## STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

Present: Councillors:		Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Marion Francis (MF)	Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA Kim Lidlow (KL)	
Officers:		Ellie Thomas, Clerk		
In attendance:		10 Residents/ Visitors		
1100/23	Apologie	es for Absence		
	Cllr Brad	Cllr Brady, Emma Speller gave apologies. Cllr McIvor & PC Cook not in attendance.		
1101/23	Declarat	arations of Interest		
	None			
1102/23		of last Meeting		
	Minutes September, October and November passed.		ssed.	
1103/23	Matters for Report			
	Clerks R			
	•		, Police, Tourism and Libraries – circulated.	
	•	Roadworks dates circulated, and are li		
	•	No Linkup magazine will be published		
	•		pudget spending – circulated to all and has just closed	
	•	EFDC is cracking down again on fly t		
	•	Taxbase letters from EFDC to come a	nd will be responded once the budget and precept are decided	
	•	All EFDC car parks are free on weeke	ends in December	
	Matters	arising:		
	•	Precept and budget: There is a new ca election year – clerk to check this with	tegory for Defibrillator. We are expecting £3000 pounds for the h Carol Hills at EFDC. Clerk to update and circulate budget soon.	
	•	both sides - we have too little information	k to design and post notices, but this needs further thought from tion to factor into the budget on subsidies, which could run to £2k used? To contact Epping Forest Community Transport for more	
	•		gain the dial-a-ride service for $\pounds 15$ flat fee.	
	•		three developments in the village to pay Section 106 funds,	
		suggest a consultation for what is need Highways regarding speed and camera them to present our case and get one s	ded in the community, ie speed cameras. We are trying to meet ECC a sites, and the MP is to be involved. JJ is awaiting a meeting with speed throughout the whole village. A resident said that there has 1997. They had confirmation of a variable speed depending on the	
		school's opening hours, but it was ren	eged upon in 1998.	
	•	Noted that red roadside signs in the vi		
	•	another will follow; Crown solicitors	school regarding the village hall carpark resurfacing 21/11/23 and (this encompasses Crown land) are still handling this. The village the plans also noted to require amendments.	
	•		heeting - JJ has a letter with positive feedback from him.	
	•	Ride London: Proposed to ask Christ	opher Davey to come to the February meeting. Clerk to write to him 5/24, the church has booked a community challenge and they would	
	•	successful. Christmas Sing 1/12/23 was positive feedback. Toilets at the church	ncil for all of your support. Christmas Market 19/11/23 was as well attended, including by a group from the Welfare Trust with ch are in the final admin stage with fundraising to follow. Christmas	
	•		Alex Burghart MP and Cllrs Cunningham and McIvor. SAPC to roads and signs. All please let us know what you want to see raised	

