

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Attending: Di Hoyes (Parish Clerk)

Public: Representative from the VHT & four members of the public.

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

A resident raised concerns about the level of litter which was left by drivers of vehicles entering and exiting the quarries. Cllr Brown & Cllr Walsham confirmed that Breedons Plc were looking into better clearer signage to ask for drivers to take their litter away.

A resident also raised concerns about the recent problems on Holme Hall Lane when an HGV again tried to use the road as a through route and got stuck for over two hours. Council agreed that better signage was required at both ends of the lane. Clerk to contact Highways CDC. Cllr Walsham also agreed to approach the Site Manager at Breedons to see if they would change their signage to read “All HGV traffic this way” rather than the current “all quarry traffic this way”.

A resident raised the ongoing flooding issues on the roundabout on Stainton Lane. Ward Cllr Greenhalgh agreed again to approach the CDC Flood Engineer.

Report from the VHT

- We presented the £133 to the hospice and have received a letter of thanks and a certificate. We will probably have Bluebell Wood as our charity next year
- The village had another write up in the Parish Council from John Fisher
- We have been buying refreshments, equipment and craft materials for the forthcoming Xmas events
- We have been developing and planning the first **Stainton Walking Nativity**. This has included meeting with the Sandbeck estate re use of the stables. Lord Scarborough donated £100 to the event. **December 20th** - 5.30pm from the pond. Pie & Peas (£7.50 from 3 Tuns), refreshments, craft activities in the hall. Many residents are involved in the “production” and the planning groups. Carla Walsham is leading on this.
- We have sold 24 **wreath making** tickets, there are no more for sale. **16th December** 12- 3
- We are selling tickets for **Rotherham Youth Choir concert** in the church and refreshments in the hall. Tickets are selling very well. **Saturday 9th December 4.00. £5**
- **Sunday 17th December 6.00pm Maltby miners welfare brass band** will be playing carols around the Xmas tree. We will supply mince pies and hot chocolate. Thanks to Peter Keenan for the use of his garage to distribute the refreshments
- We hosted the Halloween drop in. 25 people dropped in for refreshments and sweets
- Remembrance service – 30 people attended. Local young people read out the names of the 5 men that died in WW1
- A young man who is doing his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award is litter picking around the village for 10 weeks. We are supporting him and ensuring his safety
- Thanks to Ward Cllr Martin Greenhalgh - we had delivered 50 sandbags, most of which have been collected by residents. Martin has said if we need more, he will arrange them
- Breedons have kindly agreed to pay for 4 new gazebos
- Together with Cllr Brown we attended the successful DMBC Planning meeting to support the expansion of Breedons quarry
- Our AGM is in February

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415/23 Chair's opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

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

416/23 To receive and approve apologies

No apologies were received.

417/23 To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 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.**

418/23 To note matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda (Information only).

Clerk asked Council if the sourcing of the electricity for the Christmas tree had been confirmed for this year. Cllr Walsham confirmed that the resident who did it last year was prepared to do it again.

419/23 To receive the latest Police report. (September)



Village	Road	Crime	Statistics
Stainton	Holme Hall Lane	Other Theft	1
Wilsic			0
Lambcote			0
		Total	1

Cllr I Watkins reported the following which was then forwarded onto the Senior Planning Officer at RMBC.

"Cllr Ivor Watkins was travelling from Maltby last night on Grange Lane towards Stainton Lane. (near the new Lambcote Grange development). He witnessed several cars over take him and swerve around the pedestrian stand points on the road. It was made worse by the fact that there is no street lighting down that entire section of road. Please can you let the relevant RMBC official know."

Response from RMBC:

"I forwarded your email onto a colleague in Transportation and he has confirmed that the issue of dangerous driving is one for South Yorkshire Police. In relation to the lighting along the road, he advised that this forms part of the Agreement under S278 of the Highways Act which is still in the process of being implemented."

Council agreed with Cllr K Watkins suggestion to wait a month to see if the lighting had been installed, and if not chase the matter again. Matter ongoing.

420/23 To receive the Ward Councillors report.

