

## STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillors T Gurney (Chairman)  
I Yeadon  
M Moore  
C Crackett  
S Barrett

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Cllr C Warren – via zoom  
Cllr L Downes – via zoom (until 524.22C)  
Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council

### **516.22C Welcome & Public Session**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillors Warren and Downes were in attendance via zoom.

#### **Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council**

Paul gave a report from Shropshire Council stating that the Summer had been relatively quiet. The A41 safety campaign continues, and the effect of the local country lanes when the A41 is closed. They are continuing to lobby Government for support. The Cabinet will be looking at ways to bridge the funding gap. Also on upcoming agendas will be the hospital transformation programme. £1m has been made available for EV charging points across the County.

Councillor Yeadon raised the condition of Hazles Road – Councillor Gill agreed to take this up with the relevant highways officers. There are various aspects that contribute to the issues on this road, and other local roads and lanes, which need to be taken into consideration. Road signage and markings, size and speed of vehicles, condition of the highway, lack of verge protection, ditches and maintenance all have a part to play and residents are looking to SC for action.

The Parish Council remains frustrated that answers and responses from SC are slow and as communication was a key priority for the Leader, examples will be forwarded for her information.

#### **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.

#### **PC Alan Ambrose, WM Police**

PC Ambrose had sent his apologies, due to his shift pattern.

No complaints had been received by the police at the most recent Motorcross event.

#### **Public Session**

None

### **517.22C Apologies**

Cllr D Dee                      Holiday

It was proposed by Councillor Yeadon and seconded by Councillor Moore that the apologies be accepted.

**518.22C Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None

**519.22C Minutes**

a) It was proposed by Councillor Yeadon and seconded by Councillor Gurney that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

b) The Old Mill House Shed  
Councillor Warren reported that the property has been sold and Members look forward to hearing of future plans which will hopefully resolve the recent issues and enabled necessary work on the trees.

Moston Lane Farm

Despite reminders, no information had been received (as promised) from Shropshire Council. The resident was also disappointed that no information or action had taken place. Councillor Gill would take up the matter, again, direct with senior officers – and would ensure that the disappointment at lack of communication is as much of an issue as no action.

**520.22C Chairman's Report**

The paperwork for Barclays Bank to amend the mandate has been completed and will be returned.

**521/22C Finance and Governance Matters**

**a) Accounts for Payment**

Contract payments were up to date.

**b) Financial Reports**

A bank reconciliation as at 1<sup>st</sup> September had been circulated and the balance is £34,096.51.

**c) 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. Discussions with SC will be necessary.

**d) Civility & Respect Pledge**

Our National Association has been working with SLCC and Government, following the updating of the Councillor's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Pledge had been circulated to all members along with the invitation to sign up. The Pledge reads *"to treat other councillors, clerks, all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles."* It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Moore, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council would sign up to the Civility & Respect Pledge.**

The Parish Council already has a Dignity at Work Policy. Members also agreed to attend the training sessions, when they are available.

522.22C

### **Highway Matters**

#### **a) Updates**

Councillor Gill had not had a response regarding the option of the Parish Council working in partnership with SC on minor highway maintenance tasks, but would request a reply asap. It is important that we continue to use Fix My Street to report issues and Councillor Gill will take up the matter of 'lack of action or response' with relevant officers.

#### **b) Road Sweeping**

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for road sweeping around the Parish.

#### **c) Hazels Road, Stanton**

Following receipt of concerns regarding the condition of the road from The Royal Oak to the Crossroads, there were differing opinions regarding action that might be possible – especially relating to the size, type and speed of vehicles using the road. Details will be raised with the Police and Shropshire Council. Councillor Gill had already offered to take this matter up with Shropshire Council Highways Officers.

523.22C

### **Planning**

#### **a) Updates**

20/03961/FUL Appeal

Details of the appeal have been received and the Parish Council resolved that the original response was adequate and that there were no further representations to be forwarded.

