

Minutes of Stathern Parish Meeting
7pm Tuesday 9th February 2021, held remotely via zoom

Present: Cllrs. Bray, Smith, Underwood, Plews, Sobey, Ramsay, Rhodes, Steadman and Evans
Clerk: J Collins.

Members of the public: 9

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

Kay Wyeth (LCC) and Rob (Openreach) to run through the gigabit voucher scheme

Kay manages broadband connection at LCC, who have a contract with Openreach. The voucher schemes are for areas not in the current plans to connect to full fibre. Stathern is identified as not having sufficient broadband. Aim to get community signed up through the Openreach pledging site. The voucher value is £1500 per resident premise and £3000 for business. (can only claim as a resident or business, not both). It would be 1000 megabits capable. fibre to the box. 2 processes for this. 1st when a member of community logs onto website and expresses an interest, once the individual has enough interest they submit a form. 2nd is the planning team assess areas that they think they can deliver the service to. The current pledging site is at 17%, aiming to get to over 100% which will cover the cost of bringing the fibre in. Stathern is an area 3 and will continue beyond April.

There is a website already set up for Stathern, they will send the url for this. Openreach will provide marketing material. The percentage looking at is the percentage of the cost of delivery. Based on the 318 properties in Stathern, approx. 139 would need to take up the service for the cost to be covered. e.g. there are people with 900meg at £45/month approx.

You would need to upgrade your service by 2 to 3 x. if you sign up and don't take out the service you would need to repay the value of the voucher

Public time

Cllr. Rhodes – zoom meetings legislation runs out on 6th May. The secretary of state has been pressed to act. It is understood that this legislation may be tagging onto the back of the Suella Braverman Bill in order to get it through parliament.

Covid – Rates are coming down in the Melton area over the last 7days was 168 per 100000.

LCC – Budget meeting next week. previous estimate was to increase council tax by 1.99% over the 4 year period. However with an approaching deficit recommendation is to increase the council tax by 4.99%, equivalent to £5.62 per month on a band d household.

Cllr. Steadman – Ward Cllrs would like to bring together all Parish Councillors across the vale after covid.

Resident – Consider the infrastructure for a bigger village going forward.

Village traffic survey – we have feedback from STAT1 which was disappointing. We are expecting the £2000 from the LCC to use on a traffic consultant. The amount to be contributed by STAT1 needs to be established.

495. Apologies for absence

None

496. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th January 2021

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

Proposed to approve as true and accurate by Cllr Underwood, seconded Cllr Bray.

Resolved to accept and sign minutes as accurate.

497. Declarations of interest and dispensations

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

498. Stathern NHP update

We have progressed to examination stage, the examiner has been appointed, they are not able to visit under current conditions, MBC have appointed the examiner, this could take up to 3 months.

499. Update from WMI

Not much to report, the hall is still closed. They are working on plans for the Stathern Connect project, which will bring IT skills sessions to the village for people who need or want them.

500. Update from SRA

Maintain charity for the foreseeable future for S106 reasons

New members are joining

Pop up event discussed for post covid, if gatherings are allowed

Anti social behaviour has reduced but still there.

Basket ball hoop matting due to be installed March / April, restrictions permitting.

Goal post insurance claim. Rob Smith to pick up with clerk

Expected expenditure bin £350 / Dog sign £20 / Rules sign £20

Mins for December meeting have been sent to clerk.

501. Correspondence

- 501.1** Mr Atton – Has had a repeat of the locks being cut / ground off the gates. The land is let in its entirety to a local farmer who maintains it and it is he that is being impacted by this continued damage. Please stick to the paths marked with yellow waymarkers and highlight that these actions are at the cost of, and threat to the farmers livelihood.
- 501.2** Invitation to parish nature network meetings covering tree warden network, biodiversity action planning and verge projects. To respond by 19th Feb. Cllr Underwood will follow this up.
- 501.3** Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical commissioning group invitation to AGM on 9th Feb.
- 501.4** Contact regarding the horse pond and its boundary.
- 501.5** Gill Becken – NHW, contact her when we have someone suitable and both herself and the outgoing coordinator will support the changeover.
- 501.6** LRALC – Goscote nurseries Elm tree giveaway closes on 28th February. Clerk has registered an interest with the nursery.
- 501.7** Street light 32 reported as being intermittent. Reported to service contractors.
- 501.8** Resident requested support in a TCA planning matter on trees that are covered by a planning condition. Clarification has been sought and the resident updated.
- 501.9** PCC recognise the need for danger, risk of falling signs and request they are small and respectful of the conservation area. They do not believe trip hazard signs to be necessary in the Churchyard and request a rethink on this matter.

Actions; Cllr Underwood follow up Parish Nature Network
Cllrs to take visit the Churchyard re safety signs

502. Planning Applications including those received prior to the meeting

20/01482/FUL – Partial demolition of Red Lion, conversion to single dwelling and erection of 7 dwellings to the rear
Consultation expiry is 18th Feb

Key points – as previously made, Cllr Underwood will write the objection on the grounds of privacy, loss of light, flooding, parking and conservation area. Add the status of the NHP, Cllr Underwood will check it aligns with the group, then pass to clerk to submit. Unanimously agreed to object. *Resolved* to object, Cllr Underwood to write based on the agreed points and pass to clerk to submit.