Ward Cllr Greenhalgh reported that the new archives in Doncaster were available for viewing. Cllr Greenhalgh offered to book an appointment for members of Stainton Council and other interested residents to visit and view the archives held for the Stainton Parish. Council thanked Ward Cllr Greenhalgh and agreed to come back to him.

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421/23 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission.

23/00823/FUL change of use of an existing annexe into a dwelling included associated external alterations – Lodge Farm Stainton Lane Wilsic.

Council discussed the application and agreed that the work described was appropriate to the area and in keeping. **Matter resolved.**

Council again revisited the visibility issue with the wall on the corner of Holme Hall Lane on the Waters Edge property. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact CDC again to arrange a site visit. **Matter ongoing.**

422/23 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities.

Cllr K Watkins reported to Council that she had received a quote for the installation of the pathway around the perimeter of the recreational field. The quote which would cover 400sqm of pathway resulted in a cost of £37K. Council agreed that this quote was well outside of the remit for the Lottery Community Fund (20K) and agreed that further quotes needed to be attained. Clerk notified Council that no correspondence had yet to be received from MJ Hughes who visited site to price the job. Council also agreed to approach DS Paddock Ltd for a further quote. **Matter ongoing.**

423/23 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues.

Council discussed the problem of safety on the pathway from School Lane to Stainton Lane, and the following response received from CDC after they completed a site visit.

"The grounds crew have been out and done the best they can with cleansing the path, the problem is that the path is all crumbling up and could do with resurfacing"

The Clerk reminded Council that at the site visit had with the Highways Inspector (CDC), a discussion was had about a potential handrail being put on the public pathway to make the pathway safer. The Clerk stated that there had not been any follow up from CDC about this.

Council discussed this matter and agreed with Cllr Brown's suggestion to ask residents to write to the Clerk explaining their personal experience of how dangerous this pathway is, and for this information to be sent into CDC as a collective. Cllr Brown agreed to put a post out on the Stainton forum, and the Clerk agreed to consolidate the responses. **Matter ongoing.**

424/23 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddley Dyke and surrounding area.

No reports were received.

425/23 To Discuss any Environmental Issues

No reports were received.

426/2023 To discuss and review matters relating to the website.

Cllr Barratt reported that taking payments through the new website was going to prove costly for the benefit it would offer, and advised Council that it would be better for the VHT to take payments as bank transfers.

427/23 To discuss the maintenance of the village telephone box.

The Clerk notified Council that the replacement glass looked unsightly and that the contractor had re-sited it twice. After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would get a quote from the preferred BT provider for the original K2 glass and mouldings. **Matter ongoing.**

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428/2023 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.

No updates received.

429/2023 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange

No update received.

430/2023 Finance

To receive and approve bank statement.

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

NALC's instruction for annual pay increase for Parish Clerk

Council discussed the instruction and agreed to the annual pay increase and back pay. Cllr Walsham proposed the matter and Cllr K Watkins seconded the matter. **Matter resolved.**

To approve online payments.

CDC maintenance	£34.63
CDC Maintenance (short payment Inv. 29322556)	£5.00
DC Hoyes – November Salary	£147.75
DC Hoyes – Cost of Living Back Pay	£70.00
DC Hoyes – Cartridges (Cartridge World)	£39.00
DC Hoyes – Remembrance Wreath (Royal Legion)	£20.00

Cllr I Watkins approved the payments and Cllr Barratt seconded. **Matter resolved.**

Precept Planning 2024/2025

The Council discussed the 2024/2025 Precept in length and decided upon the following increase. Cllr Walsham proposed the matter and Cllr K Watkins seconded. **Matter resolved.**

	2024/2025	2023/2024	% Change
Precept of the Billing Authority CDC	£7,425	£6,510	14.06%
Tax Base (No. of Band Equivalents)	118	119	-0.84%
Band D (Precept/Tax Base)	£62.92	£54.71	15.01%

431/2023 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.

YLCA – Information & Training Bulletin & White Rose Bulletin was received by Council

432/2023 To receive matters for the next general meeting

No matters received.

433/2023 To approve the date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next general meeting would be held on the 8th January. With no further business to conduct, Cllr Brown closed the meeting at 8.51pm.

Signed 

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