	• CSW Speed Current reported that they are not calibrating so new ones to be issued					
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	• Denomator. running will be in the precept. We are mooting a new one at the shop of Top Oak pub – noted that we must await outcome of the sale of the shop.					
	• Footpath adjacent to High House Farm: JJ spoke to residents about this path: there was a makeshift road					
	which is nothing to do with the builders but is to do with the farmer. JJ to contact the farmer as there was					
	a very great danger of sharp objects coming through the tarmac. Clerk to draft letter.					
1104/23	Finance					
	JJ making payments now – she has been away which has delayed these.					
	A field rent payment was made in person – the tenant arrived at the clerk's home and gave the cheque to her son.					
	Noted to remind tenants not to give money to anybody in person except at a parish council meeting; it should be					
	bank transfer or cheque via post. Resident raised that he gave money to the church for strimming.					
	VAT to follow at the end of the month.					
	Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned.					
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1105/23	Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team)					
;	EPF/2456/23 Adj Jubilee Bungalow, Bournebridge Lane, Stapleford Abbotts , RM4 1LT Stapleford Abbotts Parish Council OBJECT to this application					
	• The entrance on the bend is dangerous					
	<ul> <li>Five-bedroom houses indicate a lot of cars owned by the inhabitants; creating more traffic in a narrow</li> </ul>					
	lane					
	• There is room for more development behind the houses - we are concerned that there will be further					
	building here to exacerbate any problems created by these dwellings					
	• This application is set in a flood risk area (zone 1)					
	• There needs to be clarification of what the entrance into the two properties will look like: are they going to share the drive?					
	• There have been other applications attempted here which were refused: EPF/1064/10, EPF/1915/09, EPF/1916/09					
	• If this application comes to Committee we will register to speak					
	EPF/2513/23 2, Stable Close, Stapleford Abbotts RM4 1DW Stapleford Abbotts Parish Council OBJECT to this application					
	• This application doubles the size of the house, creating overdevelopment					
	• We are aware that neighbours are objecting to this application					
	• This development would create a great deal of light pollution					
	• This application presents a threat to wildlife on the site					
	• The drainage here is into the ditch at the rear of the site, and the pond it feeds into has been known to flood in the winter months.					
	• The pond adjacent may be contaminated after recent episodes of dumping					
	• We are aware that there may be issues around maintenance of drainage on the site. The farmer maintains the ditch; he owns one side and equal maintenance should be shared with the properties as they own the other half. Were it not for the farmer maintaining the ditch there would be huge consequences caused by any negligence of the owners of Stable Close.					
	• The Environment Agency should be consulted about the drainage to see that there is a proper plan worked					
	out for it to be maintained					
	• If this does not meet the planning conditions laid down when the original dwelling was allowed, it should					
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1106/23	Parish Council Projects		
	<ul> <li>History Project: meeting of older residents and schoolchildren at the school abandoned due to Covid, JJ to meet Headteacher about resumption. Current Head leaves January 2024; we will work with the next Head.</li> <li>Defibrillator: is also a new project, see above. Current defibrillator has been used four times recently.</li> </ul>		
1107/23	Correspondence		
	Email re. CSW: noted		
	• Letter from Alex Burghart, MP: noted		
	<ul> <li>CCTV/Camera: We were notified about a camera at halfway between the Top Oak and Tysea Hill, on the opposite side to the pub, in situ 1/12/23 – 5/12/23. The operators, Tracsis, apparently use it for traffic flow data; apparently it is in compliance with GDPR and is not linked to highway conversations that have happened here. Clark to contact Tracsis for more information and to feed back to residents' queries.</li> <li>Lorries: 8-wheel lorries from different companies than JLR are coming through the village. All please be vigilant, tell us the companies and we will get in touch with them.</li> </ul>		
	• Fingerpost: handyman has given us a quote, clerk to contact him.		
1108/23	Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses		
	None.		
1109/23	Highways		
	Covered: the MP is being informed about our situation, all those with issues please tell the Clerk.		
1110/23	Matters for future Agendas		
	Ride London; Defibrillator - find out who the new shop owner will be; budget and precept.		
1111/23	Open Forum		
	Footpaths: Footpaths Team met with Alan Roscoe of ECC, and plans for next year have been made.		
	• Fingerposts and the bridge will be completed soon and Coronation Walk discs are in place.		
	• Path 25 – there has been grey water drainage from the houses for years		
	• Path 26 – attention to be paid to general accessibility		
	• Path 19 – this is blocked		
	• Path 27 - by the golf course to Navestock, there are many concerns about routes to farms		
	<ul> <li>Path 20 – blockages on the path, and the route is not marked by Redbridge, Tradewinds and Fairlands.</li> <li>Paths 37 and 22- landfill issues, this is being monitored by ECC, but it is still serious.</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Local team to work on accessibility on paths 23 and 26 in January</li> </ul>		
	• Funding claims are honoured and Shirley Anglim has approved a tamper which will be maximum £40.		
	Resident: there is light pollution on Bournebridge Lane junction, especially the new bungalows which had lamp posts on the site. Noted that Malpeque also has lights in the gutter. To check the original application to see if there was anything about light, and if it should be low level, i.e. low and shining downwards. Resident: white lines on Bournebridge Lane junction and stop line at the village hall entry are faint. Noted to add to the hermitian the store interview.		
	the highways meeting list. Some developments are putting up large gates. Clerk to ask EFDC Planning for the rules about gated developments. New Councillors: we have some new hopeful recruits and they are to be interviewed soon. Libraries: there are often abilden a work (come over Christman helider) witchle to flee up on website and Feesheel.		
1112/23	children's events (some over Christmas holiday) suitable to flag up on website and Facebook. <b>Time &amp; Date of next meeting</b>		
1112/23	Meeting closed 21:00; next meeting will be January 9 2024 at 7.15pm		
Signed by Chair:			

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