

STANTON UPON HINE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 5th September 2023** at **Stanton Village Hall** at **7.00pm**.

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

In Attendance: Katrina Baker (Clerk)
Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury
Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council
1 member of the public

048.23 Welcome & Public Session

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

Councillor P Gill, Shropshire Council

Councillor Gill reported that work at Shropshire Council has been quiet during the Summer. He updated Members on the Local Government Boundary Review which SC has now responded to and does not affect this Parish. However, we will move into the Wrekin Parliamentary Constituency but will remain in the Hodnet Division for Shropshire Council.

The financial position is difficult, with the Council needing to make £54m of savings. However, the projected savings for the end of June were £34m so this is a good step forward. They will not be a bankrupt council.

Members had noted that there are a lot of roadworks taking place across Shropshire which is good to see and asked Councillor Gill to pass on their thanks to those involved.

Lt Cdr Peter Richardson, RAF Shawbury

The Chairman welcomed Peter to the meeting who gave an update from RAF Shawbury.

Night Flying

This current period will end on 21st September. RAF is grateful for the tolerance of this essential training. There is also information on the station website with contact details, if required.

Hi-Viz for horse riders

Hi-Viz have been issued to some but there are some items still available including quarter-sheets and hatbands - please email SHY-BeSeenBeSafer@mod.gov.uk for an order form. A re-stock is expected in October.

Drones

If anyone flies drones / model aircraft locally it is a good idea to view and understand the Drone Code, available on the CCA website as there are restrictions near all airfields, civil and military.

Aries Magazine

The Summer edition is available and lines are on line at <https://www.rafmags.co.uk>

Course Community Projects

Thank you for the suggested projects, we cannot guarantee support as it depends on course dates, but they are always looking to refresh the community project list. Courses are normally available weekdays and tools / equipment and supervision will be needed.

Event

The next event will be a Joint Helicopter Command Exercise from 7th to 22nd September. This is essential training for the readiness of UK frontline crews and will involve larger helicopters and Chinooks.

Councillor Warren arrived

West Mercia Police

No report had been received.

It remains disappointing that there is no contact from the Market Drayton Safer Neighbourhood Team and this will be mentioned in the current priority survey.

Public Session

The street lamp poppies are on order and should be delivered to the Clerk at the end of September.

Bridge Repairs are scheduled for later this month and this will be the fourth time – can Shropshire Council consider ways to add protection to avoid this continual expenditure?

049.23

Apologies

Councillor I Yeadon

Family Commitments

Accepted

050.23

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Burden

Motorcross

Neighbour

051.23

Minutes

a) It was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Dee that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. With two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2023 be agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

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

052.23

Chairman's Report

Motorcross

Councillor Burden declared an interest as a neighbour

Councillor Moore gave an update on work she had been undertaking with regards to the local motorcross and confirmed that she and the Clerk had attended two meetings with representatives of the organisation.

The first meeting enabled an understanding of the planning permission and we were shown the ESAG documents produced for Shropshire Council for each event.

The second meeting on site allowed specific questions to be asked and we gained a commitment to working with the Parish Council to address some of the reported issues. We had seen the new PA system and noted the position of the two different speaker sets – this will result on quieter announcements.

Details relating to the attendance, camping, work on site, buildings, toilet facilities etc. were all explained.

There had been confirmation that there will only be 8 events per year and none will be on a Bank Holiday.

The police use the site to train their dogs – this is offered by the Motorcross Committee at no cost and appreciated by the police and local residents. Notice of future events will be shared when available.

It was agreed that a request would be made for a sign to be positioned for all visitors to see as they leave the event, asking for them to respect the neighbours and leave quietly and respectfully.

It was noted that a temporary one-way system for traffic was successful some years ago and the question was asked if this could be made permanent as it appeared to be effective.

Village Planter

Thanks were also extended to Doug and Stuart for the provision of the village planter, and plants.

053.23

Finance and Governance Matters

a) External Audit Report

The report contained no actions or recommendations. A copy is available on request.

b) Accounts for Payment

Details of the Accounts for payment had been circulated and it was proposed by Councillor Crackett and seconded by Councillor Gurney, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the payments, as listed, be paid by BACCs.

