

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting 7.15pm Tuesday October 3rd 2023

Present:

Councillors: Colleen Atkinson (Deputy Chair) CA
Marion Francis (MF)
Catherine Burnett (CB)

Officers: Ellie Thomas, Clerk

In attendance: 8 Residents/ Visitors.

1074/23	Apologies for Absence
	Jayne Jackson (Chair) JJ Kim Lidlow (KL)
1075/23	Declarations of Interest
	None
1076/23	Minutes of last Meeting
	<p>September 2023: amends from CB. Minute 1063: “Tell the Chair” should be “Tell the Clerk” Please note this is a change from the previous practice which is to tell the clerk. Tell the Chair is actually correct as the Councillor must work through the Chair to ensure they have been heard. While this may be correct it is a change to practice instructed previously, hence the note.</p> <p>Speedwatch discussion: Point 8 “groups should submit a rota” – add all please submit in advance. CB had been asking for this. Point 12 according to CB notes from a discussion with JW, groups must note speeds of 36 or over and 47 or over. Point 33 There is no code outside Tysea stores but there is one further up outside Towneley Cottages. Footpaths point 2, 36 should be 37. Highways: clearance is not all down to landowners on Essex Highways footpaths. Anything growing on the landowner’s side is theirs to deal with, but Highways footpaths are Essex Highways’ responsibility.</p>
1077/23	Matters for Report
	<p>Clerks Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ECC EALC EFDC VAEF Trading Standards Fire Police Libraries Tourist Board: all emails circulated ● No update on community bus – Clerk has emailed the transport group. ● Defibrillator on Village Hall used by ambulance service 9/9/23. ● Clerk has corresponded with Stansted action group Noise Action Plan and await further information. Parish Council is now on their contacts list. ● Blocked drains on Tysea Hill reported to Highways & Affinity Water. ● EALC food support & winter warmth fund – Clerk has requested promotional literature for website. ● Highways – damaged signs noted by ECC but are deemed low priority. ● Fly tipping reported on Gutteridge Lane. ● Epping Transport Group meeting – we received an invite, forwarded to MF. ● Training – New Nimble courses and EALC accredited courses published – details circulated to all. <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Community Speedwatch: Next duty October 12. MF to provide key to get equipment. Noted that all are accepting of Stapleford Abbots Village Hall keyholder policy. Speedwatch groups to provide data to the Clerk who will co-ordinate the spreadsheet and submit our data.</p> <p>Footpaths: There have been issues with rubbish on a grass path connecting to a section of Bournebridge lane. Footpath 37 has had rubbish, rubble, land rubbish and computers dumped on it. Many thanks to all who assisted in dealing with this. Localism officer gave landowners 28 days to rectify; we are over 28 days and it is not done. It has been re-reported and localism officer will monitor. Noted that on some footpaths landowners are unknown. Noted that maize was not yet harvested so Paths 20, 22 & 23 are blocked. Footpath 18 blocked at Olive Farm, the footpath group offered to label the route around the garden - localism officer offered help do formal reroute. It's now got vehicles there. PROW 13 blocked at Brook Farm TC, Enforcement working on it. PROW 20 cleared at the back of Redbridge but there has been fly tipping there. Noted that vegetation clearance is in process but the warm weather has been making it grow fast. Going forward, clearing will be done yearly.</p> <p>Parish Council website has had some old footpaths reports uploaded – suggested that we also feature a selection of walks including the Millennium walk and Coronation walk, with distances and approximate times .CB suggests 3 sections, reports, photos and routes.</p>

	<p>Accidents: Sept 8 2032, crash with 2 cars involved on Stapleford Road just before Bournebridge junction.</p> <p>Bus service: see above. Clerk to contact Community Transport about extension to Oakhill Green area/Golf Club.</p> <p>Crime: In the early hours of Sept 27 2023: Car broken into on Bournbridge Lane around 2am and prowlers on Oak Hill Road around 4am, all recorded on RING cameras and reported to the police. Resident group is co-ordinating RING footage for police, as they are working with a designated officer.</p> <p>Oak Hill Green: No updates. Man with van occasionally seen parked nearby. Security here is inconsistent, and the pile of mud onsite an eyesore.</p> <p>Poppy wreath: Agreed to purchase. Suggested one for church and one for the Tommy statues – see below.</p> <p>Tommy Statues: Agreed to put these up securely. Resident to do this with a working group.</p> <p>Dialogue with MP: JJ met with Alex Burghart MP 8/9/23 and will report back next time. Topics covered included speedwatch, speeding, village speed limits and how to get them changed. CA queried how would we register as a village requesting changes to the speed limit.</p>			
1078/23	<p>Finance</p> <p>Transactions for the month – All agreed and actioned.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>E THOMAS</td> <td>CLERK SEPT 2023</td> <td>451</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly round-up: noted and endorsed. 	E THOMAS	CLERK SEPT 2023	451
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1079/23	<p>Planning (Development Control & Enforcement Team)</p> <p>EPF/1991/23 2 Stable Close, Stapleford Abbots</p> <p>We are concerned about light pollution from this proposed development; this is an issue endemic to that particular development. There is no street lighting in the village and some houses in the area around this property are lit up brightly - this would add to the issue. Were there any previous conditions to the development regarding this? If there are, this application would be breaking the condition and we would like to lodge this as an objection. If not, it should be counted as a comment.</p>			
1080/23	<p>Parish Council Projects</p> <p>History Project: afternoon tea at CA house for older residents very successful, with reminiscences shared. CA videoed this. New coordinator was introduced and he has loaded a lot of information onto disc and is planning for 2024. Coordinator, MF and Clerk to meet and help plan.</p>			
1081/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Email from resident concerned about crime</p> <p>Email from resident concerned about leaks on Bournebridge Lane - reported</p> <p>Speedwatch Vision Zero day – we had been informed very late about these. Clerk wrote to Liam Collins who said dates for district-wide road safety days are agreed in April, but were missed out of the last CSW newsletter.</p>			
1082/23	<p>Meetings of Outside Bodies and Training Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk attended EALC forum – information from presentation about Rural Grants Scheme circulate to all, R Gayler requested this, Clerk will pass it on. Noted we should investigate what is capital and what is not. Clerk attended LCLC –planning portal training is pending. 			
1083/23	<p>Highways</p> <p>Traffic lights on Tysea Hill 30/10 till 10/11. This and all other road closures to go on website.</p>			
1084/23	<p>Matters for future Agendas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Drones Spending for Projects 			
1085/23	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>Church: In loving memory service: 4pm 29/10/23 Remembrance Sunday 12/11/23 with church service at 1030 Christmas market at the Village Hall 19/11/23.</p> <p>Church toilets: plans now going to the diocese for permission; it won't need planning permission as it's internal.</p> <p>Welfare Trust meal is 11/10/23 at the Top Oak.</p> <p>Crime: residents are very concerned. SARG members are collating data and liaising on WhatsApp with PC Martin Crabb so he can present as much information as possible to his superiors. Clerk to liaise with him and PC Cook.</p> <p>Highways: noted bollards reported but not acted on yet. Suggested to ask Epping Town Council how Fiddlers Hamlet works were achieved. Residents suggested being more vocal. Discussion of Stapleford Abbots as "forgotten village". Noted we only have one shop, discussed shop improvements/ longer opening and how they may be received.</p> <p>Linkup: noted to inform all to report attempted burglaries and any odd events to police.</p> <p>Drones: revisit this on website, Clerk has this in progress.</p>			
1086/23	<p>Time & Date of next meeting</p> <p>Meeting closed 21.12 Next meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday November 7th 2023.</p>			

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