#### **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.**

22/03581/FUL Hazeldene, Stanton Upon Hine Heath

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

524.22C

### **Environmental Matters**

#### **a) River Action Group**

Councillor Warren reported that the Group had not been active over the Summer months. However, it was agreed that a working group should be formed, in preparation for work next Summer. This could include RAF, businesses, landowners and volunteers. Councillor Yeadon agreed to approach Mr R Pinches for an initial discussion. An article will be included in the newsletter and a poster in the pub and village hall.

The Parish Council will also liaise with Moreton Corbett Parish Council.

#### **b) Community Orchard**

The maintenance had been completed around the new trees and thanks were extended to the neighbours for the continued watering during periods of hot weather – this will have to continue. The Parish Council will consider the purchase of a new bench for the area.

*Councillor Downes left the zoom meeting*

#### **c) Helping Wildlife**

It was agreed that the Parish Councillors will audit the Spring flowering bulbs in order that a project can be created to plant more next September into areas where they will be colourful. This will be combined with the project to reduce verge cutting (except for areas where visibility is essential) to promote and support wildlife.

**d) Shropshire Council's Free Tree Scheme**

A selection of trees has been ordered. Councillor Warren would collect them from the Nursery when they are available – Councillors will consider suitable places for planting in preparation.

**525.22C**

**Projects**

**a) Christmas**

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Moore that £100 be allocated to provide a Parish Christmas Tree. Thanks will be extended to Mr & Mrs Anderson for allowing this to be sited in the garden at The Stanton Arms and a donation will be provided to cover the cost of the electricity for the lights. All were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that £120 be allocated to a Christmas Budget.</b>
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**b) Village Green and Play Area**

The weekly inspection sheets will be provided to the Clerk and will be kept on file along with the SC RoSPA report. The recent report has identified minor repairs required on the surface. The Clerk will make arrangements for this to be done as soon as possible – the Parish Council should identify this work as and when necessary, rather than wait for a RoSPA report. Two items of play equipment will need to be painted, with rust removed, before Spring 2023. Quotations will be obtained.

The Parish Council would like to consider enhancing the area, and will commence a community consultation regarding outdoor gym equipment. This will meet the Council's health & fitness agenda.

**526.22C**

**Shropshire Association of Local Councils**

All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.

There had been no North Shropshire Area Committee meeting since the last meeting.

**527.22C**

**Stanton Village Hall**

Councillor Moore reported that there is a Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September. The Village Hall Committee is now pro-active and there are many plans for events. They will be promoted on facebook.

The Parish Council will ask our contractor to continue a programme of weed-killing around the Village Hall as part of our annual contract.

**528.22C**

**Correspondence**

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

None

**529.22C**

**Clerk's Report**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will arrange the Clerk's Review before the next meeting.

**530.22C**

**Parish Matters and Exchange of Information**

Members discussed ways in which the Parish Council can offer support to local schools. Members confirmed that local children could go to Shawbury, Hodnet or Clive schools and it was therefore agreed that £900 should be made available within the budget to be allocated to the schools (£400 Shawbury, £300 Hodnet and £200 Clive) to enhance Christmas for the children. This will be confirmed at the next meeting and a request will be sent to the schools to ask that we be informed of how the funds will be spent.

Members discussed further concerns regarding the events that take place at the Motorcross Site. Local residents have witnessed camping. The number of events has increased and the effects on the residents and locality are a great concern. This needs to be raised with Shropshire Council, especially in relation to the planning consent and licences that are in place. Whilst it is accepted that the site is not in our Parish, it is our residents that are most affected. Additional events take place on the site and these have recently included police dog training. The Clerk will contact Weston Under Redcastle Parish Council and suggest a joint meeting. Councillor Gill will also raised this at the next PC meeting even if it is not included on the Agenda.

**531.22C**                      **Date of the Next Meeting**  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2022                      7pm                      Stanton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm 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> November 2022.