

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday April 4th 2023

Present:

Councillors: Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA
Catherine Burnett (CB)
Kim Lidlow (KL)

Officers: Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance: 3 Residents/ Visitors

1009/23	Apologies for Absence
	Barb Lowings (BL) Marion Francis (MF) Heather Brady, EFDC PC Andy Cook, Essex Police.
1010/23	Declarations of Interest
	None
1011/23	Minutes of last Meeting
	Minor amendments to be entered and will then be confirmed as a true record
1012/23	Matters for Report
	Clerks Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EFDC ECC Libraries Fire Police CSW EALC VAEF Essex Trading Standards and Essex Tourism bulletins circulated• Coronation roundup via EFDC - will have our events listed here• The Elms windowless building - description, concerns and photo sent to EFDC Enforcement.• Mast at Havering border - resident has shared response and we have responded to the near neighbour call to action (see below)• Proposed development at The Pillars - letter sent• Land Rent raise letters sent to all tenants• Transport meeting - not geared to our needs, but we attended online and are keen to make our presence known to the transport authorities.• Speeding: Clerk to find out how to register for the scheme to give tickets at Speedwatch.• Local Councils Liaison Committee (LCLC) - Lee Scott of Essex County Council attended, repeated most of what Cllr McIvor had said re roads.• Ride London - still theoretically can have an engagement event, but we have heard nothing from C Davey since his attendance at the March meeting. Clerk to approach him again. The pit stop fund info has been circulated to The Rabbits and the Church. We have also registered for digital updates on the route.• Financial return - PKF Littlejohn presiding again Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ride London: covered.• Footpaths: Brian Smith has retired. The handover to his replacement is to follow. A thank you to go to him ASAP. Somebody on footpath 33 has shut the gate: it is a hazard. Cllr Jackson to research landownership - there was an enforcement notice on there. Councillor Burnett has emailed Simon Taylor at ECC about this. New Location officer is Alan Roscoe, working with footpath groups about waymarkers. Brian Smith will do the risk assessment for the coronation trail before he leaves post.• Footpath funding. re the coronation: Cllr Burnett has applied for a grant, Allen Roscoe and the head of localism Shirley Anglim to fund 50% of this as a special project. Glues, tacks etc to come out of normal footpaths funding. We are looking at additional discs for the coronation trail, very like the Millennium trail discs, the same size and shape as the yellow arrows but purple with a crown. Agreed to get 35 and have some of them on the posts and some spare (total £116.53). We will pay 50% and glue will come from the usual expenses. Cllr Burnett and Clerk to order: we will invoice Shirley Anglin for 50% - discs will be put up on the big help out day, glued on initially and nailed later.• Accidents: there has been an accident on Tysea Hill, this is in the spreadsheet.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus: covered • Ulez: we have not heard anything solid. A resident reports that the High Court answers to councils who have objected to the scheme are imminent. • Link up connection to the local groups: Cllr Jackson’s proposal for a disclaimer for Linkup etc: <p>Stapleford Abbots Parish Council is not affiliated with any group within the Parish. If any Parish Councillor is a member of any groups within the Parish, they act therein solely as a resident and not in an official capacity as a Parish Councillor; this adheres to EALC guidelines.</p> <p>If any resident/parishioner has any issues which relate to Stapleford Abbots Village, they need to report this officially by contacting the Clerk at www.staplefordabbottsparishcouncil.co.uk to ensure that the enquiry gets logged and dealt with in the official way. The Parish Council recognises that you may have a discussion as a Parish Councillor, but nothing can be dealt with unless it’s recorded through the right channels, as we cannot act on hearsay.</p> <p>The Parish Council recognises and accepts that we have a responsibility to inform a resident who contacts them, if they are acting as a Parish Councillor or a neighbour. A Parish Councillor cannot give a view on behalf of the Parish Council unless it has been agreed at a Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>This statement will be sent to all relevant groups within the Village and printed in the Link Up, and placed on the Notice Boards for clarification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronation: the three days celebration, including screening at the pub, is progressing. The Big Help Out walk will be two miles. Councillor Lidlow is sorting up bows, Clerk to print disclaimers for bouncy castle. Insurance and risk assessments in hand – Clerk to ask CAS Insurance for any outstanding forms. • Clerk to update poster for the litter pick start as 11am. To do disclaimer that you must not bring buggies; Clerk to run off the final poster and send it round. • Speedwatch: Cllrs Lidlow and Burnett are working on dates, Clerk to forward paperwork to Janet Willey. • Rogation Walk: Cllrs Burnett, Francis and Clerk are liaising, posters and risk assessment ready, Link up article to go. Please check our website for updates. Noted that the 13/5/23 is the plant sale at the church and resident suggested putting up signs there • Spencer's Farm: traffic problem to go on the log in our email file. Not much is going on at the moment residents have affirmed that it has gone quiet. • AGM: invites have been sent on Easter cards, reminders to follow, policies to be circulated. • Item from March: Cllr Lidlow to give details to Cllr Jackson about coronation expenses. 																		
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	<p>Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 1162 1428 1339"> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>CLERK MARCH 2023</td> <td>506</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC</td> <td>NIMBLE COURSES INV16499</td> <td>122.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC</td> <td>NIMBLE COURSES INV16509</td> <td>61.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC</td> <td>EALC & NALC Affiliation Fee INV16541</td> <td>340.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TEEC</td> <td>WEBSITE HOSTING INV-4491</td> <td>155.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	E THOMAS	CLERK MARCH 2023	506	EALC	NIMBLE COURSES INV16499	122.40	EALC	NIMBLE COURSES INV16509	61.20	EALC	EALC & NALC Affiliation Fee INV16541	340.29	TEEC	WEBSITE HOSTING INV-4491	155.99			
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1014/23	Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team)																		
	<p>EPF/0557/23 https://eppingforestdcpr.force.com/pr/s/planning-application/a0h8d000001Vf7w Land Adjacent to Esperanza Nursery, Stapleford Road , Stapleford Abbots Erection of two detached dwellings Marie-Claire Tovey Return April 10 2023 – extended till 27/4/23 Stapleford Abbots Parish Council register an OBJECTION to this application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have objected to items here on other occasions, chiefly on criteria of overdevelopment, ecological reasons and for lack of social/ affordable housing. • We would like to respond fully and properly to this application, but the entry in the planning lists is blank. It gave no documents, information about the site, or references to previous developments. Is this application subject to a land sale? We would be grateful if you would tell us what we are meant to be commenting on. • From what we gather, this development, going by the brief description we were given, would be overdevelopment (there should not be more than 10 houses here), there is no reference to social housing. • We would also like to flag up that behind the development at Esperanza there are pipes spilling sewage: this has been reported to EFDC Environmental Health, and we await their full response/ inspection before taking our next step. We have a dossier of other planning applications referring to Esperanza that we have objected to and that may have a bearing on this case: they are listed on attachment. <p>EPF/0413/23 https://eppingforestdcpr.force.com/pr/s/planning-application/a0h8d000001VUPU The Oaks, Oak Hill Road, Stapleford Abbots, Romford, RM4 1JL Proposed two-storey side extension, single-storey front and rear infill extensions, proposed garage & internal alterations for additional kitchen, dining, living, bedroom, bathroom, study, office, gym & utility space. Ian Ansell Return April 17 2023</p>																		

