

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday December 3 2024

Present:

Councillors: Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA
Kim Lidlow (KL) Marion Francis (MF)

Officers: Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance: 8 Residents/ Visitors PC Andy Cook

1253/24	Apologies for Absence						
	Cllr Amos, EFDC						
1254/24	Declarations of Interest						
	MF – Son is working on 1 Abbott’s Way						
1255/24	Minutes of last Meeting						
	Confirmed as a true record						
1256/24	Clerk’s Report						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usual bulletins from EFDC, ECC, EALC, Police, Travel, Speedwatch, Tourism, Libraries and Trading Standards circulated. • To send Christmas e-cards from Jacqui Lawson website – agreed. • Dumping on Hook Lane – noted • Traffic incident Hook Lane – 20/11/24 car crashed into Hook Cottage – noted in spreadsheet of incidents. • Remembrance Day 2024 – service went well. • Proposed M25 service areas: Welcome Break Roding Valley & Moto Brentwood: a group has been set up to veto these (M25 North East Residents Association). Councillors went to the first meeting in November which was well-attended and has some very knowledgeable and experienced members. Their details are on our website, and all are welcome to get involved. • Register of Electors is issued – agreed to get the usual copy. 						
1257/24	Matters for Report						
	<p>Welcome to PC Andy Cook – Crime Statistics in the area from 3/9/24 to present day: Compared to other parishes crime levels in Stapleford Abbots are not excessive. Motor Vehicle thefts: three in the area, a truck was stolen at High House Farm. Burglaries: a workshop at Tawney Common, a building site and two dwellings on different days. Police received 126 phone calls from the Passingford area in the time period. 22 crimes were recorded for the whole area, not just Stapleford Abbots. Road traffic collisions: four on Hook Lane, two on Oak Hill Road. These are ones that were reported for damage and injury, however the Parish Council spreadsheet holds further incidents that were not reported to the police.</p> <p>Query: is there anything can be done at the Hook Lane bend to make it safer? Cllr McIvor is at ECC Highways but due to changes at County the system is protracted. PC Cook will speak to another contact. Noted that back roads are gritted, main roads less so. Hook Lane ditch is very deep and dangerous area - this area was used as a diversion recently, and strangers don't know the road. Basic signage is missing even on the road. PC Cook is going to visit Hook Lane to see what the situation is like and consider solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Break Roding Valley. Parish Council intends to get a consultation together with their developers – contact to be made. More to follow from Welcome Break/ Moto action group – we will circulate. • Budget. To follow next meeting. • Local Councils Liaison Committee: Clerk attended, 21/11/24 at Civic Office Epping. Items covered included definition of outside bodies; updated Parish & Town Council Charter; a new body set up to represent town and parish councils, dedicated town/ parish contacts at EFDC; Leader of the Council to meet with town and parish representatives; and an all-round call for improved communication. Also covered polling station review (the Village Hall will be voting venue for Stapleford Tawney now too); changes to planning system; Planning Services are now fully staffed; new planning committees; recommendation for all applications to have site visits unless Chair dictates otherwise; and training for town and parish councillors and clerks in the new system which will be both virtual and face to face. 						
1258/24	Finance						
	Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned. November rent letters have been despatched, to check rents are paid.						
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1259/24	Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team)						
	<p>EPF/2248/24 1 Abbots Way, Oak Hill Road, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1JL Application for Variation of condition 2 'Plan no's' on planning permission EPF/1233/24 (Erection of asingle-storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse). Mohinder Bagry RETURN 9/12/24 NO OBJECTION</p> <p>EPF/2296/24 6, Valley Drive, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1EJ Proposed single storey rear extension. Klajdi Koci RETURN 16/12/24 EPF/2298/24 7, Valley Drive, Stapleford Abbots, RM4 1EJ Single storey rear extension Klajdi Koci RETURN 16/12/24 These applications are both generated by the developers, rather than householders.</p> <p>Queried if the original application was this size and was refused, with the developers advised to make it smaller. It sets a precedent for the street for extending all of the houses - refer to the original application for restrictions. This looks like overdevelopment on the site. To check if it was originally turned down due to overdevelopment.</p>						

1260/24	Parish Council Projects
	Defibrillator: We can get a new defibrillator on the side of the shop building. JJ has spoken to the architect at the shop.
1261/24	Correspondence
	Tysea Stores: two residents had sent letters. If permitted, development is approved, they will go for planning permission and extend the shop. Concern is about invasion of privacy from all of the neighbours, as this is a very large building Footpath 20: This was cleared of rubble and Alan Roscoe was in touch about the clearance. Parishioners have sent Christmas greetings to all.
1262/24	Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses
	Local Council liaisons committee: covered. Planning training was postponed and will be held next January. JJ is going to the school re maintenance at the car park. There will be a new clause for hirers. TKAT school trust has asked to contribute funds and awaits response.
1263/24	Highways
	JJ had a phone call regarding the incident in a water filled pothole where a car was damaged. To find out how ECC may be able to reimburse in situations like this.
1264/24	Matters for future Agendas
	Parish Council to run a course on inclusion and diversity.
1265/24	Open Forum
	Church report from Rev Roger Gayler: Merry Christmas - the service details will go in Link up. Abridge Hall has a jazz club of international renown. The musicians are professionals, and are running a Christmas Extravaganza on the 17th of December, starting at 1.45pm, £10 entry. The club is liable to close at the end of 2025 due to falling numbers and the chairman living further afield. All to go on SAPC website. Christmas market – very successful. Church Accessible Toilet appeal: doing well, £47.5k already, the church has accepted the tender and works will start July 2025. JJ to write to all of the developers for contributions from the Parish Council – clerk to draft. “Queue for the Loo” details to go on the website Derek and Freda are moving in March: to ask if the Village Hall kitchens and activity space can be hired to run a a cookery course. Clerk to ask Liz Wymark. Suggested that Rev. Gayler approaches the Hook Lane nursery for plant sales in the future. Speed limits: We await speed limit updates from Cllr McIvor, the MP and Cllr Cunningham Training: Suggested that the parish council does a course on inclusion in quality and diversity awareness, independent of EFDC. Agreed – Cllr Lidlow to research. Temporary traffic lights: will be gone by Christmas, and the site manager has cleaned the path there. TV movie Bad Tidings: This film was made in the village, and it will be screened over the Christmas holidays, Footpaths: Update to Autumn report presented in the November meeting - December 2024: In addition to the information in the Autumn report we have excellent news. We are now trained, equipped and all badged up for brush cutting, which will increase what we can achieve on path clearances. Thanks to Mal for giving up his time to complete all necessary courses and to Essex for providing both the course and the equipment. Also the section of footpath 20 which had fly tipping and garden waste is now all clear. Catherine Burnett P3 lead & PPA. Parish council agreed that we offer many thanks to all in the footpaths team for all their hard work.
1266/24	Time & Date of next meeting
	Meeting closed 20:53. Next meeting January 7 2025 at 7.15pm. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and thank you for coming.

Signed by Chair: Date:

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