

# Stainton Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Present:** Cllr Brown (Chair), Cllr Barratt & Cllr Walsham

**Attending:** Ward Cllr Greenhalgh, Ward Cllr Cannings & Di Hoyes (Parish Clerk)

**Also in Attendance:** 2 members of the public.

### **Public Session: Including the Village Hall Trust Update:**

Cllr Barratt gave a report on the village hall on behalf of the VHT;

- The joint church and VHT celebration event took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> September, 18 people attended.
- Weather permitting members of the VHT will be staining the decking and benches in the recreational area in the near future. Any volunteers to help with this are very welcome.
- The fun day is still being planned for on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- Members of the VHT will be delivering an introduction letter and the latest newsletter to Lambcote Grange and barns. The Stainton book and latest newsletter has been delivered to a new resident. All new residents will now receive a welcome letter from the VHT and the Parish Council.
- Coffee mornings & yoga classes are now regularly running from the village hall.
- Facebook continues to be very popular, with families new to the village joining in.
- The VHT are liaising with the church about the Remembrance Day service on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- Future events are being planned for 2022.

Residents from Wilsic reported that road resurfacing had been completed by DMBC throughout the village. The residents would like to thank the Ward Councillors involvement in the matter. The residents in Wilsic would also like for DMBC to investigate speed restriction measures on Wilsic Road & Wilsic Lane. Ward Cllr Greenhalgh agreed to raise the matter with DMBC.

There was a report from a resident that someone was trying to rattle their front door. A Police Canine unit came out to investigate, the police agreed to have some type of presence on Holme Hall Lane.

### **87/2021 Opening Statement and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:**

Cllr Barratt: Stainton Hall Trust. Cllr Walsham: Stainton Village Hall Trust.

### **88/2021 Apologies and Approve Reason for Absence**

Cllr I Watkins & Cllr K Watkins sent their apologies and were approved by Cllr Brown (Chair).

### **89/2021 Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

The minutes were then recorded as a true and accurate record, and were signed by Cllr Brown (Chair).

### **90/2021 Matters arising from the minutes**

No matters arising.

### **91/2021 Police Report**

No crimes were listed as reported in July on the official SYP website.

### **92/2021 Ward Councillor Report**

Ward Cllr Greenhalgh reported that the street light on Holme Hall Lane will be fitted. Northern Power have agreed to fit the light to the post already in situ (owned by Northern Power). Ward Cllr Greenhalgh went on to say that Northern Power will maintain the light and that the electricity source will be paid for by Doncaster MBC. Ward Cllr Greenhalgh previously reported that he had found a car body repair company who agreed to take a look at the Telephone Box with the view to repair it. Unfortunately, Ward Cllr Greenhalgh stated that the company could not do the repair as they would have to remove the Telephone Box and take it to their garage to do repairs.

### **93/2021 Planning Applications.**

No planning applications were received.

### **94/2021 Recreation Field and Facilities**

Cllr Brown reported that Cllr K Watkins had received 8 more responses with regards to the consultation on the proposed improvements to the Recreational Facilities and field

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## **95/2021 Highways and Footpaths**

The Clerk confirmed that DMBC had agreed to cut the playing field grass before the Fun Day event. The Clerk also informed Council that DMBC had agreed to maintain Old Scotch Spring Lane & the pathway leading from School Lane onto Stainton Lane, once the grass cutting season had been completed.

Council discussed what land was actually the responsibility of DMBC in Stainton & Wilsic. The Council agreed it would be a good idea to get a map from DMBC highlighting the areas for which the Borough Council are responsible. Clerk to action.

## **96/2021 Telephone Box**

The Clerk re-presented a quotation received in May 2020 for the phone box restoration. Council agreed that the Clerk should recontact the builders. Clerk to Action.

## **97/2021 Full Repairing & Insuring Lease between the Parish Council & the VHT ref the Telephone Box**

This matter was deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

## **97/2021 Wilsic**

Discussed in the Public Session

## **98/2021 Village Pond and Surrounding Areas**

The Clerk reported that Wildscapes had made a site visit to look at the pond (SK5542093700) to see if it was a suitable area for siting the Great Crested Newt. Unfortunately, this site does not fit the restoration criteria for the District Level Licensing scheme. This is due to the pond being “On Line”, which means that the pond is fed from an outside water source, which cannot be policed from any foreign matter. The Clerk also reported that Wildscapes did give some general advice on the state of the pond itself. . The fact that the pond is “On Line” is the main reason for the pond’s decline in quality. The fast water flow of the feeding stream means a steady stream of sediment is entering the pond and with the raised outflow not being deep enough for water leaving the pond, the sediment remains with the pond’s boundaries. Wildscapes advice would be to desilt the pond and the water quality of the inflow needs testing as it appears significant nutrient runoff is occurring in the pond, leading to the algal blooms occurring.

Council discussed approaching Jones Homes who are the developers of the Grange Lane Development (Maltby). It was agreed that the Clerk should approach the building company. Clerk to action.

Council agreed that the Willows around the pond needed pollarding. Clerk to attain quotes on the work.

Council agreed that the works carried out by the local outdoor maintenance contractors needed to be itemised on their monthly invoices. Clerk to action

## **99/2021 New WIFI Policy & Procedures**

The WIFI Policy & Procedures was adopted. Cllr Barratt proposed & Cllr Walsham seconded.

## **100/2021 Website**

The Stainton village domain name staintonvillage.org has been renewed.

## **101/2021 Finance**

- a) **Bank Statements:** Council were provided with a copy of the latest bank statements
- b) **Quarterly Budget Review:** Approved
- c) **HSBC new charges:** Approved
- d) **Accounts for Approval:** approved the following online & cheque payments:

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| D Hoyes – Clerks Salary                       | £105.20 |
| A & D Gardening – General Village Maintenance | £168.00 |
| DMBC – Recreational Ground Grass Cut          | £143.75 |

## **102/2021 Correspondence**

YLCA – Law and Governance Bulletin

Council all acknowledged receipt of this bulletin

YLCA – New contact details

All members of Council acknowledged receipt of these details.

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## 103/2021 Next Meeting

Council approved the following date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Stainton Village Hall.  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed ..... 

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021