

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th JULY 2023

Present: Cllr Brown (Chair), Cllr Barratt, Cllr K Watkins, Cllr I Watkins & Cllr Walsham

Attending: Di Hoyes (Parish Clerk)

Public: 2 members of the public, Chair of the VHT

Public Session. To receive comments and information from the Village Hall Trust and members of press & public.

A member of the public raised the matter of the land surrounding the pond, and the fact that it needed seeding. Council discussed this matter and agreed that seeding should be carried out. Cllr Brown raised a further matter relating to the pond. A meeting had been had with the Yorkshire Wildlife Officer who had visited the pond. She offered free pond plants for in and around the pond. A discussion was then had about planting around the pond, but not planting within the pond. Cllr Brown agreed to have a further discussion with the Officer, and then ask for volunteers to do the planting around the pond.

A member of the public then raised the issue with anti-social behaviour with regard to off road vehicles and how the numbers were increasing. Cllr K Watkins reminded everyone the importance of reporting them regularly so the police could map their regular movements on the weekends.

A member of the public also raised the matter of overgrow hedgeways across the Parish, which were causing visibility issues on the roads. Cllr I Watkins remarked that the hedgeways across the Parish were managed by the local farming community, and that in line with DMBC protocol, the hedgeways would not be cut back until the season was over (October).

Cllr Brown went on to discuss the possible opportunity to lease the land adjacent to the recreational field, owned by Lord Scarbrough's estate. If the opportunity was given for a nominal lease agreement, then Cllr Brown pointed out that the Council and Parish would get the full support of the Yorkshire Wildlife Officer to progress this wildlife initiative. (See **367/2023**)

Report Received from the VHT

- Breedons have sponsored the new dimmable LED lighting in the hall
- Using the funding from the Town Councillors we have strengthened the decking. The benches have been delivered and volunteers from the village helped to off load them and put them together, they are commercial quality and do not require any maintenance. There will be a sign designating the area as the village Wi- Fi hub.
- The latest newsletter has been produced and delivered to every house in the parish. It included a calendar of planned events
- We hosted the Church pilgrimage. Around 40 people walked from Tickhill church the St. Winifreds. They came to the hall for refreshments then a church service. Some people from the village also attended.

The event is significant for Stainton as it formally markets the coming together of both Parishes, this has secured the future for our village church.

The new Parish magazine now St. Winifred in its title and updates in its content. Thanks to Sarah for her work on this with the VHT.

- The hall and its contents were used by the community for their Coronation party.
- Again, funding from the town councillors paid for coronation bunting and new flags. The community volunteered to put the bunting up (and to take it down)
- We opened the hall on the Coronation "Community Help Out" day. To provide refreshments. About 15 people joined us for bacon sarnies, tea/coffee. Despite the awful weather people

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came to collect plants and a planter the Parish Council had purchased, helped at the moving of the fencing at playing Again, field and took bags for litter picking when the weather improves

- There has been a lot of community “spirit”, people helping out, having fun, meeting and welcoming new people (and some not new to the village but who didn’t know many people)
- In partnership with the Parish Council, we have coming up:
- Meet your Neighbour 10 – 12 Saturday 20th May. Refreshment in the hall.
Defib and basic first aid training 3rd June 12.30
Pond project 4th June 10.00 (bacon sarnies and tea)
Fun day 1st July
Litter picks every 1st Sunday of the month 10.00 at the village hall
Yoga is every Tuesday 6 -7 and Thursday 10 – 11
- We are talking to DMBC adult and Community learning about courses in the village hall.
- We are looking for space to store 10 plastic tables (with removable legs) and 100 chairs that can be used for village activities, particularly on the playing field

358/2023 Chair’s opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

Declarations were received from Cllr Nick Walsham & Cllr David Barratt in relation to the VHT.

359/2023 To receive and approve apologies

No apologies were received.

360/2023 To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2023.

The minutes for the general meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Cllr Barratt proposed the matter and Cllr K Watkins seconded. **Matter resolved.**

361/2023 To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 15th May 2023

The minutes for the Annual Parish meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Cllr K Watkins proposed the matter and Cllr Barratt seconded. **Matter resolved.**

362/2023 To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual meeting held on the 15th May 2023

The minutes for the annual council meeting were approved and signed by the chair. Cllr K Watkins proposed the matter and Cllr Walsham seconded. **Matter resolved.**

362/2023 To note matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda (Information only).

No matters arising

362/2023 To receive the latest Police report. (May)



Village	Road	Crime	Statistics
Stanton	Holme Hall Lane	Anti-Social Behaviour	1
		Violence & Sexual Offences	1
		Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Wilsic			

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Lambcote			
		Total	3

363/2023 To receive the Ward Councillors report.

No report

364/2023 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission.

23/00801/FUL: Erection of a detached garage and revised access, Retrospective application for retention of wall and single storey extensions with internal alterations (Being resubmission of application 20/00508/FUL granted 29.04.2020 & 22/01527/FUL withdrawn on 26.04.2023) and was approved on 12.06.2023.

Comments from the Planning Officer

“The planning application came about following an enforcement officer visiting the site. I can also confirm that the highways officer visited the site following consultation on the planning application and considered the height and design of the wall. He confirmed that he was content with the height of the boundary wall and that it does not impede visibility. In respect of the overgrown bushes etc, I understand this has been passed onto the ground works team for action.”

