

**Minutes of Stathern Parish Council Ordinary Meeting**  
**7pm Tuesday 8th June 2021 at the WMI**

Present: Cllrs. Bray, Ramsay, Sobey  
Clerk: J Collins.

Members of the public: 5

**Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Council**

Resident interested in STAT1, update later in the meeting.

Planning application on Bailey's farm, residents concern about the size and height of the revised plan. This application was considered at the May meeting.

**32. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Underwood, Evans and Steadman.

**33. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th May 2021**

The minutes of the meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

*Resolved* to accept and sign minutes as an accurate representation.

**34. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

**35. Stathern NHP update**

Awaiting formal notification from the Examiner but the indications are that he is going to delay progressing the Examination.

All very disappointed with the decision to hold the decision. *Resolved* a response is submitted reflecting disappointment with the decision, exact wording to be agreed with Cllrs via email.

**36. Update from WMI**

All classes are back to normal from this week. The Connect project is also due to start Weds, 21st July, when we will be offering IT skills to those in the local community who might be interested.

**37. Update from SRA**

Efforts are being made to get new members in place, there will be a meeting before the next PC meeting. Currently reviewing the inspection report from ROSPA. Rob and Colin will be resigning from SRA so will need to look at the implications with the PC. Quite a lot on the report at medium level that needs attention. in hand with SRA committee.

**38. Councillor vacancy / Co-option**

Julian Plews has resigned as Councillor, the notice of casual vacancy started on 4th June, this cannot be co-opted tonight due to the notice period having not concluded.

Mr Jackson is present and offered to hold back from this round and move his application to the next vacancy.

Cllr Bray proposes to co-opt Malcom Goff, unanimously agreed. Clerk will hold Mr Jackson's application open for next month.

*Resolved* to Co-opt Malcom Goff.

**39. SHIRE grant application – consider both streetlight and biodiversity grants**

The horse pond group are not ready to put a bid together yet are aiming for the October deadline.

No rush to put in application for the street lights due to the ability to do 8 per year. *Resolved* to hold off the application for the October deadline.

**40. Horse pond alterations**

Looking for support with design, getting prices for tree work. Have a meeting next week. *Resolved* to leave on the agenda.

**41. Approve financial regulations / standing orders**

A copy has been sent to Cllrs prior to meeting, taken from the NALC models with the addition voted on last month for delegation if required. Unanimously voted to approve both. *Resolved* to approve the financial regulations and standing orders.

**42. Annual Audit – Annual governance statement approval**

*Resolved* to accept and sign.

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**44. Update to bank account signatories and Hands Charity members**

Santander / HSBC playpark / HSBC Hands Charity and CCLA account / NS&I  
*Resolved* that due to another co-option likely next month, hold this until then.

45. **Request approval for the cost of fitting the safety signs in Churchyard and Cemeteries**  
£100.00 quoted. Cllr Sobey proposes, Cllr Bray seconds. *Resolved* to accept the quote of £100.

46. **Correspondence**

- 46.1 A resident asked the PC to identify a suitable landing place for the air ambulance. Clerk responded the Cllrs are not suitably qualified to do this, nor can they suggest land not in PC ownership but would be happy to communicate with the air ambulance team if the team thought it of benefit.
- 46.2 LRALC – information on returning to physical meetings.
- 46.3 Contacted by LCC highways drainage team regarding drainage issues on Blacksmith End and Red Lion St. They are investigating and working with ST, it seems the ST pipe mapping may be incorrect. They accept it is a significant issue and are looking into who is responsible. The issue should be resolved before next winter.
- 46.4 Complaint about the flooding on Birds Lane and what is the PC's position – Updated that this issue has been reported to LCC highways.
- 46.5 LCC step up to mental health consultation until 15th Aug – Shared on PC social media.
- 46.6 Resident is concerned about the continued parking of a vehicle on the verge on Harby Lane causing damage to the verge.
- 46.7 Request from PCC that the PC consider a small wild flower corner in the Churchyard against the old Rectory wall. Clerk clarify who will be managing it, such as the cutting and turning and removing etc. Bring back to next meeting for a decision.
- 46.8 WI lunch for the elder residents is set for 4th Oct.
- 46.9 Allotment 7 behind the cottages will be changing to a new tenant when the house sale goes through.
- 46.1.1 Clarity on lawful development, sent to Cllrs – It doesn't affect anything else in terms of usage
- 46.1.2 MBC – Confirmation that owner of the Red Lion intends to dispose of it triggering an Interim Moratorium Period, the community has until 16th July to respond in writing stating they intend to put in a bid for it, if this were to happen it would trigger the full 6 month moratorium period, meaning the owner is unable to sell the property within this period but can continue to market it.  
It is down to the PC to put the application in as the instigators of the ACV. Add to next month's agenda.

