

Stanton-upon-Hine Heath Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Stanton-upon-Hine Heath Parish Council held on Tuesday, 3rd November 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Stanton Village Hall, Booley Lane, Stanton.

PRESENT: Cllr's Simon Chapple, Claire Crackett, Ashley Orme and Chas Warren.

Also in attendance:

Group Captain Jason Appleton and Mike Cauchi from RAF Shawbury, two members of the Public and the Parish Clerk.

In the Chair: Cllr Simon Chapple.

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101.15 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr's Derek Fildes (poorly), Nuria Gray (family commitments), Jackie Knight (poorly) and Shropshire Cllr Karen Calder (holiday).

102.15 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Resolved: to note that no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001.

103.15 **Public Participation**

Mr & Mrs Cauchi explained details of a planning application they had just submitted to Shropshire Council on land adjacent to their property at Mill House. This would be a detached property (Eco style) which was just outside the village development boundary. Some questions were raised by Members who would consider this when they received the official planning application.

RESOLVED to note that no other issues were raised by members of the public present to question the Council on local issues, therefore the Council moved on to the next item of business at 7.40 p.m.

Members agreed to bring forward agenda item 115.15. Greg Shaw who was at the meeting was asked to leave the room.

115.15 **Vacancy For Councillor**

The Chairman explained that he and the Vice Chairman had interviewed Greg Shaw for the vacancy on the High Hatton Ward following the resignation of Cllr Sharon McLaughlin. They were both recommending that Greg Shaw be co-opted to fill this vacancy.

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Proposed: Cllr Simon Chapple
Seconded: Cllr Claire Crackett

Resolved: that Greg Shaw is appointed to fill this vacancy.

Parish Clerk

Greg Shaw then rejoined the meeting. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and his register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. The Chairman then welcomed Greg to the Parish Council and introduced him to all the Members Present.

Members then agreed to bring forward agenda item 106.15.

106.15 RAF Shawbury

The Chairman welcomed Jason Appleton the new Group Captain from RAF Shawbury. Jason explained that he had been in the RAF for 25 years and this was his third posting at Shawbury. He felt that complaints had reduced over the last few months and he will continue to work closely with the neighbouring residents. He welcomed the opportunity to meet parish councils. Cllr Claire Crackett stressed the importance of being well informed of activities at the station. Jason said he was keen to continue working with parish councils on local community projects. The Chairman thanked Jason for attending who then left the meeting.

Mike Cauchi then outlined the programme details for this Sunday's Remembrance parades and services in Shrewsbury and Shawbury. Mike added that due to poor visibility night flying had to be postponed so further hours will be required but he hoped that this would all be completed within the next few weeks before the Christmas break. All night flying does stop at midnight. Mike then left the meeting.

104.15 Urgent Items

There were no urgent items relating to financial or health and safety issues that had been brought to the attention of the Chairman.

105.15 Minutes

Proposed: Cllr Chas Warren
Seconded: Cllr Ashley Orme

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 having been previously circulated be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

Chairman

Action**107.15 Highway Matters**

The Chairman reported on the response from David Gradwell, Shropshire Council's Area Traffic Engineer - North following a meeting with him and Victoria Doran Shropshire Council's Highways Manager on the recent issues relating to the white lining through the village.

David had said that the majority of the lining work carried out by our contractor has simply refreshed the existing road markings that were already in place in the village. He agreed that there is a section of centre line, extending for an approximate length of 75m from the junction by Jubilee House to number 10 that has been put in where centre lining did not previously exist.

