

Minutes of the Stathern Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2018 at 7pm in the Plough Inn Function Room

Present: Cllrs Hourd (Chair), Ramsay, Underwood, Bray, Daniels and Cllr Byron Rhodes (Melton Borough Council)

Clerk: S Smart.

Members of the public: 6

Apologies: Cllr Smith (work)

76. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th September 2018

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

77. Receipt of SRA sub-committee meeting minutes

No meeting has taken place.

78. Declarations of interest and dispensations

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

79. Correspondence/Planning Applications received prior to the meeting

Correspondence

- Email from highways to say they are investigating the request for a pavement outside the Plough Inn. They are seeking clarification of the highway boundary and reviewing previous correspondence.
- There are a series of free briefings run by East Midlands Community Led Housing focusing on current opportunities for community led housing initiatives, including finance, from the Community Housing Fund.
- Email from the Brambles in response to another invite from the Parish Council saying they will not be attending any of our meetings whilst they are held at the Plough and have offered to arrange a neutral venue. This offer has been accepted and we are now waiting information and a suggested date.
- Email from Ofsted regarding the Brambles. They have been in regular contact with the home and have received assurances and detailed internal investigation outcomes in relation to the concerns raised and believe a meeting with the council would be beneficial. They have now closed this case.
- Email regarding a definitive map modification order to add two sections of footpath within the village. The first is off Penn Lane to join the road and the field near the allotments and the second is down the side of the old recycling centre to join it to the footpath across the fields toward Harby.
- Email from highways regarding the resurfacing of the footpath outside 2/2b Harby Lane. An application has now been received for a dropped kerb for vehicular access. Once complete, they will resurface the pavement.
- Invitation to a workshop regarding shaping Melton's future. This was emailed to all councillors as the first workshop is on the 10th October.

- Temporary Traffic Regulation Order received for closure of The Green and Water Lane to allow for gas works. Water Lane will be closed for up to 5 days commencing on the 29th October and then The Green will be closed for up to 12 days after the Water Lane works have been completed. The school has been notified and notices put up in the Coffee Shot and Butchers.
- Invitation to the Annual Leicestershire Police Intercultural Social Evening on the 13th November.
- Email sent from LRALC with a 90-page report concerning the proposals for a unitary authority for the county. This was forwarded directly to the councillors.
- Request for a shed on allotment plot 15D – maximum size 6x4 feet – approved.
- A thank-you card received from the WI in relation to the 59ers lunch donation.
- Invitation to the council and parish members to attend a Battle's Over Tribute on the 11th November.

Planning Applications

18/01047- There are two parts to this application; one for a porch extension to the existing dwelling to which there was no objection and the second was for a new 4-bedroom house in the grounds of the existing property. Cllr Daniels had received a letter of objection from a resident which the clerk had forwarded to the council prior to the meeting. After discussion, It was decided to object to this application primarily due to the damage to the old wall and hedge which would considerably alter the character of the area and which forms part of the setting of the Old Rectory, a listed building. It was mentioned that the application should have listed building consent and the council supported this. Both properties would be very visible from the road, the property seemed to be too large for the plot size, it was three storeys and the materials were not suitable or in keeping with the area, particularly the larch cladding. There were also concerns about the potential damage to the grass triangle. The school had also been made aware of the application and although they had no objection to the new house, they had concerns about the impact of construction.

80. Payments and Receipts

Clerk – 2 books stamps (£13.92) & envelopes (£2.80)	£16.72
Grass Cutting – R Scarborough	£400.00
Clerks Salary	£441.96
SSE	£103.78

Parish Council Receipts

Allotment payments	£494.00
Melton Borough Council Precept	£8750.00

81. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Underwood updated the meeting. Despite emailing village groups and putting up notices, only six people have expressed an interest. A separate meeting to be arrange with the group to go through the process in detail to which the person who had driven the Harby, Hose and Long Clawson Neighbourhood plan will be invited to talk about her experiences. The Melton Local Plan can be used as a starting point.

82. Financial Update

The clerk handed out copies of the latest bank statement together with details of income and expenditure and financial commitments. The council were asked to start to consider expenditure for next year as the precept form will need to be completed soon.

83. Street Lights

A discussion took place regarding replacing the street lights with energy saving bulbs as the old sodium bulbs are being phased out. It was suggested that Cllrs Bray and Smith set up a subcommittee with the clerk to look into the council's options including lighting for areas around the church where harsh white light may not be appropriate.

84. Quote for Tofts Hill Cemetery Hedge and removal of fallen branch

The quotation for Tofts Hill cemetery hedge cutting had been received at £240 which was the same as previous years and was accepted. A branch had split off from an ash tree during the recent strong winds and although a quote of £30 was submitted, a resident had offered to remove this which the council accepted.

85. Quote for hedge cutting in the paddock and cemetery on Moor Lane

The quote for cutting the cemetery hedge of £96 had been received and a quote of £360 to cut the paddock hedges. Both were agreed.

86. Village Matters

Cllr Ramsay was requested to check the salt bins in the village so that the clerk could get these filled prior to any bad weather.

The clerk had undertaken the annual cemetery inspection and there were a number of stones that were loose, possibly as a result of the hot weather. She requested Cllr Hourd double check these with her.

The bench inspection had also taken place and the church had been asked to remove the loose bench in the cemetery which did not seem very safe.

Cllr Daniels asked what was happening about the Deed of Release signed at the meeting in September. The clerk had chased our solicitor who was waiting for Mr Kennedy's solicitor to get in touch to complete. Mr Kennedy had been advised.

The speed camera can still show speeds but we are unable to access any recorded data. The repairs have not been successful. As the camera is now quite old and the cost of a new one has reduced considerably is, it was discussed whether to replace it. Clerk to look into different camera options as speeding is still a problem in the village.

One of the councillors reported that Water Lane looked a mess with the overgrowth from the pub spilling onto the road. The clerk was asked to report this to highways. There also appears to be litter from the school which they need to ensure is cleaned up.

Cllr Underwood thanked the village for their support with the duathlon. It went really well and has raised about £4,500 for the school.

The street light at the bottom of Narrow Lane is no longer working. Clerk to report.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2018.

Meeting closed: 19:58