K Baker	July Salary	LGA 1972 s112	£154.00
HMRC	July PAYE	LGA 1972 s112	£154.00
K Baker	August Salary	LGA 1972 s112	£338.80
Scottish Power	Street Light Energy	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3	£102.33
Leighton Landscapes	Grass Cutting invoices for June, July and August	LGA 1972 s111	Invoices awaited

b) Financial Reports

i) A bank reconciliation as at end of August had been circulated and the balance in the current account is £25,475.73.

The Free Reserve has received interest added and the balance is now £10,036.97.

054.23

Highway Matters

a) Updates

Councillor Yeadon had reported, via email, that no engineer had visited Hazles Road, as yet.

Thanks had been extended to Shropshire Council for work undertaken within the Parish recently.

Working with Shropshire Council

A meeting will take place with Shropshire Council officers – the Clerk will ask if the relevant officer has returned to work yet.

b) VAS

The Clerk had attended a meeting with Shropshire Council, who has decided that they need a policy for the provision and installation of any type of VAS in Parish & Town Council areas, even when provided by the Parish Council.

This should be completed in the next couple of weeks and a site visit will take place to identify the best locations for the NAL sockets. SC will produce a quotation, which can be used to apply for the funding from the Police & Crime Commissioner.

c) Stanton Bridge Repairs

There were some concerns regarding the recommended diversion route – however, drivers will ‘find their own ways’ and use SAT NAVs. It is good that the repairs are going to be completed.

d) New Issues

i) Residents are advised to report signs which are illegible or overgrown via Fix My Street.

ii) The road traffic sign at the junction near to the Parish bench needs reporting for replacement.

- 055.23 Planning**
a) Updates
Details of the applications considered since the last meeting can be found on the Planning Meeting Minutes. Copies are available on request.
- 056.23 Environmental Matters**
a) New Issues
In a programme to open up rights of way and ensure that they are accessible, Councillor Warren offered to receive information so that he can speak with relevant landowners and the Shropshire Council Rights of Way Officers to ensure the paths are accessible and relevant stiles and gates are installed.
- 057.23 Projects**
a) Christmas 2023
Plans are underway for celebrations in Stanton for Christmas. All residents are welcome to attend from across the Parish. There will be Carols in Stanton village before the Christingle Service.
- It was proposed by Councillor Dee and seconded by Councillor Barrett, all were in favour and thus it was
- RESOLVED that up to £220 be allocated to purchase an outdoor Christmas Tree, offer a contribution for the electric for the lights and to purchase selection boxes for all the children in the Parish.**
- b) Village Green and Play Area**
The parish contractor continues to maintain the area.
The recent RoSPA inspection has identified the need for the base of the spinner to be repainted as soon as possible.
The form, for weekly visual inspections will be circulated to all Members.
- c) Outdoor Gym Equipment**
An article will be included in the next newsletter to ask local residents ‘What else they would like to see on the Village Green area in Stanton?’ and include suggestions so far as outdoor gym equipment, benches or additional play equipment.
- 058.23 Shropshire Association of Local Councils**
a) All news bulletins and information are shared with the Members.
b) North Shropshire Area Committee Minutes are not yet available.
c) The AGM will take place on 3rd November at The Wroxeter Hotel. Councillor Crackett will attend to represent the Parish Council.
- 059.23 Stanton Village Hall**
The next meeting of the Village Hall will consider the Christmas Fayre (10th December) and a Summer Fete for 2024. The Parish Council supports the idea of the fete and will work with the Village Hall Committee.
The blinds have been fitted and it is hoped that a decorator can be found to complete the internal painting.
- 060.23 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) Local Policing Charter
The Parish Council resolved to respond to confirm that liaison with the police is the main priority as it is disappointing that the good relationship previously enjoyed has ceased. The Parish Council no longer gets regular updates, or replies to emails and the mobile police van no longer visits the villages.

**061.23 Clerk's Report
Thank You!**

On behalf of the Parish Councillors and the community, thanks were recorded to Catherine and Colin at The Stanton Arms for their continued support for the community in many ways. They have recently celebrated their 20th Anniversary at The Stanton and their help and support is very much appreciated.

062.23 Parish Matters and Exchange of Information

Members considered the offer, from RAF Shawbury, for community projects in the local rural area that can be undertaken by cadets. The following will be suggested:

- Minor bridge repairs
- Playground Spinner

063.23 Date of the Next Meeting

7th November 2023

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm 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 November 2023.