

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday May 2nd 2023

Present:

Councillors:

Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ

Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA

Kim Lidlow (KL)

Officers:

Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance:

3 Residents/ Visitors PC Andy Cook, Essex Police.

1022/23	Apologies for Absence
	Barb Lowings (BL) Marion Francis (MF) Catherine Burnett (CB)
1023/23	Declarations of Interest
	None
1024/23	Minutes of last Meeting
	Confirmed as a true record
1025/23	Matters for Report
	<p>Clerks Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EFDC ECC Libraries Fire Police CSW EALC VAEF Essex Trading Standards and Essex Tourism bulletins circulated • Bank closures in Essex on website • Road closures in the area April/May/June on website • Coronation celebrations at SA are in Linkup on Nextdoor and EFDC PR centre • Ride London have provided contact details but no other correspondence yet. • PC Cook has provided crime figures for first quarter – circulated • Thank You e-card sent to Brian Smith of Ramblers/ Footpaths • Water resources survey – circulated • Mast on Havering border has been refused <p>Open Forum brought forward due to a planning proposal be to be discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local landowner attended to raise a possible planning prior application for the building of 8+ residences on the land adjacent to the school. The application will be for a number of bungalows to be built, it was stated that the land is not agricultural but is green belt. Bungalows built to address the lack of housing for disabled residents. • Resident was advised that a development of bungalows, and one to cater for people with special needs including a warden’s residence, have been granted permission already – therefore fulfilling our quota. • In return the resident as been in discussion with the school about the possibility of contributing funding for parking spaces on part of the land. It was stated that the school parking arrangements have been a problem for many years. • The applicant said they had considered the local plan and noted the lack of infrastructure in the village for the number of planning applications already approved for building • The school Head teacher was present and supported the initial idea . The Head also raised the potential to have additional classroom spaces for educational needs children from outside the village. This would potentially give rise to further traffic issues. • The PC thanked the resident for the prior information and responded to the brief details provided. • The PC stated that there had been many more houses agreed in planning applications than were allocated to the village in the local plan • The PC would be of the view that unless there were exceptional circumstances, they would not agree to further housing developments in the village as this was the general agreement of the position of the PC on such applications. • The plan to resurface the car park at the village hall which was proposed more than two years ago was raised. But no agreement has been reached on this solution by the Academy. • The PC stated that the school does not have many children who live in the village and this is what causes

	<p>the drop off situation and the parking challenge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact on footpaths was also raised. • The general consensus was that any planning application on green belt land in an already over built village would not be approved unless there were exceptional circumstances. <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Andy Cook gave a crime report - non dwelling burglaries, but no dwelling ones. • Intrusion into the cow shed at Albyns Hall, 15/4/23, witnessed by worker, by two men with baseball bats. • Robbery at Bournebridge Lane, gun cabinet with guns and other items were stolen. • There have been a lot of outbuildings broken into in Tawney Common and Theydon Mount and a suspect black Landrover has been seen quite a lot. Satnav has been stolen from a tractor in the vicinity. • On Sunday, the 23rd of April, there were helicopters and three police cars in the vicinity: more soon • We still have speeding issues. PC Cook is going to do some speed checks. We have had lots of accidents, the latest outside the pub and in Hook Lane (a blackspot where we want highways to put something). • The school offered the hall there as a coffee with the cops location. • A resident has suggested a speed trap on Sundays near Brook Farm. However community speed watch team are unable to monitor this area. <p>Matters for report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride London: covered • Footpaths report: next time • Accidents: on the April 7 and 21. • Buses: April 23, the Clerk gave a presentation at the seniors luncheon. There was some interest and the Welfare Trust pledged to pay the £15 subscription for all who are interested. • Ulez: we have heard nothing further • Coronation: May 6, fun day at Rabbits, music, crafts, bouncy castle, face painter and BBQ, DJ afterwards. May 7, service, bells and tea at the church, May 8 parish to parish litter pick and walk • Rogation Walk: will take place on May 14 • Plant sale: May 13 at the church 																					
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	<p>Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>CLERK APRIL 2023</td> <td>495</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>PRINTER INK</td> <td>39.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLIDES2DISC</td> <td>HISTORY PROJECT – DVD OF DRONE FOOTAGE</td> <td>22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIANE MALLEY</td> <td>FINANCE/ TAX ADVICE</td> <td>120</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SIGN SHED</td> <td>CORONATION TRAIL DISCS (PART FUNDING BY ECC)</td> <td>119.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BOUNCY CASTLE</td> <td>CONFIRMED PAID IN FULL</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	E THOMAS	CLERK APRIL 2023	495	E THOMAS	PRINTER INK	39.50	SLIDES2DISC	HISTORY PROJECT – DVD OF DRONE FOOTAGE	22	DIANE MALLEY	FINANCE/ TAX ADVICE	120	SIGN SHED	CORONATION TRAIL DISCS (PART FUNDING BY ECC)	119.35	BOUNCY CASTLE	CONFIRMED PAID IN FULL	108			
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1027/23	Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team)																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No live planning applications with a return date within agenda time frame. • Noted that Woodside Farm had a variation of conditions and an appeal would be assumed. 																					
1028/23	Parish Council Projects																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New resident gave some feedback about developments in Stapleford Abbots – footpaths need to be made good by developers, concerned about buses (reassured that we are working on this to get a link bus to Abridge) and speeding is issue (also reassured that we're working on this) school parking, road signs and lighting not working, building and poor infrastructure, litter and dumped cars. Reassured him that we are lobbying all higher echelons about this and gave a general introduction to the village for the new residents by the Council. • Suggested offering him a map of footpaths - Clerk to contact Cllr Burnett and email him back. • Allotment inspection to take place soon. 																					
1029/23	Correspondence																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bourne Brook contamination - circulated, more soon • Resident reported noise nuisance in Tysea Hill zone but this was a wedding and a one off • Arboriculture company sent speculative email - on file 																					
1030/23	Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses																					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 																					

1031/23	Highways
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road matters are ongoing. • The pothole at the Ivys has been filled in; the road at the bottom of the hill is deteriorating again. • The Passingford end village sign has been reported broken, the one at the Havering end of the village near Smoothys turkey farm is gone – Clerk to report.
1032/23	Matters for future Agendas
	Updates: on Coronation, Rogation Walk, Ride London, Speed watch.
1033/23	Open Forum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JJ has spoken to the village hall association - they stated that they do not want keys given to everyone. Only the chair, the clerk and the church committee are to be keyholders there has to be no other. • Suggested that we need further consideration around fetching and returning the community Speedwatch equipment. There has been a new address and form for community Speedwatch reports, circulated. • Residents gave thanks to the Council for the seniors luncheon.
1034/23	Time & Date of next meeting
	Meeting closed 21.00. Next meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday June 6 2023.

Signed by Chair: **Date:**

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