

**Minutes of Stathern Parish Meeting**  
**7pm Tuesday 12th January 2021, held remotely via zoom**

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

Members of the public: 5

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

Cllr Rhodes – Communities fund has been opened it is up to £10k for small organisations, details on the LCC website. Bottesford recycling and waste site is now closed for 12 weeks.

Move to have a bus service from Bingham, Bottesford and on to Grantham, this will be run by a firm called Vectare and will be a commercial service once started.

Cllr Streadman – Business grant schemes are running again at MBC. There has also been queries regarding a length of footpath on the Grantham canal, this path is not owned by the canal and rivers trust. The signs at either end warning of this have been stolen and will be replaced. The agreement with the canal and rivers trust and the owners of the land ran out some years ago.

**475. Apologies for absence**  
None

**476. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th December 2020**  
The minutes of the meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.  
Proposed to accept as true and accurate by Cllr Plews, seconded Cllr Underwood.  
*Resolved* to accept and sign minutes as accurate.

**477. Declarations of interest and dispensations**  
To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

**478. Stathern NHP update**  
Regulation 16 ended on 23rd Dec. The comments raised during this time are on the MBC website.  
Waiting for examiners proposals to arrive, so that an examiner can be chosen.  
The examiner after a few weeks usually releases a clarification note, where they ask for further information, primarily to the PC, sometimes to MBC in relation to policies that are not particularly clear, where a response to reg 16 comments can be made if required. After publication of the response to the clarification note, the input from MBC is minimal. The examiner will publish the final report with recommendations to modify the plan if required.  
Once details come from MBC, a meeting of the steering group will be called.

**479. Update from WMI**  
The WMI is closed for lockdown, with the Coffee Shot using it as a space for community grocery collection.  
They will soon be buying equipment to facilitate the IT skills project for when restrictions allow the sessions to begin.  
Matting on the grassed area to the front is now complete.  
Community classes will be back when circumstances allow.

**480. Update from SRA**  
Minutes need a couple of points of clarification and will be available for the next PC meeting.  
Some expenditure due over the next few months, this depending on the Covid situation.  
A neighbour reports some noise problem, this will continue to be reviewed and a solution sought, there has been no additional vandalism. CCTV was discussed at the December meeting and will stay on the watch list and be reviewed.

**481. Approval of SLCC membership renewal**  
£130 for annual renewal. Cllr Underwood proposes the renewal, seconded by Cllr Smith.  
*Resolved* to renew the membership.

**482. Consider quotes for brickwork repair to the Gote**  
To remove, clean and refit the header course of bricks on the front. Lay a further 2 courses of brick at the rear entry area to direct the water into the holding basin and repair the brick pillar to include any foundation required.  
Nicholson's have confirmed their price of £1520, no vat to pay and can schedule the work for spring / early summer  
CC Construction's quote is £1512.50 plus vat, their schedule is summer but cannot confirm a month due to the effect weather could have on their scheduled jobs for the spring.  
Cllr Ramsay proposes to accept Nicholson's quote, seconded by Cllr Plews  
With the start dates provided this will now be coming out of next year's budget.

*Resolved* to accept Nicholson's quote for the Gote repairs.

**Actions;** Clerk contact builders.

**483. Consider a refund for a relinquished grave**

A plot purchased in 1997 for £200 is no longer required and a refund has been requested.

Cllr Ramsay proposes a refund with a reduction of £30 for administration, seconded by Cllr Plews.

*Resolved* to refund less £30 for administration.

**484. Closed Cemetery boundary – consider next steps**

Following damage to an area where a grave is located and the breakdown of communications between Cllr Bray and the neighbour.

Cllr Bray proposes to reappoint the solicitor previously used for this matter as well as a surveyor to establish both the boundary and the position of the graves, and advise as to what to do next, seconded by Cllr Sobey. Cllr Smith proposes and initial budget of £1000 to start the process, seconded by Underwood.

It is an individual that has caused this issue which the PC are responding to.

*Resolved* to instruct a solicitor and surveyor.

**Actions;** Clerk to liaise with Cllr Sobey and make contact with solicitor. Clerk email neighbour to state we have sought legal advice on the matter.

**485. Snow Warden – reminder of route and details**

The agreed route is Water Lane, School Lane, the footpath from School Lane to Water Lane past the school, Red Lion Street, The Green from Red Lion St up to the corner near number 19 and Main Street from the junction with School Lane and stopping at the West side of the junction with Chapel Lane.

During extreme conditions of snow and ice, LCC will make contact or any areas of concern can be reported.

LCC contribution is £6.89 per hour worked / National living wage is £8.72

*Resolved* to show route covered by snow wardens on the notice board

**Actions;** Clerk put notice on the notice board showing the route the snow wardens cover as well as the village whatsapp group.

**486. 3rd Quarter financial update**

Copies of the update have been circulated prior to the meeting. Finances are in line with budget.

The NHP money has gone from set aside money into the expenditure, this will likely be carried forward to next year. The cost for the Gote repairs will now fall into next years budget.

The emergency fund has been reduced by £200 which is due for the ditch work.

