

STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors T Gurney (Chairman)
M Moore
C Crackett
S Barrett
D Dee
C Warren
I Yeadon

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
PCSO Andy King
Lt Cdr P Richardson
3 Members of the Public

548.23C Welcome & Public Session

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them a Happy New Year. Members, and guests, congratulated Councillor Crackett on being awarded an MBE in the King's New Year's Honours List.

Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council

Councillor Gill had not been able to attend this meeting.

Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury

Lt Cdr P Richardson, RAF Shawbury, confirmed that they very much appreciate the support and integration with the Parish Council. There is little to report at this time. However, night flying will take place for 6 – 8 weeks through January, February and into March.

PCSO Andy King, West Mercia Police

Thanks were extended to Andy for attending this meeting. PC Ambrose has now retired and it has not yet been confirmed who will be his replacement for our area. There had only been few incidents in the Parish since October and just five including the surrounding area.

Andy reminded members of the importance of registering for Neighbourhood Matters. This is a two-way communication link between the police and the community and contains relevant local useful information.

PLEASE VISIT <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk> TO REGISTER AND SELECT THE INFORMATION YOU WISH TO RECEIVE DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX.

Public Session

A warm welcome was extended to local residents, who shared information and concerns with the Parish Councillors for action or consideration. These included:

- Fund raising to enable local children from Thomas Adams School year 10 to travel to Borneo in July 2024 to live in a community for a month.
- Damage and maintenance to local bridges
- Provision of lamp post poppies
- Road drain maintenance
- Highway gritting
- Village Green and Play Area – provision of equipment and trees
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549.23C Apologies
None

550.23C Declarations of Interest and Dispensations
Councillor Yeadon 556.23C b) Holly Cottage Planning Application Neighbour
Councillor Dee 558.23C d) Stanton Sundial

All Members, resident in the Parish, have a dispensation to take part in discussions regarding the budget and to set the precept for 2023/24.

551.23C Vacancy

It was with disappointment that the resignation had been received from Lucy Downes, due to relocation. Members recorded their thanks and would send every good wish for the future to her and her family.

The vacancy has been advertised, anyone interested in registering an interest with Shropshire Council to call an election must do so by 17th January 2023. If no election is called, the Parish Councillors may choose to co-opt a local resident to the position of Parish Councillor at the next meeting in March 2023.

552.23C Minutes

a) It was proposed by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Dee that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2022 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 1st November 2022 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising that did not appear on the Agenda.

553.23C Chairman's Report

- a) The Chairman had not been able to attend the last Chairman's Network meeting, hosted by SALC, but hoped to attend the next one on 18th January. Having looked at the minutes and presentation, it would appear that the last meeting focused on sustainability and the green journey presented by Little Wenlock Village Hall.
A copy of the presentation will be circulated to all members.
- b) The Parish Council had received a card from King Charles III, which read

'It was so very kind of you to send me such a wonderfully generous message following the death of my beloved mother. Your most thoughtful words are enormously comforting, and I cannot tell you how deeply they are appreciated at this time of immense sorrow' Charles R

The card will be scanned and included on the website.

554.23C Finance and Governance Matters

a) **Accounts for Payment**
None.

b) **Financial Reports**

A bank reconciliation as at 25th November had been circulated and the balance in the current account is £22,723.88.

c) **Earmarked Reserves and Budget**

The Free Reserve of £10,000 remains invested in a separate account, and earns limited interest. A copy of the earmarked reserves at the end of the financial year had been circulated, for information.

A draft budget had been circulated for Members to peruse. There was an opportunity to discuss all budget headings and consider future projects, especially those where earmarked reserves are already available.

Members are very aware of the current situation, which is of great concern to some local residents and were clear that they did not wish to increase the precept significantly in order to offer some support to them. However, some Parish Council costs will increase which is out of the control of the Council. After a lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Yeadon, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that a precept of £11,563 be collected on our behalf by Shropshire Council.

This would result in an increase, for a Band D Council Tax Property of less than £2 per year. A revised budget will be circulated and will be added to the website.

d) **Clerk's Review**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had undertaken the Clerk's Review and a verbal report was given. A written report will be circulated to members with some agreed objectives.