All representatives agreed that the centre line around the bend by the junction leading to Harcourt Mill improves safety as it identifies the hazard of the bend and highlights the junction

There was a discussion about the length of centre line that has been put in on the straight section between the two bends. National guidance suggests that carriageways of a width less than 5.5m are generally not suitable for centre lining, however, this is guidance and not mandatory policy. We actually get regular requests from parish councils to install centre line markings on certain lengths of narrow roads where there is a particular hazard such as a bad bend or leading up to or past a junction. Centre lines help to highlight narrow roads and keep vehicles closer to one side. Cyclists and horse riders will also tend to keep within the middle of a marked lane, again keeping them closer to the edge of the carriageway and further away from traffic approaching in the opposite direction. When no lines are present, vehicles tend to drive closer to the centre of the carriageway and at quicker speeds. The section of road in question is within the 30mph speed limit and is situated between two bends and therefore traffic speeds should be generally low. The issue of not putting centre line markings on narrow roads is probably more relevant when considering the introduction of double solid white lines where it is illegal to cross them. This is not case with intermittent centre lines where no offence is committed if you cross over them.

Unfortunately, due to the costs involved Shropshire Council do not intend to remove any of the existing lining at the present time. However, as/when the road through the village is surfaced dressed in the future they are happy to consider not re-lining the 75m section of centre line as detailed above if this is what the Parish Council would prefer.

In response to the above Members were furious that Shropshire Council would not remove the white lines that had been done in error

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by their contractors and they would be requested to have these removed as a matter of urgency by their contractors at no expense to them. Furthermore SC would be asked to forward the names of the parish councils who have installed centre line markings on certain lengths of narrow roads where there is a particular hazard such as a bad bend or leading up to or past a junction in case we are missing some health & safety issues in Stanton.

As regards outstanding issues, Victoria Doran had responded as follows;

White lines on all junctions to the A53 are repainted from the Shawbury Parish Boundary to the Hodnet Parish Boundary. [These will be identified and programmed.](#) **Date required.**

Parish Clerk

New traffic calming measures installed in Shawbury was directing more traffic through Stanton. [The route through Stanton, avoiding the speed cushions is 6.75km long, through narrow country lanes.](#) I would suggest that the vast majority of people would not consider this an appropriate diversion in order to avoid four speed cushions.

Pot holes and edges of road again breaking up on road from Stanton to Moreton Corbet. [Orders have been committed to repair the safety defects.](#) Patching and surface dressing will be carried out as part of our programme for the next few years.

The ditch on the road to High Hatton was dug out, flooding again occurred recently following heavy rain closing access to High Hatton from the A53. [The ditching has helped to improve the drainage.](#) Road liable to flooding signs have been erected. The assistance the Estate offered was permission to allow drains across their land. This unfortunately does not help us to fund a drainage scheme. We have to prioritize our work and look at the cost/benefit of every scheme. Whilst it is inconvenient when the road floods, it does not affect property and is therefore low priority on the county drainage matrix. **Date required.**

Parish Clerk

Still urgent need for some drainage work opposite Stone House Farm. An order has been committed for the necessary work. A road closure is likely to be required, meaning that the permitting process will take about three months. Will be programmed accordingly. **Date required.**

Parish Clerk

New signs on Hazel's lane not suitable for HGV's still to be erected. ['Unsuitable for HGVs' signs have been ordered.](#) **Date required.**

Parish Clerk

Yew Tree Villa soakaway still needs attention. This would not be resolved until a new soakaway was installed. [Our Land Drainage Team are dealing with this matter.](#) **Date required.**

Parish Clerk

Action**108.15 Finance****108.15.01 Accounts for payment**

100046	Shropshire Council, Play Area	£360.00
100050	Chris Floyd, Walking Group	£17.96
100051	Scottish Power	£127.51
100052	Ian Wellings, Churchyard & Play area	£844.00

Proposed: Cllr Claire Crackett**Seconded:** Cllr Simon Chapple**Resolved:** that the above payments be authorized.

Parish Clerk

109.15 Planning**109.15.1 Current Planning Applications**

New Planning Applications published on 09/10/2015 relating to parish of:
Stanton Upon Hine Heath

Reference: 15/04260/FUL (validated: 30/09/2015)**Address:** Moston Farm, Moston, Stanton Upon Hine Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4LU**Proposal:** Siting of static caravan to provide dwelling for essential agricultural worker (revised scheme)**Applicant:** Mr M Marsh**Resolved:** that the parish council supports this application.

