

# STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 2<sup>ND</sup> January 2024** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Moore (Chairman)  
C Crackett  
A Burden  
I Yeadon  
S Barrett

**In Attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)  
Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury

## **080.24 Welcome & Public Session**

The Chairman, Councillor Moore, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

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

The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Gill, hoping that all is well, as no report or apologies had been received. We very much value the opportunity to work with the Division Member on important local issues. We will also request a list of Cabinet Members, with their relevant areas of responsibility, so that we can contact them when necessary.

### **Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury**

The Chairman welcomed Peter to the meeting who gave an update from RAF Shawbury.

### **Night Flying**

The New Year period will commence on 15<sup>th</sup> January, Monday to Thursday weekly until the end of February.

### **Hi-Viz for horse riders**

Orange hi-viz and Quarter Sheets remain available. Please email [SHY-BeSeenBeSafer@mod.gov.uk](mailto:SHY-BeSeenBeSafer@mod.gov.uk) for an Order Form or update.

### **Drones**

If anyone flies a drone/model aircraft locally it is a good idea to view and understand the Drone Code, available on the CAA website and posts on our Facebook and Twitter, there are restrictions near all airfields - civil and military.

Councillor Crackett asked that congratulations and thanks be extended for the invitation to attend the Christmas Concert, which had been well received and well attended.

### **West Mercia Police**

No report had been received. A copy of a recent newsletter had been circulated, for information. It was pleasing to see members of the Safer Neighbourhood Team at the recent coffee morning in the Village Hall.

### **Public Session**

Unacceptable condition of all roads in and around Stanton.

Deep and dangerous potholes.

A53 crossroads junction to Hazles Road – poor visibility

## **081.24 Apologies**

Councillor C Warren	Personal Commitments	Accepted
Councillor D Dee	Alternative Commitment	Accepted
Councillor T Gurney	Personal Commitment	

**082.24 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

All Members resident in the Parish have a dispensation to take part in the budget discussion and to set the precept for 2024/25.

Councillor Crackett St Andrew’s Churchyard Grant Application

**083.24 Minutes**

a) It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Barrett that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. With one abstention, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

**084.24 Chairman’s Report**

Thanks were extended to Councillor Crackett for agreeing to find a new home to store the Christmas Decorations.

**085.24 Finance and Governance Matters**

**a) Accounts for Payment**

Details of the Accounts for payment had been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Barrett, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the payments, as listed, be paid by BACCs.**

Scottish Power	Street Light Energy	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3	£217.38
Leighton Landscapes	Grass Cutting and Village Green Maintenance	LGA 1972 s111	£178.44
K Baker	January Salary	LGA 1972 s112	£246.40
HMRC	January PAYE	LGA 1972 s112	£61.60

**b) Financial Reports**

i) A bank reconciliation as at end of December had been circulated and the balance in the current account is £33,275.60.  
The Free Reserve has received interest added and the balance is now £10,063.86.

**c) Precept 2024/2025**

A draft budget had been circulated for consideration by Members. All committed expenditure had been included.

Shropshire Council had confirmed that the Council Tax Taxbase (Band D Equivalent) would reduce slightly this year to £248.72m equating to a charge, per property, of £46.40 per annum. Members considered the budget headings, especially Communication, Street Lighting, Maintenance, Projects and Grants and considered that a budget of £16655 would be required. However, with the use of some general reserves (£4745) this could be reduced to £11,910 an increase on this year of £347.00, which would equate to an increase per Band D Property of £1.54 per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Barrett, with one abstention it was

**RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council would request a precept of £11,910 for 2024/25.**

d) **Churchyard Grant Request**

*Councillor Crackett declared a non-pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion or decision.*

It was proposed by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Yeadon and all were in favour that the £1250.00, included in the budget, be available to St Andrew's PCC to assist with the costs of the maintenance of the churchyard.

086.24

**Highway Matters**

a) **Updates**

As discussed within the public session, the reporting of local issues on Fix My Street is not working effectively. Not all issues reported, appear on the system and it has to be questioned as to whether the officers receive the reports and information. This will be raised with Councillor Gill and highway officers.

