

Minutes of the Stathern Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th April 2018 at 7pm in the Plough Inn Function Room

Present: Cllrs. Hourd (Chair), Bray, Daniels, Smith, Ramsay. Clerk: S Smart

Members of the public: 2

Apologies: Cllr Underwood (Work)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th March 2018

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

2. Receipt of any SRA sub-committee meeting minutes

There were no new minutes submitted. The focus of the committee is now Party in the Park which is planned for the end of June.

3. Declarations of interest and dispensations

To be declared during the agenda item where applicable.

4. Correspondence/Planning applications received prior to the meeting.

Correspondence.

- Email from Mr Kennedy regarding removing the access across his land. A Deed of Release is all that is required. All councillors supported the removal of this as long as it did not cost the council anything. Mr Kennedy (who attended for this item only) agreed to this and to pay reasonable costs for the council's solicitor if required. Clerk to check requirements and costs first and item to be added to the next agenda.
- Email from BHIB who have taken over from our current insurers stating that our insurance premiums will stay the same.
- Invitation from St. Guthlac's Church to a service of thanksgiving and dedication of the new altar frontal on the 15th April.
- Passenger Transport Policy and Strategy event on the 21st May at Melton Brough Council.
- Letter from CCLA regarding switching between the COIF charities investment fund and COIF charities ethical investment fund – agreed to stay in current fund.
- Email from Cllr Underwood regarding 5 Blacksmith End which may be undergoing work to turn it into some form of multiple residential dwellings. Clerk has contacted MBC to find out if they are aware of any change of use and is awaiting a reply. Cllr Ramsay believes this is going to be used for foster children.
- Cllr Underwood also emailed regarding removal of the field shelter in Moor Lane cemetery. As soon as the ground is a little drier Cllr Hourd will get this removed.
- Email from LRALC regarding the data protection bill which has completed committee stage. There may be possible exemptions but nothing has been agreed yet. LRALC are looking at getting a provision of a DPO and costs vary between £100 per council to £350 with possible further costs.
- LRALC newsletter No. 2 was received and circulated.

Planning Applications

18/00350 – Replacement of multiple windows – 12 City Road – no objections

18/00346 - Ground floor rear Orangery extension, raised decking area, dormer windows and other alterations – 3 Farriers Way – no objections

Ref. No: 18/00050 - Change garage door to brick infill with new window and convert garage to habitable space. 1 Blacksmith End – no objections

5. Payments and Receipts

Parish Council Payments

SSE Electricity Bill – paid end of March 2018	£89.79
Waterplus – Tofts Hill Cemetery	£56.12
Clerks Salary	£441.96

Parish Council Receipts

None

Playpark Payments

Finding Fitness invoice 19	£172.80
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Playpark Receipts

Transfer from Playpark for Finding Fitness invoice	£172.80
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6. End of Year Financial Update

The clerk handed out copies of the bank reconciliation statement, full details of all payments and receipts for both the parish council and playpark accounts, comparisons of payments and receipts for previous years and the latest Santander bank statement. The council will start the year with approximately £20,000.

There is an emergency fund of £1000 set aside for any of the village groups who need help and it is to be mentioned at the Annual Village Meeting where representatives of each group should be in attendance.

7. Risk Assessment Review

The clerk handed out copies which are to be reviewed and agreed at the next meeting. Cllr Ramsay has fenced off the old recycling centre at the bottom of Mill Hill to prevent fly tipping now that the recycling bins have been removed. Clerk to look for No fly tipping sign or CCTV signs. Cllr Smith mentioned that three councillors are booked on a Playpark inspection course.

8. Purchase of shredder

The clerk requested a shredder as she has been using her personal equipment which now long longer works. Cost of a suitable cross shredder were presented and expenditure of up to £70 was agreed.

9. Maintenance Progress Reports

None.

10. Village Matters

Light No. 5 on Harby Lane is flickering – Clerk to report.

Potholes on Harby Lane on right hand side – Clerk to report.

Pothole on Canal Lane opposite the first passing place – Clerk to report

The faulty street light in the bungalow complex on Harby Road was reported to Melton Borough Council as it is believed to be their light. However, they have said it is not theirs and it has now been reported to Leicestershire County Council who are investigating ownership.

Cllr Hourd is gradually removing the ivy around the pole on Narrow Lane.

The Annual Village meeting is next month and the Clerk to ensure this is added to the Stathern Star which is due out at the beginning of May.

The building works on City Road are making a mess of the verges.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2018 (AGM and Annual Village Meeting).

Meeting closed at 19:53