Parish Clerk

New Planning Applications published on 16/10/2015 relating to parish of:
Stanton Upon Hine Heath

Reference: 15/04371/FUL (validated: 09/10/2015)**Address:** Lodge Farm, Hopton, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3LF**Proposal:** Extend and modify roofline to attached old dairy; Dismantle flue and reform in alternative location. Modification of existing openings; Upgrade of thermal performance throughout**Applicant:** Mr Tom Heber-Percey (Hodnet Hall, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3NN)**Resolved:** that the parish council supports this application

Parish Clerk

Action**109.15.2 Schedule of additional planning applications**

There were no additional planning applications received after the date of publication of this agenda due to response time frames set by Shropshire Council.

109.15.3 Schedule of planning decisions

Cllr's noted the following;

Planning Decisions published on 09/09/2015 relating to parish of: Stanton Upon Hine Heath

Reference: 15/02580/FUL (validated: 15/07/2015)

Address: Moston Farm, Moston, Stanton Upon Hine Heath, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4LU

Proposal: Siting of a static caravan to provide dwelling for essential agricultural worker

Decision: Refuse

110.15 SALC

There was nothing to report.

111.15 Street Lighting

There were no reported faults to any of the street lights. Cllr Claire Crackett said a number of residents had asked why we do not switch off the street lights from midnight onwards. This has been raised before and at the time we calculated that the energy savings would not outweigh the cost of installing timers in the existing light, which would need upgrading sometime in the future anyway. There is also good evidence that crime increases when it is very dark in villages. Members agreed to include a report in the parish magazine.

Cllr Claire
Crackett

112.15 Transparency Code

Members were asked to consider publishing the parish council assets on the website. The parish clerk explained the Smaller Authorities Transparency Code which came into force on 1st April 2015 and requires the on-line publication of information that the Government requests to provide taxpayers with a clear picture of the authorities' activities, spending and governance, with the aim of holding local public bodies to account. The Parish Clerk added that there was now a government fund to cover this cost and to assist Members he had obtained costs from Vision ICT who provide a website to cover this.

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	A discussion then took place on this including raising questions why we could not use the existing community web site and request this funding accordingly.	
	It was resolved to defer any decision on this until Cllr Claire Crackett had attended an SALC training event on the Transparency Code at the end of the month.	Cllr Claire Crackett
113.15	Website	
	Cllr Chas Warren reported on the latest developments to the website, these would be incorporated into the site during the next few weeks.	Cllr Chas Warren
114.15	Trees	
	Cllr Chas Warren reported on various tree issues at Hazels Wood, Millennium Oak and the Old Mill site.	
	There are still a number of trees at Hazels Wood that require felling. Looks like we may need a road closure for this work.	Cllr Chas Warren
	The Millennium Oak lower branches require a crown lift. This work has still to be scheduled.	Cllr Chas Warren
	Work at the Old Mill site has been completed. The landowner on the other side still needs to carry out or give permission for work to be carried out to trees close to the river.	Cllr Chas Warren & Nuria Gray
115.15	Vacancy for Councillor	
	See earlier report in minutes.	
116.15	Stanton Parish Magazine/Directory	
	Cllr Claire Crackett asked Members to forward to her any amendments/additions to the parish directory.	All Members
117.15	Communications/Correspondence	
	Members noted correspondence received since the September meeting.	
118.15	Exchange of Information	
	Ian Wellings would be asked to cut back the hedge at the play area on the roadside nearest to the Village Hall.	
	Cllr Claire Crackett reported on funding issues with the CPRE.	

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Cllr Claire Crackett also reported that the Community Car scheme was working well.

The Chairman reported on a recent briefing note on the NHS.

119.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Stanton Village Hall on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.30 pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.29 p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman