

STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 1st November 2022** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors T Gurney (Chairman)
M Moore
C Crackett
S Barrett
D Dee
C Warren

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council

532.22C Welcome & Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council

Paul gave a short report from Shropshire Council stating that communication continues to be a key priority for the Administration.

The work of the A41 safety campaign group continues and a meeting has taken place with the Police & Crime Commissioner and PC Rod Lake, West Mercia Police, to continue to raise awareness of the accident statistics on this road. Local residents believe that speed is the main factor and a request has been made for funding to be available for average speed cameras.

However, an ASC scheme would cost in the region of £100,000 per mile. It is also interesting to know that a request to change a speed limit costs £55,000 per application.

Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr P Richardson had sent his apologies – any questions can be referred to him, for action on his return.

Public Session

None

533.22C Apologies

Cllr L Downes Family Commitments

Cllr I Yeadon Work Commitments

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Moore, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies as listed be accepted.

Lt Cdr P Richardson, RAF Shawbury

PC Alan Ambrose

534.22C Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

535.22C Minutes

a) It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2022 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2022 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

b) **Working with Shropshire Council**

Following the Clerk's email to Lezley Picton, Leader of SC, two-way communications commenced which resulted in an update on numerous outstanding issues across the Parish.

Discussions have taken place with Highways and Street Scene officers and the use of Customer First can be used to highlight outstanding matters or to raise new issues when a contact has not been identified for the subject.

Shropshire Council is very keen to accept the PC offer of a pilot project to create a 'Parish Roadman' scheme for re-active maintenance. Today's conversation has been supported by Andy Wilde and Steve Smith (Assistant Director) and the tasks that can be included are grass-cutting, hedges, signs, gullies, channels and ditches. Further discussions will take place regarding minor highway maintenance such as potholes.

The Clerk is to draft a SLA / Terms of Reference and a meeting is to be arranged with the various department officers.

536.22C Chairman's Report

The changes to the bank mandate have been delayed and online banking is currently not available to the Clerk. It is hoped that this will be resolved soon.

Councillor Gurney had attended the SALC training session – Chairman's Skills – which gave details of the role and expectations. There are templates available for the job descriptions of councillors and chairman, which would be useful to attract new Councillors before the next election.

It was agreed that the website needs updating and can be used to raise the profile of the Parish Council. More news items should be included, with photographs.

537/22C Finance and Governance Matters

a) **Accounts for Payment**

A list of contract payments had been circulated, it was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Crackett that these should be paid.

b) **Financial Reports**

A bank reconciliation as at 31st October had been circulated and the balance in the current account is £23,461.10.

c) **Grants to local primary schools**

Further to the conversation at the September meeting, Councillor Dee proposed that £900 be made available for the young people of the Parish by way of a grant to each of the three primary schools to support events at Christmas. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £900 be made available in order that the three primary schools can receive a grant. Each school will be asked to provide details of how the funds benefited the young people and to send some photos that can be used on the Parish Council website.

d) **Earmarked Reserves and Balances**

The Free Reserve of £10,000 remains invested in a separate account, and earns limited interest. A copy of the earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year had been circulated, for information.

Members confirmed that they would like further discussions on possible projects that the Parish Council could fund, under Section 101 of the LGA 1972, when SC is not in a position to do so at the time. This could include road-sweeping, drain clearance and gully emptying. The Clerk and Chairman will work on a draft budget for consideration prior to the next meeting.

e) Clerk's Review

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will make arrangements for the review before the next meeting.

538.22C

Highway Matters

a) Updates

Please refer to 535.22C reference working with Shropshire Council.

It was agreed that Councillor Warren would meet the SC Local Technician to show some of the sites around the Parish where issues remain.

b) Road Sweeping

Local Councillors and residents should be encouraged to report 'requests for action' via Fix My Street. This includes road sweeping. This is included in the SC contract with Kier and therefore should be undertaken as reactive maintenance. However, if the Parish Council is not satisfied and Members wish to buy-in additional services, these will be charged at cost.

c) New Issues

- i) Give Way Sign – Sowbath Crossroads – to be reported
- ii) Condition of the road outside of Boolley Barns – this is already programmed for repair.