The expected unallocated balance at the end of the year is £25000

*Resolved* to accept this accounts statement as an accurate record.

**487. Proposed budget for next year Apr 21 – Mar 22**

Copies of expected expenditure for next year have been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting and total £26632.00

Clerks salary is based on the extra hours continuing as well as £900 for training for CiLCA, this is not a condition of employment but to be made available when clerk is able and requests, so may carry forward. Proposed by Cllr Bray and seconded by Cllr Smith.

Grounds maintenance has increased

£1500 Gote repairs – Proposed to go into the budget by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Sobey

£1200 Website costs for a new fully accessible WCAG compliant website – Proposed by Cllr Underwood seconded by Cllr Plews.

Cllr Bray proposed a budget of £26500.00 is accepted, unanimously agreed.

*Resolved* to accept a budget of £26500.00 for year 2021-22.

**488. Proposed precept request for year Apr 21 – Mar 22**

Copies of expected funds required have been circulated prior to the meeting. The band D council tax base for 2021/22 is £310.32

Cllr Ramsay proposes a precept request of £25000.00, seconded by Cllr Underwood

*Resolved* to request a precept of £25000.00

**489. NHW co-ordinator including resignation and request for replacement**

PC role is to assist in finding a replacement co-ordinator (and the cost of the process) and promote through available channels. There is a local co-ordinator in Harby.

Formally thank Hillary, and request a handover with guidance.

*Resolved* to contact the local co-ordinator, then follow up with promotion on the PC's available platforms.

**Actions;** Clerk talk to Gill to find out what is required. Advertise on notice boards, website, social media. Formally thank present co-ordinator.

#### 490. Correspondence

- 491.1 Visitor complaint (by phone) about the uneven ground, gate and litter facilities at Tofts Hill cemetery
- 491.2 Land owner on Blacksmith End and Moor Lane has had continued damage to the property on his land with damaged fencing and padlocks being cut off and removed. The damage is happening in areas that are not public footpaths. This has been reported to the police. They have requested that the local NHW are made aware and ask those using the footpaths to be vigilant and report the damage. The gate that requires repair is also in hand.
- 491.3 LCC informing of the addition of part of a public footpath G24 from Penn Lane to footpath G19 adding and extra 40 meters by 3 meters of footpath.
- 491.4 Robert Jenrick MP thanking for service to the local community over the past months
- 491.5 A number of thank you notes for the Christmas donation to the elderly from the Hands charity have been received.
- 491.6 Kay Wyeth LCC - scoping work is currently being undertaken to identify further areas in Leicestershire that would benefit from improved fibre to the premises broadband connectivity such as the community of Stathern, coupled with the National Government voucher scheme.
- Stathern Parish Council could play a facilitation role in raising awareness of the Rural Gigabit voucher scheme to individuals and businesses within your community. Would like to attend the next PC meeting and explain what this is about.
- Openreach have set up a pledging site: <https://www.openreach.com/connect-my-community> where residents & businesses can pledge their individual vouchers, and pool these collectively to raise funding and get the whole community connected to Gigabit capable broadband speeds.

**Actions;** Clerk to publish that damage is occurring on Blacksmith End footpath and request damage to be reported – use FB page.  
Clerk to publish gigabit voucher details on the FB page and website.

#### 491. Planning Applications, including those received prior to the meeting

- 491.1 **20/01387/FULHH Meadow View, 55 Main St** – Single storey side and rear extension and alterations to front elevation.  
*Resolved* no comment on this application.
- 491.2 **20/01436/TCA Chantry House, 3 Chapel Lane** – Scots pine, remove 3meters from the canopy. Leylandii, reduce diameter and height by 2 meters. 2 x Spanish Chestnut, remove dead branches. Hawthorne, remove and kill stump.  
*Resolved* no comment on this application
- 491.3 **20/01465/TCA Land OS 477142 331284, Penn Lane** – T1 Silver Maple raise to 5 meters  
*Resolved* no comment on this application

#### 492. Payments and Receipts

##### Payments

Clerk salary (5 weeks)	£701.25	22707
SSE Nov	£96.42	D/D taken 22/12
HP Instant ink (clerk card)	£6.50	22708
Zoom Dec	£14.39	22708
EoN new lamp #2	£420.00	22709
J Codrington	£111.96	22710
SLCC membership	£130.00	22711
R Scarborough	£140.00	22712
(clear ivy £30 / Lay flat headstones £30 / post for dog bin £30 / strim closed cemetery £50)		

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

##### Receipts

Field rent	£280.00
Allotment	£140.00
School (playpark)	£100.00

##### Playpark account

**Payments**

None

**Receipts**

None

**493. STAT1 development – Any updates prior to meeting**

Still drafting the section 106 wording, this has passed through MBC who are happy with it and it is now with county.

**494. Village matters**

- Is stat 3 still a reserve site? MBC are representing the position that it is at appeal. Matter to be taken up with planning by Ward Cllr Evans.
- Parking issues with STAT2 contractors – These are regularly reported to the planning officer at MBC.

**Actions;** Cllr Underwood to contact Joe Mitson re STAT2 issues.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th February 2021**

Meeting closed: 20:30