

STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STANTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 15TH MAY 2023

Present: Cllr Brown, Cllr Barratt, Cllr I Watkins, Cllr K Watkins & Cllr Washam

Attending: Di Hoyes (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public: 10 members of the public attended

The Parish Clerk opened the meeting promptly at 7.00pm

009/23 To appoint a chairperson for the ensuing Council year and to receive the Chairperson's declaration of acceptance of office

Cllr Barratt proposed Cllr Brown as Chairperson and Cllr Walsham seconded. Cllr Brown agreed to return to office. The Declaration of Acceptance was signed and dated by Cllr Brown and the Proper Officer.

010/23 To appoint a vice-chairperson for the ensuing Council year and to receive the vice-chairperson declaration of office

Cllr Brown proposed Cllr Barratt as Vice- Chairperson and Cllr Walsham seconded. Cllr Barratt agreed to take the position of office. The Declaration of Acceptance was signed and dated by Cllr Barratt and the Proper Officer.

011/23 To receive apologies for absence.

012/23 To receive declarations of disposable pecuniary interest*

Cllr Barratt & Cllr Walsham declared an interest in the VHT

013/23 Approval of minutes for the meeting held on 9th May 2022

The minutes for the meeting held on the 9th May 2022 were received and approved.

014/23 To discuss matters arising from the minutes. (information only)

No matters arose.

015/23 Chairperson's Report

"First of all, I'd like to thank everyone for their support of me as Chair this year.

Thanks to David, my great deputy and Ivor, Nick and Kate, and thanks also to Di, our Clerk who goes above and beyond to serve Stainton. Also, I would like to remember Andy Rhodes who sadly died earlier this year who used to undertake flagpole and Christmas tree duties. This has now been taken on by Peter Keenan for which I am very grateful. I would also like to thank our Ward Councillors, particularly Martin Greenhalgh, who provided excellent support.

This past year has continued to show what a great community Stainton is. While the parish also covers Lambcote Grange and Wilsic the majority of this report is about activities within Stainton.

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The Village Hall Trust has had a very active year providing regular newsletters around the village, activities such as craft sessions and supporting weekly yoga sessions. The trust put up bunting for the Jubilee and supplied bulbs for people to plant around the village. Events have included a fun day on the playing field, choir in the church and joint events with the church on Mothering Sunday and Easter organising an Easter Egg hunt and harvest festival. The Village Hall Trust also continues to improve the hall recently upgrading the lighting with the help of Breedons to be more energy efficient and flexible. It is actively and successfully promoting the hall to get it used more. The Parish Council is very grateful for receiving free use of the hall for our meetings over the last year.

Working together the Village Hall Trust and Parish Council have built a strong relationship with the church which has led to the formal merger of St Winifrid with the parish of St Mary's Tickhill. This ensures the future of our lovely historic church which was in doubt as for some time it was closed with no services. The merger was celebrated in April by a pilgrimage from Tickhill to Stainton and the Parish Magazine now features Stainton as well as Tickhill.

The past year has also seen the departure of some long-standing residents and welcomed new people to the village as many houses have changed hands. We are particularly pleased to see the new arrivals getting involved in the village. I particularly would like to highlight and thank Steve Weston who within weeks of moving to the village has started a litter pick which has become a regular monthly event

There have been 9 Parish Council Meetings during this last year with full agendas at each meeting. The meetings have been publicised on the S66 Facebook Group and have attracted some different people to attend which has been positive.

During the past year:

We have worked with the local community to improve the pond. In October a large team of volunteers started by manually desilting part of the pond, clearing the Iris and digging a channel to promote the flow in and out of water. This work is progressing, we have had confirmation from DMBC that these works are not an issue. Once the pond is sorted, we will consult with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust about how to attract back ducks and plant and maintain the pond in an environmentally friendly way.

We also want to work with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust to explore the potential for making the playing field and village more wildlife friendly; specifically, we want to build a dead hedge on the left-hand side boundary of the playing field near the play equipment.