	<p>This is not in keeping with the neighbourhood, and we are concerned about overdevelopment on the site. There was some concern that there will be a separate dwelling here in future, and there should be conditions to preclude this. Neighbours may also have objections; if neighbours object and this goes to committee, we will register to speak.</p> <p>Neighbouring Authority: Havering. Application Number: M0002.23 Location: Land opposite North Lodge, North Road Hillside Farm, Romford Proposal: Proposed telecommunications installation: proposed 15.0m Phase8 Monopole & associated ancillary works. Return to Planning@havering.gov.uk by 8th April 2023 – our comments were sent before the end of March 2023.</p>
1015/23	<p>Parish Council Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drone pictures will go up on the AGM, invoice to follow. • Clerk to chase TEEC again about getting clips on the site
1016/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone call from prospective new resident re development by Church Lane: we are not really the people to advise - you should ask EFDC for historic planning items, it is also best to ask your solicitor. • Email re. pavement parking in Tysea Hill • Email re. Gutteridge Lane tipping • Email re lorry at Clovelly blocking both entrances to drive 4/4/23 morning and causing a hazard as peak time traffic was having to overtake near the Tysea Hill junction. He drove off straight into Spencers Farm about 9.15am. • Gutteridge Lane: You can't park here as HGV from farms and builders used it. Woodlands has visitor parking. Cllr Burnett suggested to revive "polite notices" for people parking in the wrong places.
1017/23	<p>Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside bodies: LCLC and transport meeting covered. Councillors Jackson and Atkinson went to Abridge PC meeting. Discussion included the doctor's surgery, used by more than one parish. • Training: nimble courses are in progress. Counsellor Atkinson remarked that they don't give feedback or tell you if you're making the same mistakes. Feedback to go to Pearl at EALC.
1018/23	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still issues going on and being reported. Rubbish dumping on Hook Lane has been reported.
1019/23	<p>Matters for future Agendas</p> <p>AGM 17/4/23, next meeting 2/5/23, Coronation, Rogation Walk, Ride London, Speed watch.</p>
1020/23	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Elms area windowless building: we have not heard anything back, enforcement have photos.</p>
1021/23	<p>Time & Date of next meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed 21.05. Next meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday May 2 2023.</p>

Signed by Chair: Date:

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