555.23C

Highway Matters

a) **Updates**

An update had been received from Shropshire Council regarding the flooding at Moston Lane Farm – some work had taken place before the holiday period and work is scheduled for completion in the first weeks of January.

b) **Working with Shropshire Council**

The Clerk had circulated a draft Environmental Maintenance Schedule for consideration within the partnership discussions with Shropshire Council regarding local maintenance tasks.

A site visit to priority areas in the Parish will take place in the coming weeks and a meeting will follow where this document can be considered further.

c) **New Issues**

None

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Planning

a) **Updates**

None

b) **Applications for Consideration**

05607/HHE Holly Cottage, Hazles Road

Councillor Yeadon declared an interest, as a neighbour

RESOLVED that Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council would have no objections to the proposed extension.

557.23C

Environmental Matters

a) **River Action Group**

Councillor Yeadon had spoken to local landowners. It was agreed that Councillor Yeadon, Dee and Warren would take a walk to survey the affected area and take the opportunity to discuss the blocked river and long term effects which could then be discussed with the landowners.

b) Community Orchard

Consideration will be given to planting the additional trees that will be available in the area to the rear of the site within the Village Green.

Members thanked Councillor Crackett for offering to register the site on the Queen's Green Canopy Website.

558.23C

Projects

a) Christmas

The village events for 2022 were well supported and much appreciated by the community.

Members had included funding in the budget to be able to consider support for such events again in 2023.

b) King Charles III Coronation

It is anticipated that an event will be planned for commemorate this historic occasion. The Parish Council looks forward to working with residents on this project.

c) Village Green and Play Area

Additional volunteers will be welcomed to take turns to ensure that the weekly inspections of the play area are undertaken and recorded. In the meantime, thanks are extended to Councillor & Mrs Dee.

A future agenda item will discuss further enhancements to the area in order to consider the use of the earmarked reserves allocated for the play area. Liaison with the community will be essential.

The recent RoSPA inspection had been circulated – all advice was useful and no medium or high risks had been identified.

Work is needed to ensure that the surface, particularly around the trees, is safe and free from stones and glass as much as possible.

d) Stanton Sundial

Councillor Dee declared an interest

Thanks were extended to Councillor Crackett for her work to identify a suitable contractor to undertake the work. Following a procurement process, it was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Yeadon, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the quotation for £300 plus VAT be accepted and that the work to restore this village feature be ordered for completion as soon as possible.

e) New Projects for consideration

- Outdoor Gym Equipment]
- Speed Indicator Device
- Wild Flowers in the verges

f) Parish Litter Pick

Members are very grateful to all the local residents who regularly litter pick areas of the parish and they unanimously agreed to arrange a Parish Litter Pick on 4th March 2023 from 10am for two hours to support the volunteers. The Parish Council has litter picks, gloves and bags available. There will be a meeting point in Stanton and High Hatton, and Shropshire Council will be asked to collect the bags of litter on the Monday.

559.23C

Shropshire Association of Local Councils

a) All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.

560.23C

Stanton Village Hall

Councillor Moore and Councillor Barrett reported that the Village Hall Management Committee is doing very well and has organised some well attended and enjoyable events.
Quotations are invited to create an all ability ramp at the front of the building.

561.23C

Correspondence

- a) All Correspondence is shared with all Members, there had been no requests for any to be included on the Agenda for consideration.
- b) **Motorcross**
Weston Parish Council had hosted a meeting and invited two representatives from Hodnet Parish and our Parish to discuss matters relating to the events. Notes of the meeting are available. It was unfortunate that the Division Member, Councillor Gill, had not been able to attend.
It is hoped that the Councils, working together, can open up negotiation with the organisers in order to lessen the effects of the events, especially in relation to highway and noise concerns.
- c) **Tree Scheme**
Thanks were extended to Councillor Warren for offering to fetch the trees and assist with the planting.

562.23C

**Clerk’s Report
Parish Strategy and Five Year Plan**

The Clerk is continuing to draft this document, based on the local residents’ views and those of the Parish Councillors.
The draft document will be circulated to all Members, for consideration.

563.23C

**Parish Matters and Exchange of Information
Defibrillators**

The Stanton equipment will be collected and upgraded. Whilst it is away, a note will be inserted into the cabinet to explain the situation. The Circuit will be made available too.

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Date of the Next Meeting
7th March 2023 7pm Stanton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.58pm thanking all members for their important contributions to an effective meeting.

SignedDate

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 7th March 2023.