to Essex: if there are any routes, we could indicate these on the map and send them to him. • EFDC local plan was adopted last night. If an application is in the local plan, you can't stop it. But it needs to live up to very proper standards and anything not in the local plan can be argued. You can use the local plan as a weapon. future meetings coronation Speedwatch updates open forum
993/23	Matters for future Agendas
	Coronation Speedwatch
994/23	Open Forum
	Windowless building at Bourne Brook is adjacent to The Elms – Clerk to contact Enforcement again re caravans
995/23	Time & Date of next meeting
	Meeting closed 21.58. Next meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday April 4 2023.

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