

## STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Dee (Chairman)  
I Yeadon  
T Gurney  
M Moore  
S Barrett  
L Downes

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

### **418.22C Welcome & Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending and wished them a Happy and Healthy New Year.

#### **Councillor Paul Gill**

Paul reported that there is no new business to report. The Cabinet has been balancing the budget and it appears that next year will be relatively good (financially) but the future could be challenging.

There has been additional pressures due to Covid (Level 4).

Paul confirmed that the Parish Council would be best using Fix My Street to report requests for action and it may be necessary to transfer existing reports to that system for monitoring purposes.

Paul agreed to follow up one specific report, to ascertain how they system works and if information is available from both reporting sites.

#### **Sqdn Ldr Bob Northway, RAF Shawbury**

There was no report. Bob had sent his apologies after the meeting.

Cllr Crackett had reported that work is due to commence in February at St Andrew's Church and there could be more volunteers than first anticipated so hopefully work can also start at the village hall. Cllr Crackett will liaise with Cllr Moore.

#### **Police**

No one had attended the police surgery in December. However, the police still believe it is good to be seen in the Parish so the future dates will be 24<sup>th</sup> January, 21<sup>st</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> March. Each visit will be outside of the Village Hall from 10am until 11am.

#### **Public Session**

None

### **419.22C Apologies**

Councillor C Warren	Covid Restrictions
Councillor C Crackett	Isolation with a family member

It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, are accepted.</b>
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Councillor Warren has requested that a hybrid meeting be set up for March. Councillor Yeadon would use his phone to enable a laptop and a zoom link will be provided.

420.22C

## Declarations of Interest

Councillor L Downes

427.22C

Personal Interest

### Dispensations

All Members resident in the Parish receive a dispensation to take part in the budget discussions and to set the precept for 2022/23.

421.22C

### Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Barrett and seconded by Councillor Moore that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

422.22C

### Matters Arising

None

423.22C

### Finance and Governance Matters

#### a) Accounts for Payment

BACs	Clerk's Salary & PAYE (November)	£224.00 and £56.00	LGA 1972
BACs	Grass cutting (November)	£154.50	LGA 1972 s 101
BACs	Telephone Box Signs	£54.00	Local Gov (Misc Prov) Act 1953 s4
BACs	GDPR Training	£30.00	LGA 1972

It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the payments made on 16<sup>th</sup> December were in accordance with the Financial Regulations.**

BACs	Clerk's Salary & PAYE (December)	£208.00 and £52.00	LGA 1972
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**RESOLVED that the Clerk's Salary and PAYE for December be authorised.**

#### b) Financial Report

A copy of the Bank Reconciliation for 29<sup>th</sup> December 2021 showed a balance of £33, 825.64 which included the £10,000 free reserve. This had been confirmed by Councillor Crackett.

#### c) Christmas Tree

A Christmas Tree had been provided, with lights and decorations, in the garden at The Stanton Arms and had been much appreciated by the Community. The total cost had been £107 and it was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Gurney that the full cost be reimbursed. All were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that £107.00 be reimbursed for the cost of the Christmas Tree and Decorations / Lights.**

Members discussed the provision for next year and Councillor Barrett agreed to speak with the Committee about the size of tree and options for where it can be purchased from.

**d) Budget for 2022/23 and Precept**

A draft budget had been circulated included all the projects which had been discussed by Members throughout the year. Members were mindful that it had been a difficult year for residents and it was decided that there would be no increase in the Parish Precept in order to support local people. It was proposed by Councillor Yeadon and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the precept for 2022/23 would be £10,992.00 as this year.**

**424.22C**

**Highway Matters**

**a) Updates**

Councillor Gill confirmed that when using Fix My Street, we will be able to track the work requested. Councillor Gill would chase the repair of the High Hatton pothole which had been reported some time ago (ref 14078192).

**b) Damaged Signs**

Two new damaged signs have been reported, these will be transferred to Fix My Street.

There are also two 'Not suitable for Motor Vehicles' missing.

**c) Moston Lane**

Shropshire Council has been discussing the drainage and flooding issues with local residents.