As part of the celebration for the Jubilee and our plans to develop the playing field we bid and won funds from the Branching Out Fund to buy fruit trees and a black walnut to replace the original tree donated by Lord Scarborough. Thank you to John Ridgard and Paul Downton for their planning and work identifying trees and Di for her successful bidding for funds. The planting took place in March involving the 5th Scouts (Rotherham) and local residents and

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children who have been encouraged to adopt a tree. We are also grateful for the support and expertise of Birchwood Forestry who oversaw the planting and provided rabbit guards.

The council has agreed that the 5th Scouts can use the recreational field for activity days and overnight camps free of charge, accessing the village hall if needed.

We continue to employ a landscape company to tidy the area along the stream and the pond and have just moved to a supplier within the village for this growing season.

This year we have agreed on a budget for planting around the village, and at the Coronation Big Help Out, we bought plants for volunteers to use in the planters and under street signs and a replacement planter and compost.

The demountable Flagpole on Stanton Lane, has been used for flag flying for important events. This flagpole also creates the centre for the Christmas decorative lighting tree. We investigated getting funding for installing an electrical source at an external point with no success and a solar panel does not appear to be feasible so we are grateful to Peter Keenan for allowing us to access his power.

Doncaster MBC continue to support the village maintaining footpaths, doing grass cutting and cutting back undergrowth. Following our request, the Street Scene DMBC cutback the overgrown foliage on the path near the Three Tuns. Having identified an ongoing problem with the Stanton Lane pavement making it dangerous for walkers we were pleased to be able to organise the Community Payback Team to come and clear it so that it is now safe.

We have also made repeat representations about the flooding the roundabout and work continues to address this.

On Holme Hall Lane we have made representations about the danger caused by the reduced visibility on the bend near the phone box. This is still being progressed by DMBC.

Members of the public raised their concerns about the inadequate quarry signage and there have been several incidents with HGVs getting stuck and doing damage in Holme Hall Lane. There has been some progress on signage and at the last quarry liaison committee meeting I attended Marshalls committed to improving the signage so it is clear that it is not just Breedon vehicles but all of the firms working in the quarry.

In October additional play equipment to appeal to a wider age range was installed in the playing field. The larger slide is aimed at children aged 3-10 and the nest swing h will fit 3 teenagers in it was installed and the work on fencing it is on-going. Once the stone and plaques are in place, there will be a formal opening. We are very grateful for the support of the National Lottery Awards for all funds that paid for the equipment, Banks Marr Wind Farm Fund that paid for the installation and Breedons that have supplied the stone for the plaques and will

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install them. Kate is now leading the consultation on what more we want to do in the playing field.

I am particularly pleased that after several years we are now progressing with repairing and refurbishing the phone box using funding received by the village hall trust from the ward councillors and DMBC for its refurbishment.

The Parish Council has acted on behalf of residents on a number of planning issues throughout the year.

After people expressed concern about security and policing, we investigated the potential for CCTV and how other communities had been able to access it. We established that the CCTV system in Brookhouse has been paid for by a community group, funding from ward councillors and the parish council and was maintained and monitored by RMBC. DMBC would not be willing to do this in Stanton.

As a council we have attended meetings about the new police structuring to address our needs as a more rural community and specific ways to report crime such as off-road biking.

Super-Fast South Yorkshire has completed the fibre installation in the village. The Parish Council pays a significant percentage of its budget to provide wi fi in the village hall so with the Village Hall Trust we are looking to develop a wi fi hub so that the village can benefit from the resource.

An issue which the Parish Council is still working on, after much frustration, is a bus service to the village. We briefly had a public bus service into the village but it was cancelled with no notice. We will continue to canvas for a bus service to be re-instated now that there is a new City region mayor in place.

In Stanton, we have regularly reported potholes and other highways issues regarding drainage and DMBC progresses these as budgets allow.

David has been leading on updating and improving the website for the village and the design has been approved and the site will be launched shortly. Find us on www.stantonvillage.org While I have now moved out of the village I will continue to work hard as chair of the Parish Council until a replacement councillor is found. If you are interested in being a councillor, please have a chat with me.

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016/22 To agree date & time of next meeting.

The next Annual Parish Meeting was agreed to be held on the 6th May 2024 at 7pm. With no further business to attend to the meeting was closed at 7.30pm.

Signed 

Dated: 17th July 2023