**Minor Highway Maintenance Project**

A meeting is still to take place with a local contractor, but in the meantime, a copy of the proposals will be forwarded to members to remind them of the type of work the Parish Council will be able to undertake. Hi-Viz tabards will be purchased, along with mobile roadwork signs. Anyone available to help as volunteers, can request details from the Clerk. Councillors Yeadon, Dee and Warren will 'walk' the Parish in Stanton and High Hatton to establish areas of work that are needed.

**Hazels Road Flooding**

SC has established that the issue is within the TW boundary and have been in discussions with TW highways and drainage engineers as well as the local landowner.

It remains a great concern that the two authorities cannot work together to address the issue, which now results in the local Royal Oak PH becoming flooded and having to close.

b) **VAS**

It was disappointing that no further contact has been received from Shropshire Council on this project.

c) **Verge Bollards**

Shropshire Council has issued guidelines regarding the installation of bollards in verges. Members agreed that this would be useful and the information will be shared with residents. Unfortunately, some drivers collide with them and this results in further damage to verges.

d) **New Issues**

**A53 Crossroads to Hazels Road**

Whilst this is not a new issue, it has been a significant matter in recent weeks as there have now been three serious accidents on the crossroads junction of the A53 with Hazels Road.

This matter is being taken up by Helen Morgan MP, but in the meantime a request will be made to the landowners for the hedges to be cut back to ensure adequate visibility, especially for vehicles leaving Stanton. The severe flooding at this junction has not been addressed despite numerous reports and assurances by Shropshire Council.

**Adopted Highway Flooding**

Flooding at river:pirate:commander will be reported, for action.

- 087.24 Planning**  
a) **Updates**  
The recent planning application for Stanton Mill had been refused. Some local residents had expressed disappointment as they were looking forward to the site being tidied through the planning process.
- 088.24 Environmental Matters**  
a) **Hazels Road, Trees**  
Negotiations are underway and it is anticipated that the necessary work will be undertaken before the Spring 2024.
- 089.24 Projects**  
a) **Christmas 2023**  
Thanks had been received for the donation towards the Christmas Tree and Lights. The Christmas Carol event was well attended, followed by the Christingle Service in Church. Arrangements will be made for the lights to be taken down and stored for next year.
- b) **Village Green and Play Area**  
A Spring working party will meet to undertake some essential maintenance work on the area. Consideration will be given to providing raised beds within the area – these could be used for herbs and can be made available to local residents.
- c) **Outdoor Gym Equipment**  
No responses had been received following the recent article.
- d) **New Projects**  
**History Project**  
The Parish Council remains keen to capture the history of the Parish and it was agreed to work towards a local History Project which could be launched at the 2024 fete. Councillor Crackett offered to check with Shropshire Archives. A working party will meet, with local residents, to discuss this further.  
Shropshire Council will be asked if they can provide a detailed map of the Parish, to be used on the website.
- Village Fete**  
The Village Hall has announced the date as 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – volunteers will be needed for the various events and activities. Representatives of the Church, Public House and Parish Council will form a working group to make the necessary arrangements. When costs are known, the Parish Council will add this to an agenda for consideration.
- 090.24 Shropshire Association of Local Councils**  
a) All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.  
b) The next North Shropshire Area Committee meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- 091.24 Stanton Village Hall**  
Thanks were extended to the Parish Council for its contribution to the Christmas Fayre. The refurbishment continues with internal decoration of the main hall and discussions regarding the Billiards Room. Coffee mornings are well attended and enabled the Parish Councillors to discuss local matters with residents. The VH has now employed a cleaner. The quiz night was successful. There will be a Table Top Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> April, Quiz on 16<sup>th</sup> November and the Christmas Fayre will be on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

- 092.24 Correspondence**  
a) All Correspondence is shared with all Members, there had been no requests for any to be included on the Agenda for consideration.
- 093.24 Clerk's Report**  
All included on the Agenda.
- Councillors Reports**  
None
- 094.24 Parish Matters and Exchange of Information**  
The International Motorcross Event will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. The Clerk will contact the Organising Committee to engage regarding signs, access, loudspeakers and ask, once again, if a one-way system could be used to aide traffic flows and avoid verge damage.
- 095.24 Date of the Next Meeting**  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2024                      7pm                                      Stanton Village Hall

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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.