

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024

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

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

Public: One representative from the VHT

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

One member from the VHT attended the meeting

Report from the VHT

- Dates for the calendar:
- 31st October at 5.00pm – 7.00pm drop in @ the VH – Halloween
- 2nd November at 10.00am – 12.00pm in St Winifrid's & the VH – Meet your neighbours coffee morning.
- 10th November at 10.30am in St Winifrid's Church & village hall – Remembrance Sunday
- 11th November at 10.45am in the churchyard – Armistice Day
- 7th December at 4.00pm in St Winifrid's Church & village hall – Rotherham Youth Choir
- 8th December in the VH at 12.00pm – Wreath making (ticket available in November)
- 15th December in St Winifrid's at 4.30pm – Christingle
- 20th December from 5.30pm – Stainton Walking Nativity
- 22nd December at 6.00pm – Maltby Brass Band and a visit from Santa
- The wi-fi hub was used during a planned power cut, with residents using the heated hall to be able to access the internet. Refreshments were also available.
- Harvest Festival – the village donated a lot of food to Maltby Food Bank
- Fire Safety audit carried out by the fire service. Sue Fisher is now the newly appointed Fire Warden
- New flags have been purchased
- The photo wall is progressing with John Fisher still researching Stainton's history with stories going back to a connection with Robin Hood
- In February the VHT will be celebrating 25th Anniversary of the opening of the hall.
- The hall is being used by Infinis to hold a solar farm consultation with the village

574/24 Chair's opening remarks and any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest

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

575/24 To receive and approve apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr I Watkins, Council approved the apologies with a show of hands.

576/24 To sign and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2024.

The minutes for the general meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. Council approved the minutes with a show of hands.

577/24 To note matters arising from the minutes, not on the agenda (Information only).

No matters arising.

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578/24 To receive the latest Police report. (August)



Village	Road	Crime	Statistics
Stainton	Stainton Lane	Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Wilsic			0
Lambcote			0
		Total	1

579/24 To receive the Ward Councillor report.

Ward Cllr Greenhalgh reported on the Warm space locations in Doncaster Central communities. Ward Cllr Greenhalgh also spoke of the problem with fly-tipping across the ward in particular Braithwell & Wadworth.

580/24 To discuss and comment on new applications for planning permission.

No new applications were received

581/24 To discuss matters relating to, the recreation field and facilities.

Clerk reported that the maintenance contractor had written to Council suggesting further work to be done in the Parish to tidy areas before the season ends. Council agreed that this work should be carried out. Council resolved the matter with a show of hands.

582/24 To discuss and review highways & footpath issues, in particular the increase of HGV vehicles through prohibited areas.

The Clerk reported that an email had been sent to the Site Manager of Marshalls with a picture of one of their vehicles using Stainton Lane within the village. Clerk also reported that the Site manager had responded and that he would pass on the details to the logistics department. Clerk also confirmed that an email had been sent to the Site Manager at Breedon's asking for the matter to be brought up at their next joint meeting. No response was received from Breedon's. **Matter ongoing.**

583/24 To discuss the maintenance of the pond, Ruddle Dyke and surrounding area.

The state of the pathway was again discussed. Clerk to contact Street Scene for an inspection. **Matter ongoing.**

584/24 To Discuss any Environmental Issues – In particular Infinis's Proposal for Maltby Solar Farm.

Clerk reported that Infinis were hosting a welcome afternoon on the 23rd October inviting residents to come along to look at the proposal. Cllr Barratt confirmed that he would attend the event. **Matter ongoing.**

585/24 To Discuss the State of the Churchyard.

The Clerk read out the following correspondence between Stainton Council & Revd Paul Richardson

Message from the Clerk

"Cllr Ivor Watkins at the last meeting of the Parish Council brought correspondence from yourself which was a letter sent to Ann Watkins (his wife)."

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The Council was delighted to hear that the state of the churchyard, which was a concern for several residents, was being addressed by the same maintenance team who have looked after it for many years. The Council recognise that a wildlife area is certainly a hugely beneficial addition to the churchyard, but that this should not encroach on people's loved ones' graves. The Council on behalf of the parish would like to thank you for rectifying this matter so quickly.

Another matter was also raised, and that was to do with the donations made by residents of Stainton headed by Denise Woodward in the past, specifically for the upkeep of St Winifrid's church. The Council believe that a significant amount of money was donated.

Can Council ask the following questions:

1 - How much of the donations remain?

2 - Are the donations ringfenced by Tickhill Church for St Winifrid's?

Residents have raised concerns about the need for maintenance on the church door and the wooden gate which is on Lime Kiln Lane. Could the newly established Churchyard Maintenance team look into these concerns? Would it also be possible if the Churchyard Maintenance Team does instruct work to be carried out, that the Parish Council gets notified about the work, through myself, so they can then proactively promote the great work the church is doing to preserve St Winifrid's churchyard.

My sincere thanks Paul for your attention on these matters."

Message from Revd Paul Richardson

"Many thanks for your message. It is good to have the interest and concern of the Parish Council about St Winifrid's.

With regard to the donations, I expect that you mean the Stainton Memorial Trust which was established by members and supporters of St Winifrid's. This is a separate charity, registered with the Charity Commission and independent of Tickhill and Stainton Parochial Church Council. The original trustees have either died or have left the area and new trustees have only recently been found to replace them. A new bank account with a new mandate and new signatories has just been established. Its funds can only be used for the benefit of St Winifrid's and for charitable purposes in Stainton. Our PCC is able to ask the trustees of Stainton Memorial Trust for funds towards the upkeep of St Winifrid's and now that the new bank account is up and running we should be able to ensure that those funds are continued to be used for the purpose for which they were given. The contact for information about the Trust is Mr Phil Beavers whom I am copying in to this reply.

The maintenance of the church is guided by the 5 yearly (Quinquennial Report) from our inspecting architect. Our fabric team will ensure that all concerns about the fabric are carried out.

I look forward to a good partnership with the Parish Council in ensuring that the churchyard and the church of St Winifrid's continue to enjoy the care and consideration they need into the future.

All the very best, Paul."

Council agreed that good progress had been made on this matter. **Matter ongoing.**

585/24 To receive updates relating to Wilsic.

No update received.

586/24 To received updates relating to Lambcote Grange

No update received.

587/24To discuss the Co-Option of a new Councillor

Cllr Watkins reported that she had spoken to a resident who has shown interest in the vacancy. **Matter ongoing.**

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588/24 Finance

To receive and approve bank statement.

The bank statement was reviewed and approved by a show of hands

To approve online payments.

DC Hoyes – October Salary

£147.75

DS Paddocks – Topping September

£240.00

589/24 To note correspondence and consider any necessary action.

The White Rose Bulletin was received by all Councillors. **Matter resolved.**

590/24 To receive matters for the next general meeting

No matters received.

591/24 To approve the date for the next meeting.

It was agreed that the next general meeting would be held on the 25th November. With no further business to conduct, Cllr K Watkins closed the meeting at 7.50pm.



Cllr K Watkins – Chair of Stainton Parish Council

Dated: 6th January 2025