21/00068/TCA – Land South of Chantry House, T6 Ash, fell and remove – Consent given. A change of conditions application is required before work can go ahead on trees affected by condition 5 of planning application 20/00104/FUL
Unanimously agreed to object. *Resolved* for Cllr Sobey to draft a letter of objection and forward to clerk to submit.

21/01513/TCA – Land South of Chantry House, T21 plum fell and remove / T2 fruit tree fell and remove / T8 Red Oak crown reduction no more than 20% / T14 Silver Birch crown reduction no more than 20% / T15 Mixed group crown reduction no more than 20% - Consent given. A change of conditions application is required before work can go ahead on trees affected by condition 5 of planning application 20/00104/FUL. Unanimously agreed to object. *Resolved* for Cllr Sobey to draft a letter of objection and forward to clerk to submit.

21/00021/FULHH – 5 Red Lion St, erection of front fence behind property boundary wall
Neighbour consultation expiry 1st March
Resolved at no comment.

21/00037/FUL – Land South of No10 The Green – Residential development of 2 dwellings
Consultation notices not yet received
garage and a drive- parking will spill onto the street. over development
Cllr Smith will take no part in this application discussion and decision or for 21/00038/FUL due to a conflict of interest.
Cllr Bray proposes object, unanimously agreed. Cllr Plews will lead the write up on this and 21/00038/FUL.
Resolved to object with Cllr Plews writing the objection based on the failed application on this site, plus lack of parking, loss of light, density, height.

21/00038/FUL – Field OS 4011 Tofts Hill – Erection of 3 bungalows (incl 2 replacement dwellings)
Consultation notices not yet received. This was discussed and will be treated as a the same application as 21/00037/FUL

Actions; Cllrs Plews and Sobey write objections and clerk to submit.

503. Approve bench repair cost

Repairs to the bench at the bottom of Mill Hill have been carried out on safety grounds, the cost of repair is £30.
Unanimously agreed. *Resolved* to accept the repair cost.

504. Approval for new Councillor training

£40 for new Cllr training with LRALC via zoom. Unanimously approved. *Resolved* to approve.

505. Approval for Norton anti-virus renewal

Cost of ongoing annual cover is £39.99. Unanimously agreed, *Resolved* to renew.

506. Payment and Receipts

Payments

Clerk salary	£561.00	22713	
SSE	£111.58	D/D taken 25/01	
HP Instant Ink	£6.50	22714	
Zoom	£14.39	22714	
Norton Anti Virus	£39.99	22715	
Swinton	£170.00	22717	
Ramsay	£50.00	22716	(30 bench 20 bin fitting)
LRALC	£40.00	22718	
R Scarborough	£200.00	22719	

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

Receipts

Playpark account

Payments

None

Receipts

None

507. Continuation of grass cutting contract

Scarborough quote for grass cutting is the same as last year £3600 for 15 cuts throughout the season of the Churchyard, Tofts Hill cemetery, the meadow, playpark, grass by the bus shelter and 8 cuts on the Moor Lane cemetery. Not including the closed cemetery.

Cllr Ramsay proposed to continue the contract, seconded by Cllr Plews. *Resolved* to continue the contract.

508. Consider marking the Horsepond boundary

Cllr Bray proposes a post and wire fence to mark the boundary, seconded by Cllr Ramsay. Unanimously agreed a budget up to £200 to fence as soon as possible. *Resolved* to fence with a budget of no more than £200.

509. Approval to change 4 streetlights to LED

To date 1 light has been replaced for LED. There is scope to change 8 lights in total in the budget. Light #32 is not working.

Cllr Smith proposes to change 7 lights, seconded by Cllr Ramsay. Cllr Ramsay proposes to deligate which lights are changed to the clerk, seconded by Cllr Bray.

510. STAT1 development – Any updates on status prior to meeting

This is an update on STAT1. I'll read it out at the agenda point and then you can put it in the minutes please.

Section 106 discussion is still not complete although signed it off by MBC. This includes Link Bridge, Memorial Hall contributions etc. It is expected to complete in two to three weeks time.

Discharge of conditions work continues. These will be available to comment on.

Direct contact with the ecology expert has been requested.

The tree report covers trees outside their boundary (i.e. PC trees) and classifies them in same way. These (at the rear of the PC area) if deemed poor could be included in the removal programme at no cost to the PC. If not then they stay. Cllr Bray proposes the tree warden gives opinion on the highlighted trees, seconded by Cllr Ramsay. *Resolved* to ask our tree warden to give an opinion on the trees within the PC land.

Traffic calming is being revisited to see what can be accommodated within the road width.

STAT1 trackside boundary needs to be marked. Also the large tree by the metal gate needs clarity on ownership

Cllr Underwood propose Cllr Ramsay and clerk mark up boundary of old recycle area at the bottom of Mill Hill. Unanimously agreed a budget of no more than £100 to fence the boundary with STAT1 with a post and wire fence.

Actions; Clerk contact tree warden

Cllr Ramsay and clerk establish boundary using the land registry documents

511. Village matters

The closed cemetery boundary appears to be moving and the neighbour has fitted some ply boards to stabilise this.

Cllr Underwood is meeting the wildflower representative and will feed back at the next meeting

The state of Blacksmith End and Moor Lane is poor, it seems the road is collapsing, with a significant change in levels.

Cllr Underwood has asked for a meeting with Joe Mitson about STAT2 and the conditions issues

Clerk check bin collection point for stat2

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th March 2021

Meeting closed: 20.55