

STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors D Dee (Chairman)
I Yeadon
T Gurney
C Warren
S Barrett
L Downes

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Cllr P Gill, Shropshire Councillor
Sqdn Ldr Bob Northway, RAF Shawbury
1 Members of the public

402.21C Welcome & Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

Councillor Paul Gill

Paul has now been in the role for a few months and has come to realise that the most important issue for all the Parish Council areas in Hodnet Division is road safety, bringing together speed, HGVs on lanes etc. He has joined the A41 Safety Group and this has opened up discussions about inappropriate use of narrow rural lanes as diversion routes when the A41 or other trunk roads are closed. This then affects Stanton Parish as well as others in his area.

Paul will be working with a new Highways Officer and will raise the numerous issues that have been mentioned to him since his election.

Whilst updates are awaited from the Electoral Commission regarding the Boundary Review, it is now possible that further reviews may take place and this might include Parish (and Divisional) boundaries. More information will be shared when it is available.

Sqdn Ldr Bob Northway, RAF Shawbury

Bob updated Members on the current night flying and thanked residents for their understanding as this is an essential part of the training. There is currently a two week break which will be followed by a further 6 weeks of flying before Christmas. Due to the darker nights, flying will be finishing earlier. The weather, however, has an impact on flying times.

There have been two local complaints and officers have visited to discuss them with the residents.

The Aries magazine is now available, copies will be available in the village.

The HQ has advised that due to ongoing covid concerns, they will not be allowing students to take part in community projects. They will continue to monitor the risks and will let the project co-ordinators know when the work can take place.

The Chairman thanked Bob for attending and for the information, Bob left the meeting.

Police

No report had been received.

Public Session

Parish Magazine

Thanks were extended to all Members of the delivery team for their work to deliver paper copies before Covid and to some properties since the introduction of electronic copies.

Jackie attended the meeting to discuss with Members the options available and to share some information regarding numbers and current delivery areas.

Members discussed the benefits of electronic copies, but also accepted that not everyone uses a computer or smartphone.

Members had an opportunity to discuss the matter and it was agreed that this would appear on a future agenda before any decisions are made. Views of the local residents would be welcome. The Chairman thanked Jackie for attending and she left the meeting.

403.21C

Apologies

Councillor M Moore Health
Councillor C Crackett Isolation with a family member

It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies, as listed, are accepted.

404.21C

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

405.21C

Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Barrett and seconded by Councillor Warren that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

406.21C

Matters Arising

Book of Condolence

The Parish Council appreciated the support of St Andrew's Church with regards to the Book of Condolence and Framed Photo.

407.21C

Finance and Governance Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

BACs	Clerk's Salary & PAYE (October)	£208.00 and £52.00	LGA 1972
BACs	Grass cutting	£154.50	LGA 1972 s 101
BACs	Street Light Energy	£64.13	Parish /councils Act 1957 s 3

It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the payments be made in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

b) Financial Report

A copy of the Bank Reconciliation for 1st November 2021 showed a balance of £34,247.77.

c) Christmas Tree

It was proposed by Councillor Warren and seconded by Councillor Yeadon that £100 be provided towards the purchase of a village Christmas Tree. Thanks were recorded to The Stanton Arms for kindly allowing it to be position in the garden and to provide the electricity for the lights. All were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that £100 be allocated for the provision of a Christmas Tree.

d) Initial Budget Discussions 2022/23

Members were asked to consider any new projects to be included for consideration in next year's budget and to contact the Clerk with details.

408.21C Highway Matters

a) Updates

Councillors Yeadon and Warren are to visit areas of flooding with Ivor at the weekend to establish a cost for ditch-clearance which can then be discussed with Shropshire Council.

Some work has taken place to replace road signs and clear road drains, although much more work is required.

b) New Issues

Shropshire Council will be asked to investigate the road markings and visibility issues at the High Hatton junctions with the A53.