Council discussed the matter and agreed that a site meeting should be called with DMBC Highways. Clerk to action. **Matter ongoing.**

23/00992/FUL – 15 School Lane Stainton Rotherham S66 7QX: AMENDED – Erection of double garage/utility, porch and raised patio area, following the demolition of existing garage. Raising of the roof height in connection with formation of rooms in roof space and installation of two pitched roof dormer windows to the rear elevation.

Council acknowledged receipt of a complaint from a neighbouring property, and noted that the plans had been amended to account for privacy issues. Council had no objections. **Matter resolved.**

365/2023 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities.

Council discussed the progress on field with regards to the re-siting of the fence to incorporate all of the play equipment. A letter of thanks to Philip Watkins was agreed upon. Council also discussed the arrival of the boulder with the commemorative plaques on it. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Breedons and also to Mike Hoyes, who made the plaques safe on the boulder. Cllr K Watkins then went on to discuss the consultation period where a decision from village votes had led to adult exercise equipment and moveable goals being both as popular. Cllr K Watkins advised Council that she was in the process of applying for further grant funding from the National Lottery for this equipment and more seating for the play park. Clerk agreed to approach Banks to see if there was again an opportunity to receive funding from them for the install of the adult equipment.

Matter ongoing.

366/2023 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues.

The Clerk notified Council that it appeared that the grate on Holme Hall Lane had finally been repaired by DMBC. Council discussed the state of Holme Hall Lane with the overgrown hedgeways. Clerk to contact DMBC. Council remarked that areas around the roundabout were flooding again with the excessive rain fall. Clerk to contact Ward Cllr Greenhalgh to report the matter again. Clerk reported that the faded HGV prohibition signage at the junction of Limekiln Lane opposite the entrance to Marshall's had been reported. **Matter ongoing.**

366/2023 To discuss the official opening of the new recreational equipment to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee 1952-2022

Matter ongoing.

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To discuss the Centenary of the lost 27 miners – Commemoration 28th July on Limekiln Lane

The Clerk reminded Council of the centenary, and that Limekiln Lane would be closed from 9.00am – 1.00pm. The Clerk also offered thanks on behalf of the Maltby Miners Memorial Group to the VHT for the loan of the plastic chairs for the memorial.

367/2023 To discuss & review environmental issues

Cllr Brown again raised the initiative for dead hedging. Cllr Brown notified Council that the 5th Scouts (Maltby) would like to be involved in this, and also wanted to supply bug hotels for the field. **Matter ongoing.**

The matter of approaching Lord Scarbrough's estate to discuss leasing the land adjacent to the recreational field was proposed by Cllr Walsham & seconded by Cllr K Watkins. **Matter resolved.**

368/23 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddle Dyke and surrounding area.

Matter discussed in the public session. Council discussed the Information Board and its state of disrepair. **Matter ongoing.**

369/2023 To discuss and review matters relating to the website.

Cllr Barratt reported that the new website was near completion, with the calendar being added and the PC section being re-formatted. Cllr Barratt notified Council that the old website provider would be no longer the host as of the 28th August. **Matter ongoing.**

370/23 To discuss the maintenance of the village telephone box.

Clerk notified Council that work had been delayed on the telephone box due to weather conditions and lack of electricity supply. **Matter ongoing.**

371/2023 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.

No updates received.

372/2023 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange

No update received.

To review & adopt the updated NALC Standing Orders policy

It was agreed that the updated NALC Standing Orders policy would be adopted. Cllr Brown proposed the matter and Cllr Barratt seconded. **Matter resolved.**

To review & adopt the updated NALC Financial Regulations policy

It was agreed that the updated NALC Financial Regulations policy would be adopted. Cllr Barratt proposed the matter and Cllr Brown seconded. **Matter resolved.**

To review & adopt the new Wi-Fi Policy for the village hall.

It was agreed that the new Wi-Fi policy for the village hall would be adopted. Cllr Walsham proposed the matter and Cllr K Watkins seconded. **Matter resolved.**

374/2023 Finance

To receive and approve bank statements.

Cllr Walsham approved the bank statement and Cllr I Watkins seconded. **Matter resolved.**

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To approve online payments.

Sarah Brown – Village Bloom planting various	£220.96
Susan Barratt – Village Bloom half barrel	£35.00
DS Paddock Care – 002 Topping	£240.00
DC Hoyes – Salary May	£137.75
DC Hoyes – Salary June	£137.75
DS Paddock Care – 003 Topping	£240.00
Sarah Brown – Village Bloom planting	£28.01
JR Gray – Website Fee	£81.55
DC Hoyes – Salary July	£137.75
DC Hoyes – Plaque accessories	£12.00
DS Paddock – 004 Village Grass	£240.00
Susan Barratt – Village Bloom	£15.00
William Spilsbury– Centenary Wreath	£20.00 Cllr
Cllr Walsham approved payments and Cllr K Watkins seconded. Matter resolved.	

To review and approve Quarter 1 budget

The Clerk reported that there were no significant variances apart from the rebate from the Tree Council which had been paid in Qtr. 1 rather than Qtr. 4 as expected. Clerk agreed to include this as income received for Qtr. 1. Cllr Brown proposed the matter & Cllr K Watkins seconded. **Matter resolved.**

375/2023 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.

YLCA – Information & Training Bulletin

376/2023 To receive matters for the next general meeting

377/2023 To approve the date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next general meeting would be held on the 4th September. With no further business to conduct, Cllr Brown.

Signed 

Date: 4th September 2023