

Minutes of Stathern Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
7pm Tuesday 12th October 2021 at The Plough Function Room

Present: Cllrs. Bray, Underwood, Sobey, Goff, Steadman, Lovegrove
Clerk: J Collins.

Members of the public: 6

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

Mr Bell has a planning application in on Tofts Hill, his planning advice is that he will get planning eventually, it is just a question of what. They are keen to persevere and asked the architect to take on board the previous comments, trying to match what is there and reducing in size and designed around the steel frame, they understand they have the option of using class q to obtain planning permission, and they are adjoining the boundary. He understands the PC are strongly opposed to it. Cllr Bray underlines that the PC take forward representation of the parishioners and the NHP and thanks Mr Bell for attending. Mr Bell makes apologies and leaves the meeting.

Cllr Steadman updates that the deputy leader of MBC has been expelled from the party and now stands as an independent.

122. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Ramsay, Jackson and Evans.

123. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14th Sept 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.

124. Declarations of interest and dispensations

Resolved to be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

125. Stathern NHP update

No information is reported back from the hearing. The NHP is capable of carrying weight and it is up to the decision maker to decide how much weight to give it, therefore continue to quote it with planning applications. Consider consolidating down to just the policies for ease of reference in planning applications.

Once formal feedback is received by the examiner he will issue a formal note on the S.288.

126. Update from WMI

Regular exercise classes, art and IT sessions are taking place, as well as parties.

Village events are; 23rd Oct – Defibrillator training. 17th Oct is St Guthlac's harvest lunch and quiz. 26th Oct WI fashion show. 19th Nov WMI's Christmas market. Feb 2022 59's lunch.

Thanks to Roger and Barbera Hawkins and Dean & Elaine Mills for providing the paddock and electricity for the Christmas tree marking the beginning of the light up Stathern Christmas competition.

127. Update from SRA

No update to report.

128. Horse pond alterations / SHIRE grant application

Working on grant application with Roseanna from Shire grants and the rest of the group. May not be ready for the October rounds of bids. Objectives are for a nature area accessible to members of the village, linking with educational benefits. The grant is for consultants, tree work, planting, notice and information boards.

Resolved to support the environment grant bid and ask Cllr Lovegrove for a letter of support for the bid.

129. Red Lion Community Right to Bid

Now have over £1000 in their bank to match fund a PC donation so request the donation as agreed by PC previously.

At meeting on 5th Aug the constitution was agreed and officers appointed.

Held a group meeting last night and have a surveyor arranged. Now need to write a business plan and share portfolio in the coming weeks. Opportunity to highlight what is available for the community over the entire site. Be it health care, youth club, community garden. Contact Sally Fagan with suggestions.

130. STAT1 Development – Any updates on status prior to meeting

131. Correspondence

131.1 LCC Tree scheme – Deadline for registering is end Oct

131.2 Sports holiday clubs enquiry, passed to school, WMI & SRA

- 131.3 NALC survey on young people – sent on to Cllrs.
- 131.4 CEE Bill alliance requesting the PC support the climate and ecological emergency bill – sent on to Cllrs
- 131.5 Invitation to Parish Nature Network meeting – attended by Cllr Goff
- 131.6 Gigabit voucher pledge is only at 30% - Shared on social media and on notice board – Highlight to Cllr Lovegrove that STAT1 development is already carrying a percentage cost of the capital cost to bring fibre to the village.
- 131.7 Survey on police and crime plan for residents to go on social media

132. Planning Applications including those received prior to the meeting

- 132.1 21/01060/FUL - Field OS 5000 & 5812 Tofts Hill** – Demolition of redundant barns and replacement with a single dwelling house (class 3)
There is a call to committee by ward member, planner not yet formulated a recommendation. Cllr Bray has drafted an objection and circulated prior to the meeting to discuss. Unanimously agreed to object.
Resolved to object on policies EN1, EN6 & EN13 in the LP and CFA4 in the NHP and the previous inspectors comments made on the recent refusal are still valid on this application.
- 132.2 21/01062/DIS - Land West of Main Street** – Discharge of condition 3 External materials for permitted application 19/01302/FUL
Resolved to state that the PC don not support the current plan on the portal but the newly submitted plan is supported, but this is not yet on the portal. Copy of plan attached to response for clarity. Also have asked for hedgehog gates on all gardens. Consistency of times and fine detail needs to be across all of the conditions. Cllr Bray will liaise with Greg Hutton.

