

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday November 1st 2022

Present:

Councillors: Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA
Marion Francis (MF)
Catherine Burnett (CB)
Barb Lowings (BL)
Heather Brady, EFDC

Officers: Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance: 8 Residents/ Visitors

944/22	Apologies for Absence Kim Lidlow (KL) Arrived later due to attending Ride London consultation																								
945/22	Declarations of Interest CB lives next door to The Police House																								
946/22	Minutes of last Meeting Confirmed as a true record																								
947/22	Matters for Report Clerks Report Circulated: All bulletins from EFDC, ECC, EALC, NALC, VAEF, Trading Standards, Police Fire & Libraries Thanks to Mark Prior & Malcolm Burnett for help installing the bench – cards to be sent. Redbridge appeal entered on Inspectorate site. Ward Boundary rejig - we are Theydon Bois with Passingford. Information sent out, consultation runs till first week December 2022. Comments to Clerk. 20s Plenty - follow up meetings to happen in third week November, all welcome on zoom. Ride London meetups – KL is attending tonight at Ongar. Speedwatch – Janet Willey confirmed we do not have to insure camera as it's fire service property, Clerk to tell CAS Insurance. Tommy sculpture - Clerk met Cllr Mc Ivor recently and discussed this proposal, he approved and will finance one of two from an improvement project fund, the rationale being that we buy and he reimburses, Clerk please consult Cllr McIvor. EALC Branch - more later – Clerk attended. Gates with signs at village entry - Theydon Mount PC asked where we got them. Suggest EFDC Street Furniture as first contact. MF has sent queries to EFTAG and any feedback will be after 1/11/22 Power cut info is all now on the sheet, including the reports as they happened on September 29. Ray Russell profile – we helped with dates & this will go in Linkup. New laptop up and running as principal IT device, Office 365 installed and old files transferred. St Mary's Church welcome sheet redone - have included utilities & highways contacts this time. Matters for Report New Council Handbook – Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration – now ordered. Cards: we have nice photography but it's not particularly Christmassy. Asking for residents pictures – eg those of church stained glass windows – please liaise with Clerk. Possibility of e-cards to be sent on behalf of the Council: Clerk to research. First Aid: decided to have one session only, with one person from each household attending. SAVHA will have to bring this to committee also. To tell Tutorcare that further to our last email, we had a committee meeting and the members say it is approved for one day only. As parish council we will have to cancel one date – we did not see any quotation Suggestion to ask SAVHA if we can't pay for hall hire by the year – pointed out that we do not use it in August any way.																								
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936/22	Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team) EPF/2240/22 Police House, Oak Hill Road, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1JL Comment: we ask if neighbours have submitted comments: unless the neighbours have objections based on planning reasons and it does not exceed permitted parameters, we have no problem. If there are objections from neighbours and this is referred to the Committee we will register to speak.																								

	<p>EPF/2256/22 Oakfields, Stapleford Road, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1EJ No Objection</p> <p>EPF/2310/22 Stapleford Abbots Golf Club, Horseman Side, Tysea Hill, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1JU Objection. It is overdevelopment in the Greenbelt and it far exceeds the building being replaced (ie larger than the existing footprint). If there is planning permission pending for a new building at the Golf Club should they be applying for another already? Why were there 2 starters huts, one in the proposed development and one on the previous application?. It's questionable as to how they will fit all the equipment and machines into that space, being 2440 wide and 3000 high. Have Navestock been informed because this site abuts their boundaries. If there are objections from neighbours and this is referred to the Committee we will register to speak.</p> <p>EPF/2671/21 The Stables Stapleford Road Stapleford Abbots RM14 1ER Comment: No objection but with comments, and we request replies to comments. Are they aware if a footpath crosses the land? Are they aware that there is another place in Stapleford with the name Stables or something very similar? We also recommend asking for a flood report and removal of the development rights as this is the biggest size of development compared to what they have already and it is on Greenbelt land.</p>
937/22	Parish Council Projects
	Nothing right now
938/22	Correspondence
	Cllr Burnett shared remarks on Oak Holl Green from point of view of a resident.
939/22	Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses
	EALC Branch: Clerk attended 26/10/22 with 22 people from 14 local councils. The minutes will be circulated once they are released. The meeting was encouraging but disturbing, because every other council and representative had had the same problems with communication with EFDC and especially also with their planning department that we have had – EALCB is mooted to become a forum for local councils and a pressure group to get EFDC to hear local PC concerns and hopefully improve.
940/22	Highways
	Potholes: JJ & BL to measure the one at The Ivy's - it needs urgent attention and has been reported several times by parishioners, councillors and the Clerk. Roads closure: was not actually in force today. The closure dates have been changed: 22-24 February 2023 when Bournebridge lane will be closed for resurfacing. Tysea Hill pavement holes still there. Broken bollards in centre of road have been reported. Dead tree on Stapleford Road reported to Countrycare, no response. To email again as it is rotten and there are high winds coming. Oakhill Road path with soil where the trees cut: suggest Highway Rangers or Biffa to clear – Clerk to ask.
941/22	Matters for future Agendas
	None as yet
942/22	Open Forum
	<p>St Mary's Church thanked us for cutting the hedge on Church Lane – this has made a huge difference. The organ has been played for the first time on Sunday - scaffolding down this week but further improvements to come. Events: Christmas Sing is at Abridge Hall on 25th November. The Stapleford Abbots Christmas Market on 20th November at SA Village Hall. Remembrance Day Service is 1030 at the church. The quiz night also raised £404 – thanks to all attending. Parking for events: We cannot use the school car park, their security will not allow this. JJ to ask Ms Speller if we can circumvent that. Alternative parking places to be sought.</p> <p>Speedwatch: MF & CA went out last Tuesday, did both directions. Observed that it was very difficult to catch the details of cars, and drivers spotted them and slowed up. The campaign is to capture figures and raise awareness. It is time consuming and data is small, but if people can commit once a week or more it will be good. A discussion with Highways would be advantageous, but we are unsure when this can be arranged. The collated information needs to be noticed by a relevant authority, as does the accidents info. We would like to investigate the speed camera costs as a parish council project, as we need speed to be consistent in Stapleford Abbots. Suggested that we start planning for cameras now. JJ to approach Cllr McIvor and offer a zoom with the parish council, or maybe a sit down meeting, as regards speed and cameras. Clerk to write to Andy Cook to see if he wishes to be included in this - tell him that we are doing speedwatch now, and it's been suggested by parishioners that he is involved. We have money coming in soon from the section 106, so that could be used in camera with number plate recognition which might also deter burglaries, as it would watch people driving away. Clerk to find rota sheets from Speedwatch for CA to circulate.</p> <p>Ride London: it's going to happen on May the 28th for one day only. The roads will be closed and the route to be cleared as fast as possible. They will come back to us as regards refunding. Route will be finalised at the end of November. We have reported the toilet situation, and lack of notice and signage the last time - this will be informed and QR coded now. Parish councils here need information about Ride London - KL went to the consultation and will circulate all she gets via email. The QR code provides the gateway to apply for grants from the community fund as community grants hub.</p> <p>May 21* 2023: It's a Knockout tournament at Lambourne Centre. Suggested seeking funding from Ride London for this.</p>
943/22	Time & Date of next meeting
	Next meeting is December 6th 2022 and will involve refreshments. The meeting closed at 9.36pm

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