



Stanton Upon Hine Heath Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the monthly Meeting held **on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024** in Stanton Village Hall at **7.00pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillors I Yeadon  
S Barrett  
C Crackett  
A Burden

**In attendance:** Katrina Baker (Clerk)

**048.24 Welcome**

Councillor Yeadon (Vice Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Shropshire Council**

Councillor Gill was unable to attend the meeting and had forwarded a short report which had been circulated to members before the meeting:

*In terms of a report, I have bullet pointed some comments from the Leader of the Council below. These are mostly top line;*

**Cabinet** - *Whilst there are not so many meetings in August the work doesn't stop and preparations for September Cabinet and Council Meetings are well underway. The reports going to Cabinet and Council cover a wide variety of topics. The ones likely to create most interest are:*

- *The Q1 financial reports.*
- *School's Library Service (good news).*
- *Shrewsbury Movement Strategy will also feature. This is the final report following the consultation.*

*There will be a motion from the Conservative group going to Council re the withdrawal of the Winter Heating Fund and our concerns around the Household Support Grant.*

**Budget Process** - *Over the past few months our attention has turned to the 2025/26 budget and the alternative budget process. See quote below;*

*"Shropshire Council Conservative group have offered the opposition groups the opportunity to work together on a collaborative budget process for the 25/26 financial year and future years in the medium term Financial strategy up to 2030.*

*This offer comes on the back of previous years where an alternative budget process has been in place and various alternative budgets have been produced by the opposition groups. The alternative budgets produced were, in the main, making changes to capital and/or didn't address the financial situation that the council is facing but also took up significant officer and member time.*

*This new collaborative process will be brought together via the Transformation and Improvement Scrutiny Committee involving the leaders and deputy leaders of the three main parties and the leaders of the Greens and the Independent group. **Councillor Paul Gill***

## **RAF Shawbury**

Lt Cdr Richardson had sent his apologies.

## **West Mercia Police**

Members of the SNT had sent their apologies, however, the most recent newsletter had been circulated, for information. They had sent a short report which confirmed that they have been out twice in regards to the speeding concern and found no issues at these times. They have been out three times in regards to thefts (Farms) and conducted high vis patrols and spoke to some members of the public out in the rural areas who didn't raise any concerns.

**049.24**

### **Apologies**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence, under Section 85 (i) of LGA 1972.

Cllr M Moore                      Health

It was proposed by Councillor Yeadon and seconded by Councillor Burden, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the apologies from Councillor Moore be accepted.**

### **Absent**

Councillor D Dee

Councillor C Warren

### **Vacancy**

No applications have been received. Tricia is promoting the vacancy in High Hatton and Councillor Crackett will contact local residents to ask for assistance in promoting this opportunity to represent the village on the Parish Council.

**050.24**

### **Declarations of Interest & Dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest relating to matters on the Agenda.

**051.24**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

It was proposed by Councillor Barrett and seconded by Councillor Burden that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed.**

There were no matters arising, not included on the Agenda.

**052.24**

### **Chairman's Statement**

None

**053.24**

### **Financial Matters**

#### **a)        Payments**

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Yeadon, all were in favour and thus it was

**RESOLVED that the following payments be made:**

K Baker	Clerk's Salary - September	£264.00
HMRC	PAYE - September	£66.00
Leighton Landscapes	Maintenance	£196.28
Andrew Deptford Ltd	Defibrillator battery and pads	£172.80

**b) Financial Reports**

The bank reconciliation confirmed a balance of £35,784.31 at the end of August 2024. As part of the Council's Internal Checks, Councillor Crackett confirmed the bank balance as per the reconciliation that had been provided.

**c) Parish Council Website**

Guidance from the National Association of Local Councils recommends that Parish Councils should have a .gov.uk domain. Unfortunately, our current provider would not be able to transfer this on our behalf and we would need a new provider. Investigations have found alternative providers, one of which is a local company.

Members discussed the current website and the need for it to be more user-friendly and agreed that now would be the best time to make a change.

It was proposed by Councillor Crackett, seconded by Councillor Yeadon and all were in favour, thus it was

**RESOLVED that the Clerk should ascertain a fixed quotation for the creation and provision of a new website and the transfer of emails to [stantonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:stantonparishcouncil.gov.uk). A budget was included for this upgrade (included in earmarked reserves) and therefore a decision can be made by email exchange when the information is available.**

Members took the opportunity to view local Parish Council websites and agreed on a suitable layout that can be available.

**d) Keeping in Touch**

**i) Noticeboards**

Members recorded their thanks to Doug (and Sue) and Tricia for keeping the noticeboards up to date.