**d) Ditch Clearance**

Areas have been identified where ditch clearance would be beneficial. However, restrictions may mean that this work cannot be undertaken, unless authorised by Shropshire Council.

**e) New Issues**

- i) Entrance to shooting ground, flooded (as a result of tree removal). CW and IY would discuss with the landowner if further work could take place to deepen the trench through the 'sandstone'.
- ii) Roads widened by agricultural vehicles – Shropshire Council to speak to landowners
- iii) Land drainage in High Hatton. CW and IY to discuss with the Manager his previous offer to put in land drains. Councillor Gill was asked to establish if this would be supported by SC and if not, why not. CW and IY would establish if the Manager's offer is still available.
- iv) 'No Overtaking' junction to Hazels Road- SC will be asked to consider improvements with signage or road markings to make this area safer.

**425.22C**

**Planning**

**a) Updates**

None

**b) Applications for Consideration**

None

**c) Other Planning Matters**

**i) Sundial, Church Way**

The senior conservation officer from SC was very helpful and has confirmed that this is a Historic Monument. Further information is to be provided by SC and this can appear on the next agenda for further consideration.

426.22C

## **Environmental Matters**

### **a) Fallen Trees**

The Chairman shared information regarding the River Roden and fallen trees to the rear of the church and towards Moreton Mill.

Funding is available within the River Action Group budget if required. However, it was first agreed that CW and IY would have discussions with the relevant landowners so that a plan for the Summer can be agreed.

427.22C

## **Projects**

### **a) Phone Box Library**

The signs are now available and will be installed. The racking is in place, although it needs securing and the glass needs sealing in places to ensure that water cannot enter the box to spoil the books.

Councillor Moore agreed to visit a similar library locally for further ideas. When the library is ready to open to the public, a risk assessment will be completed.

### **b) Village Green and Play Area**

*Councillor Downes declared an interest.*

Unfortunately, alternative quotations for the work to remove the concrete base had not been forthcoming. The only price received was too expensive and outside of budget. Members discuss the option of employing a local tradesman, at £250.00 per day to break up and move the concrete to the edge of the site. Following this work, the Chairman would arrange for a rise and grab machine to collect the concrete in a lorry for disposal. This would be within budget and clear the area in preparation for the Parish Council to enhance the area, as previously agreed, with suitable trees – maybe creating a community orchard. It was proposed by Councillor Gurney and seconded by Councillor Moore, with one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

<p><b>RESOLVED that the Parish Council would employ the services of Mr Downes to break up and move the concrete. Arrangements will then be made for the collection and disposal of the concrete. Following completion of the work to clear the site, the Parish Council will consider appropriate planting.</b></p>
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A risk assessment will be produced and this work will take place as soon as possible.

Other areas of the site and play area need clearing of arisings from a fallen tree and other debris, the Chairman will arrange for this to be done by our contractor, Leighton Landscapes.

428.22C

## **Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.

The next meeting of the North Shropshire Area Committee will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

429.22C

## **Stanton Village Hall**

Councillor Moore had provided a report.

Some events have been organised for the village. The hall is available to hire for groups and private functions. The Committee is to discuss the future of the Hall at its next meeting and will be consulting with the community on any future plans. The Thursday Coffee Mornings are continuing.

430.22C

## **Correspondence**

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

431.22C

## **Clerk's Report**

### **a) Defibrillator Training**

Arrangements were in hand, but had to be postponed due to further covid restrictions. The event will be re-arranged as soon as possible.

## **Chairman's Report**

### **a) Jubilee Celebrations**

It appears that there is a view that the Parish Council should be leading on celebrations for the Bank Holiday in June 2022. Whilst this is not necessarily the case, Members agreed to arrange a meeting with interested residents, the Village Hall and Church representatives to discuss in more detail. The Clerk was asked to arrange an initial meeting.

### **432.22C Parish Matters and Exchange of Information**

None

### **433.22C Date of the Next Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Full Council

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

With a zoom link

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm thanking all members for their important contributions to an effective meeting.

Signed .....Date .....

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.