Extensive areas of the Parish have mud on the road which is causing dangerous conditions. It is important that these are reported to the landowners. If the situation remains dangerous, these can be reported to the police.

Shropshire Council is promoting the use of Fix My Street.

409.21C Planning

a) Updates

21/04663 Lodge Farm, Hopton

SC has granted permission for this non-material amendment.

b) Applications for Consideration

None

c) Other Planning Matters

i) Sundial, Church Way

The officer has not yet contacted the Chairman to arrange to meet and discuss.

ii) Caravan / Mobile Home

SC has confirmed that this case is closed, there has been no breach as no planning consent was required.

410.21C Environmental Matters

a) Fallen Tree

It was disappointing that the tree has not yet been removed from the river, which had been promised before the Winter. Councillor Warren would discuss this with the landowner and if conditions permit arrange its removal as soon as possible.

b) Fly-tipping

It was disappointing that SC had not responded to the correspondence regarding a funding opportunity for rural areas. The Clerk will send a reminder.

411.21C Projects

a) Village Green and Play Area

Parking has ceased at this location. The Chairman and Cllr Warren have undertaken some trimming back of Ash Trees (by the bench) but more work is needed. The area lends itself to more tree planting. However, it is necessary to have the concrete pad removed. Alternative quotations are needed for this work.

b) Phone Box Library

Members agreed that at least one of the old 'TELEPHONE' signs should remain and that three new signs will be ordered. One to read Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council and two as LIBRARY. The shelving is now in place and books are available when the provision is open.

When considering the newsletter, copies can be left in the Library for collection.

c) Village CCTV

Further to the enquiry a little while ago an initial assessment had taken place which established that the cost would be in the region of £5000 to £10000 and this would depend on the quality of the cameras and recordings as required for police / court use.

Members discussed the 'needs' of the community and considered the data security, GDPR and other related matters. After consideration, it was agreed that the provision and installation of CCTV on the highway is not affordable and not appropriate. However, Members did not discourage the use of CCTV for residents own piece of mind, on their own property.

d) Fun Day 2021

A written report from the organisers had been circulated to Members and thanks were extended to everyone who helped to make the event such a success. The Parish Council had provided core funding for the event and £189.13 had been returned as unspent.

Members asked that a similar figure be included in next year's budget.

412.21C Shropshire Association of Local Councils

All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.

Councillor Crackett had provided a report from the North Shropshire Area Committee meeting and will answer any questions, if required.

413.21C Stanton Village Hall

Councillor Moore had provided a report.

The first coffee morning had been successful with 15 people attending, there would be a further event on 20th November and on 18th December. Craft stalls will be available.

The Chairman has been asked to Chair a joint meeting with the Parish Council, Church and Village Hall to discuss plans for the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Members wondered about the Constitution regarding the Billiard Room. However, one Member remembered collecting a key and going with friends to play billiards, it would be nice if this option was still available to the community.

414.21C Correspondence

All Correspondence is shared with all Members, there had been no requests for any to be included on the Agenda for consideration.

415.21C Clerk's Report

a) Communications

Members are encouraged to use the Parish Council email addresses.

Chairman's Report

a) Helicopter Liaison Group

The Chairman had attend a zoom meeting which was well attended by representatives from across Shropshire. The flying area is massive and there were few issues raised.

Councillor's Report

a) Climate Change

It was agreed that a budget will be included to support climate change initiatives.

416.21C Parish Matters and Exchange of Information

Defibrillator Training

Arrangements will be made.

Moston Lane

Residents are considering hosting a meeting and to invite the Chairman of the Motorcross to attend and discuss their concerns.

417.21C Date of the Next Meeting

4th January 2022

Full Council

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm thanking all members for their important contributions to an effective meeting.

Signed Date

E&OE

These minutes are Draft and will remain, for information only, until agreed as a true record at the next Full Council meeting on 2nd November 2021.