47. **Planning Applications including those received prior to the meeting**

- 47.1 **21/00477/FUL Land South of Chantry House**, Erection of four bedroom detached dwelling  
To replace the previous permitted application. Neighbours are concerned about the width of the access. Can this be measured by a planner. The narrowest point is between the 2 buildings. They will replace the tree with 2 others in a different location. Louise Parker has offered to meet the PC to explain how conditions work and how best to respond to them from a planning perspective, aim to meet in the autumn.  
*Resolved* to submit a neutral comment unless the access is too narrow when measured, request a planner visits to measure the entrance.
- 47.2 **21/00548/TCA Becks Homestead, 13 The Green**. Fell Scots pine.  
*Resolved* no comment on this application.
- 47.3 **21/00529/FULHH Fuchsias Bungalow, 8A city Road** – Timber frame, timber clad pitched roof garage to North West gable elevation.  
*Resolved* no comment on this application.
- 47.4 **21/00570/FULHH Redgate House, 2 Water Lane** – Summerhouse and yoga studio  
*Resolved* no comment on this application.
- 47.5 **21/00554/FUL Greensmith Cottage, 8 City Road** – New dwelling within the curtilage of a listed building.  
*Resolved* to submit a neutral comment with concerns about the overall height, the changing ground levels, the flooding on City Road, where the drive meets the road it appears to take the tip of the PC land known as the horse pond, and is the hedge in any way protected.

**Updates to previous applications;**

- 47.6 **21/00249/FULHH** – Hill Top, Mill Hill, Partial demolition, rebuild, extensions and alterations to existing dwelling  
Withdrawn
- 47.7 **21/00397/CL** – Field OS 5000 & 5812 Tofts Hill. Lawful development certificate for addition of steel supports to existing roof and cladding  
Nothing to report other than clarification of lawful development

- 47.8**     **21/00037/FUL & 21/00038/FUL** – Tofts Hill / The Green – any updates  
Refused
- 47.9**     **20/0195/FUL** – Tofts Hill barns – any update  
Appellants final comments due by 9th June, no decision yet
- 47.1.1**   **20/01482/FUL** – The Red Lion – any update  
Property is being disposed of by the owner, see 46.1.2

#### **48.     Payment and Receipts**

##### **Payments**

Clerk 4 wks	£561.00	22786	
SSE	£102.41		D/D taken 11/05
HP Instant Ink	£6.50	22787	
Zoom	£14.39	22787	
Grass cutting May	£400.00	22788	
Internal Audit	£100.00	22789	
Survey Services	£348.00	22790	
E.oN Maint	£102.60	22791	
LeisureBench	£300.00	22792	
SJ Tree Services	£440.00	22793	

*Resolved* that payments approved and cheques to be signed and invoices checked by Cllrs

##### **Receipts**

Nil

##### **Playpark account**

##### **Payments**

None

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None

- 49.     Consider application for garden storage box on allotments**  
Request for garden storage box at 3 Main Street, plastic H 113.5cm x W 132cm x D 71.55cm and is made of plastic, with a "wood-look" design.  
*Resolved* to allow the storage box.
- 50.     STAT1 development – Any updates prior to the meeting**  
The technical team will start discharging conditions next week, the land purchase is going well, Davidsons will be submitting the documentation already shared with PC re conditions. The materials plan will be sent shortly as well as details of the footbridge location.
- 51.     STAT3 development – Any updates prior to the meeting**  
Nothing to add. First appeal decision will be in June but this will indicate if there is a hearing or not.
- 52.     Consider a memorial tree in Tofts Hill Cemetery**  
There is 2.4meters between the end of the final row of graves and the hedge.  
Refusal proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Ramsay.  
*Resolved* to refuse permission on the basis of setting a precedent and difficulty with maintenance.
- 53.     Village matters**  
Knot weed at the top of the hill, reported to LCC.

A vote will be taken prior to the next two agenda items to exclude the public and the press under the 1960 Act due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr Bray proposes to exclude the public, seconded by Cllrs. Ramsay and Sobey.

- 54.     Closed Cemetery Boundary – next steps**  
*Resolved* to take steps outlined in the email from council's insurers 07/06/21

**55. Tofts Hill Cemetery land movement – next steps**

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**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th July 2021, 7pm at the WMI**

Meeting closed: 20:50

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