Members are aware that a number of our requests have now been actioned and some very quickly as a priority – the Clerk will write to SC to thank them for this service.

539.22C

Planning

a) Updates

20/04220/VAR Coppice Farm
The Variation of condition has been accepted.

03961/FUL Hazledene
The Appeal Hearing has been re-scheduled for 2nd and 3rd November in Oswestry from 10am.

22/04243 Sowbath Barn, Moreton Mill
Change of Use from residential annex to a separate dwelling – permission granted.

b) Applications for Consideration

22/03169/FUL Mannings Farm, Hazles Road

RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council would have no objections to the proposed storage building and lorry turning area
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22/03581/FUL Hazledene, Stanton Upon Hine Heath

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would make no comment to the proposed Change Of Use.
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540.22C

Environmental Matters

a) River Action Group

Councillor Yeadon will report back following his conversations with the local landowners.

b) Community Orchard

Thanks were extended to Mr A Wellings for keeping the trees well watered, this will continue through the winter – over all the trees are doing well.

More trees have been ordered, from SC, and will be planted beyond the mound on the Village Green but not in the way of the area used for ball games.

541.22C

Projects

a) Christmas

The organisers were pleased to hear that the Parish Council is supporting the Christmas decorations in Stanton village.

A photograph will be included on the website.

Details of the Carol Service are to be confirmed, however Carols will be sung around the Christmas Tree on Christmas Eve.

b) Village Green and Play Area

Councillor Dee agreed to undertake the weekly inspections and forward any reports to the Clerk for action.

c) Speed Indicator Device

Grant funding is available from the PCC towards a local scheme. An article will be included in the newsletter to ask local residents for suggested locations that one might be sited.

542.22C

Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.

b) A guest speaker from Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership had attended the last North Shropshire AC meeting – help is available for voluntary groups, offering training and recruiting volunteers.

543.22C

Stanton Village Hall

Councillor Moore reported that work had continued to improve the facility for local use – the electrics have been upgraded (awaiting certification), a new water heater, decorating and quotes are requested for a ramp at the front of the building.

A quiz has been organised for 19 November and a Fayre on 11th December – all welcome. More volunteers to be on the Committee would be welcomed, too.

544.22C

Correspondence

a) All Correspondence is shared with all Members, there had been no requests for any to be included on the Agenda for consideration.

b) Sundial

A local masonry company has visited the site and suggested that work to re-point the stonework would be of benefit for safety reasons and this is likely to cost in the region of £300, plus VAT. This is significantly less than the previous quotations and it was agreed that Councillor Crackett should place this work on order (for the Spring) and Members will ensure that the funding is available.

545.22C

Clerk's Report

Hawkestone Motorcross

As requested, the Clerk had contacted Weston PC and discussed this with the Clerk who has added this to the next Full Council Agenda for consideration. It had been confirmed, however, that the Parish Council had received no complaints from local residents and therefore were not aware of the issues. Any Member available, should attend the PC meeting (on 7th November) along with local residents that are affected by the events.

546.22C Parish Matters and Exchange of Information

The Old Mill

It would be interesting to know who has purchased the site and if they have plans to develop the building.

Moston Farm

A stile will be required. Councillors Warren and Dee will install if SC provide the item.

Defibrillators

The High Hatton defibrillator has been checked, but the Stanton Upon Hine Heath one will need to be upgraded. Councillor Dee has made the arrangements for it to be collected.

547.22C Date of the Next Meeting

3rd January 2023

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm thanking all members for their important contributions to an effective meeting.

SignedDate

E&OE

These minutes are Draft and will remain for information only, until agreed as a true record at the next Full Council meeting on 3rd January 2023.