



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

MINUTES of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 7th May 2024** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.20pm.** after the Annual Meeting.

PRESENT: Councillors M Moore
C Crackett
S Barrett
I Yeadon
A Burden

In attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council
PCSO Curruthers
Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury

016.24 Welcome

It was agreed to make a start with the meeting, although this will be suspended should local residents attend for the official public session during the meeting.

Shropshire Council

Councillor Gill updated members on the consultation process, now being undertaken following the Inspector's Report. This continues until 11th June and it is hoped that many local residents will engage in the process.

RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr Richardson informed members that the preliminary work has commenced on the Camp and apologised for any inconvenience this may cause local residents.

Night flying will start again soon, and due to the lighter nights will involve shorter sessions over a longer period of time.

The Chairman thanked Peter for his offer to bring along a helicopter to the Summer Fete, but this was not possible due to a lack of land suitable for landing.

West Mercia Police

PCSO Curruthers updated members of work that has continued relating to speeding and rural thefts.

There have been 6 local visits. She also informed members that the rural crime team (using an unmarked car) are around the parish. An update will be provided after three months before the council is asked to renew its contract priorities.

017.24 Apologies

To receive and approve any apologies for absence, under Section 85 (i) of LGA 1972.

Cllr C Warren	Alternative engagement
Cllr D Dee	Work Commitments

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

RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillors Warren and Dee be accepted.

018.24 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest relating to matters on the Agenda

019.24 Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Burden and seconded by Councillor Barrett that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

There were no matters arising, not included on the Agenda.

020.24 Chairman's Statement

None

021.24 Financial Matters

a) Payments

Copies of the recent payment vouchers had been circulated to all members, for information.

b) Financial Reports

The bank reconciliation confirmed a balance of £30,394.28 at the end of March 2024.

Details were also available regarding the VAT refund, earmarked reserves and precept received.

c) i) Internal Audit Report

A copy of the AGAR report and letter had been circulated to Members. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work to ensure a clean audit. It was noted that the current website was mentioned and Members agreed to investigate options and discuss this at a future date.

ii) AGAR 2023/2024

A copy of the completed AGAR had been circulated and Members had an opportunity to consider Sections 1 and 2. It was proposed by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Crackett that the Accounting Statements be agreed, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Chairman should sign the AGAR on behalf of the Parish Council.

iii) Certificate of Exemption

Taking into consideration the current financial position and the outcome of the Internal Audit, it was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Yeadon, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council confirms its Exemption from the Limited Assurance Review process.

iv) St Andrew's PCC Grant

It was confirmed that the grant of £1250 be forwarded to St Andrew's PCC for maintenance of the churchyard.

022.24

Highways and Transport

- a) A53 Crossroads – drain replacement and maintenance
It was agreed that an email be sent to thank Shropshire Council for the work at this location to reduce the flooding issue.
- b) Use of Fix My Street
This can be effective and there is a record of the number of issues that have had to be reported. Use of Fix My Street to report requests for action is encouraged.

023.24

Planning

- a) Planning & Development Updates
Standing orders were suspended in order to welcome Lauren and Jack who had been invited to update Members on a pre-application which they had submitted to Shropshire Council for an affordable house on land at the family home where they run a business.

RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council would confirm the specific reasons why it would continue to support this proposal.

Members agreed that this is 'open countryside'. However, the land identified is part of the substantive family property where they run a successful small rural business. It is of an appropriate design and in keeping with other local properties. The Parish Council will support an opportunity to live and work on site in order to reduce commuting and offering local employment which contributes to the local economy.

- b) New Applications
24/01278/FUL The Mill
Members continue to support the redevelopment of this historic building. The proposals are appropriate and in keeping with the rural location. The building needs to be developed for visual and safety / security reasons and the proposals are appropriate and sympathetic.

RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council fully supports this application.

024.24

Environment and Rights of Way

- a) Rights of Way
Members discussed the importance of Rights of Way and ensuring that they are accessible and maintained appropriately by the landowners.
Some concerns have been expressed to Members regarding the lack of access and these will be raised with Councillor Warren and the Rights of Way officers so that discussions can take place with relevant landowners.
- b) Motorcross Events
There have been two small events recently which have been well managed with few issues. It was agreed to inform the Motorcross Committee and to thank them for the help they have provided to ensure that this is the case.

025/24

Projects

- a) Village Fete
The event will take place on 15th June with elements of the afternoon taking place in the Village Hall, on the Village Green and in the Church. Thanks were extended to the Village Hall Committee, in particular, but to everyone who has offered to help in any way. It had been decided that a road closure was not required on this occasion.
More volunteers would be welcomed.

It was proposed by Councillor Burden, seconded by Councillor Barrett, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that up to £600 be made available to contribute to the event, on production of receipts. This will be from the RAF Community Fund.

Councillor Crackett is organising a display, with projector screen, in church to launch a local history project to enhance the Parish Archives and to include photographs and copies of historic documents, as well as current information.

RESOLVED that up to £50 be made available from Reserves, to cover any necessary expenditure whilst gathering and displaying the information.

026/24 Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Bulletins and Information
Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.
- b) North Shropshire Area Committee
A recent meeting had received updates relating to the proposals for better broadband.
- c) SALC Training Programme
Details are available on the SALC website.

027/24 Stanton Village Hall

Councillors Moore and Barrett updated members on the work undertaken to refurbish inside of the Village Hall. Everyone agreed what a transformation and thanks were recorded to the team on the Committee and their supporters – all are doing an amazing job. Their continued hard work and ongoing support for this village facility is appreciated.
This led to a discussion about the billiard room, which could be an asset to the Village Hall when redecorated and made available to the local community. There has recently been significant expenditure to ensure that it meets the safety requirements.

028/24 Correspondence

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month. There had been no requests for any to appear on the Agenda.

029/24 Clerk's Report

- a) HM The King's Framed Photograph
The Parish Council has pleasure in donating the framed photograph to the Village Hall.
- b) Environmental Grant
A grant of £1500 has been awarded by Shropshire Council for Environmental Maintenance in the Parish.

030/24 Other Matters

The Parish Council has been made aware of the condition of some trees within the Churchyard and these will be checked by an approved Arboriculturist for safety. The Parochial Church Council will be in contact with the Diocese. Sites for replacement trees within the Parish will be considered.

031/24 Next Meeting

2nd July 2024 7pm Stanton Village Hall

SignedDate