**ii) Facebook and Social Media**

The Parish Council is not keen on having another Stanton Facebook site as the one already in use is well followed and effective. A request will be made to the admin of the Stanton Facebook to ask for their help in promoting the work of the Parish Council.

**iii) Newsletter**

Members recorded their thanks to the Newsletter Editor. The newsletter is much appreciated by local residents. The Parish Council will send in more factual information that can be included in order to keep the local communities informed.

**054.24**

**Highways and Transport**

**a) Use of Fix My Street**

There are some current issues in the Parish showing on the Fix My Street site. The use of Fix My Street is to be encouraged – all Members and Residents can use this system to report any 'requests for action'.

Details have been circulated, from Shropshire Council, on how to report issues and 'requests for action'. By using the systems, tracking of outstanding matters can be made simpler and is therefore more effective.

**055.24**

**Planning**

**a) Planning & Development Updates**  
None

**b) New Applications**  
24/03185/FUL Stone House  
Permission Refused

- c) Other Matters  
There has been a further delay in the Local Plan process due to a lack of Inspectors. Whilst this does not directly affect our Parish, it could have an effect on Shropshire as it may not have 5 year land supply and this could result in more houses being granted permission.

One place will be booked on the CPRE Planning Training on 24<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm – 8pm.  
Councillor Crackett will attend unless another Councillor has a burning desire to do so.

#### 056.24 Environment and Rights of Way

- a) Rights of Way  
Signs warning of Neospora at a local farm have been erected. Dog-walkers are requested to keep their dogs on leads and away from livestock and not to allow dog fouling without picking it up.  
Areas of the Shropshire Way are blocked and impassable, this will be reported to Shropshire Council's Rights of Way team. Landowners have a duty to keep rights of way accessible.

#### 057/24 Projects

- a) Parish History Project  
Members are keen for this project to develop and for conversations to take place with families who have lived here for many years. This is an opportunity to record memories. Thanks were extended to N Rushton for offering to assist with oral history recordings. An article will be produced for the newsletter and social media encouraging residents to send in recordings, and written records of memories, past and present. Anyone with old photos or maps will be encouraged to take part and history of local buildings will be included. The statement will be clear in that the Parish Council may use the items on the website and the information will be deposited with Shropshire Archives. Councillors Burden and Barrett will speak to local residents at the coffee mornings.  
Councillor Crackett will drip feed the information into the newsletter to get more local interest.
- b) Christmas 2024  
It was proposed by Councillor Yeadon, seconded by Councillor Crackett, all were in favour and thus it was

<b>RESOLVED that £150 will be set aside to support the provision of a Christmas Tree and lights at The Stanton (with kind permission of Mr &amp; Mrs Anderson).</b>
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- c) Defibrillators  
Thanks were, once again, extended to Councillor Dee and Tricia for keeping an eye on the defibrillators. These are registered on The Circuit and replacement battery and pads are now available for installation.

#### 058/24 Shropshire Association of Local Councils

- a) Bulletins and Information  
Members are encouraged to read the information sent from SALC.
- b) North Shropshire Area Committee  
The next meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- c) AGM and Celebration  
Councillor Crackett will represent Stanton Parish Council on 30<sup>th</sup> October
- d) Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Conference  
Members will be invited to attend on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**059/24**

**Stanton Village Hall**

Councillors Barrett updated Members on the car parking concerns and members discussed ways in which advice could be gathered to assist in this civil matter. The Parish Council will ask advice from NALC. Funds were awaited to enable the billiard room work.

**060/24**

**Correspondence**

All correspondence is circulated to Members throughout the month. There had been no requests for any to appear on the Agenda.

a) **Motorcross**

The last event of this season, and year, will be on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Members were informed that large HGVs attending the events need to come from the A49 direction and not the A53 in order to access the site – the Committee will be asked to put this on their website.

b) **Local Nature Recovery Strategy Survey**

Thanks were extended to Councillor Warren for completing this and submitting it to Shropshire Council.

c) **Freedom Fibre**

The Clerk had circulated details on how to contact the company to discuss concerns about pole locations or any other matters. This is also available to residents.

**061/24**

**Clerk's Report**

All matters have been included on the Agenda.

**Councillor's Reports**

None

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**Other Matters**

St Andrew's Church

There remains a vacancy for a Vicar. However, the Rural Dean continues as a Priest In Charge and this covers Shawbury, Stanton and Moreton Corbet.

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**Next Meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

7pm

Stanton Village Hall

Signed ..... Date .....