Cllr Steadman left.
- 132.3 21/01061/DIS - Land West of Main Street** – Discharge of conditions 14 Surface Water Drainage Scheme of permitted application 19/01302/FUL
Resolved no comment on this application.
- 132.4 21/01080/TCA - Hillcrest, Tofts Hill** – T1, T2 remove self set sycamore. T3 remove laurel and replace with shrub. T4 & T5 remove self set prunus. T6 remove laurel. Further pruning to laurel, damson and Portuguese laurel
Resolved no comment on this application.
- 132.5 21/01015/DIS - Land West of Main Street** – Discharge of condition 16 Long term maintenance of surface water drainage system
Resolved no comment on this application.
- 132.6 21/00934/FUL - Land South of Station Yard, Harby Lane** – Proposed reuse of the old railway sidings for outside storage (B8)
Resolved the PC has no objection to this but ask if a tree survey should be done and the footpath is protected by way of conditions.
- 132.7 21/00877/DIS – Land West of Main Street** – Condition 17 construction environmental management plan Amended plans
Resolved PC are grateful for the changes and avoidance of school hours as a precursor to all else, can this be highlighted to all. Can the clerk be copied in for noise related work, working hours and lighting deviation.
- 132.8 21/00878/DIS – Land West of Main Street** – Condition 7 Construction traffic management and routing plan Amended plans
Resolved PC are grateful for the changes made and no other comment to make.

Cllr Lovegrove arrived.

133. Consider Quotes for laptop replacement

Core i7 / 8GB ram / 512GB ssd hard drive / 14" full HD screen
Computer SOS £599 plus install / setup £35
Laptops direct £579.97
Currys £699 - £749
Resolved to accept the quote from Computer SOS at £599 plus the set up / install at £35.

134. 2nd Quarter financial update

Budget £26500, spend to 30th Sept £8771, expected spend to year end £16686
CILCA training will not happen in this financial year
£1000 donation to Red Lion community group from local group set aside fund.
Resolved to accept the update as an accurate reflection of the finances. Cllr Goff will take the invoices, bank statements and cashbook entries and cross check them.

135. Allotment policies review

Cllrs Bray, Underwood and Sobey declare an interest in the allotments as allotment holders. There are 4 available allotments and 7 people on the waiting list, some of whom already have an allotment. The allotments are all different sizes. Cllr Sobey and Underwood highlight that the entire site requires a full review including size, policies, financial implication of any changes and letting policy.

Resolved Cllr Underwood will do the green side of the policies and Cllr Sobey will do the business side of the policies. This will take a maximum of 2 months (Dec meeting). Unanimously agreed not to let any allotments until the work has been completed.

136. Consider hedge cutting quotes – Moor Lane & Tofts Hill cemetery

Moor Lane £300 / £200 – *Resolved* to accept the £200 quote from the regular contractor.

Tofts Hill cemetery £250 top and outside by tractor, all hedging inside cemetery by hand held machine – *Resolved* to accept the quote which is the same price as last year.

137. Consider maintenance of the Meadow (green space on Valebrook Road) in relation to STAT1

Following discussion agreed to Clear ivy from the cherry tree in the corner and clear some of the hawthorne. *Resolved* to seek quotes for this work.

138. Consider quote and which streetlights to convert to LED lamps for this financial year

E.ON £325 plus vat per unit if 8 are done £2600 plus vat / SSE not quoted. *Resolved* to get more quotes and bring back.

139. Payment and Receipts

Payments

Clerk salary (4wks)	£561.00	22807
SSE (Aug)	£87.79	D/D 17/09
HP Instant ink	£6.50	22808
Zoom communication	£14.39	22808
Signs 4 less	£73.44	22809
Grass cutting	£400.00	22810
Allot hedge	£175.00	22810
Andrew Granger	£135.00	22811
LRALC training	£45.00	22812
LeisureBench	£450.00	22813
J Bray (paper for Star)	£10.50	22814
Red Lion Community Group	£1000.00	22815

Resolved, payments are approved and cheques signed.

Receipts

Donation for bench on Tofts Hill	£450.00
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Playpark account

Payments

None

Receipts

None

140. Village matters

The closure on Tofts Hill on 18th is for Severn Trent to change the traps under some of the drains.

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.

Cllrs. Unanimously voted to exclude the public.

141. Closed Cemetery Boundary, approval of terms of engagement and consider advise

Resolved to provide the requested information set out in the summary of the telephone call with the solicitor on 12th Oct and forwarded to Cllrs. on the same date.

142. Tofts Hill Cemetery land movement, approval of terms of engagement and consider advise

Resolved to provide further details as requested by solicitor in email of 10th Sept 2021.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th Nov 2021

Meeting closed: 21:30