**STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting was virtual via Zoom.**

**PRESENT:**

Mr Neil Pyman (Chair) Mr Michael Crago

Mrs Val Kerrison Mrs Karen Grant (joined late)

Mr Martyn Fall Mrs Vanessa Young

Cllr David Finch

One member of the public

**CLERK:**

Mrs Deborah Hilliard

**21/15 Apologies for absence.**

 Andrew Drysdale.

**21/16 Declaration of interests, personal or prejudicial**

There were no declarations made.

**21/17 Minutes of meeting held on 21 January 2021**

 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

**21/18 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

 There were no matters arising.

*Karen Grant joined the meeting.*

**21/19 Report of County Councillor**

 Cllr Finch presented his report. The following points were noted:-

* There will be no increase to Council Tax for the year 2021-22. There will be a 1½% increase in the social care precept.
* Cllr Finch has spoken to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding street lights and links to safety after the death of Sarah Everard. Work was underway to set up a Safety Advisory Service.
* ECC has received £318m for highways infrastructure improvements around Chelmsford.
* Covid – Essex now has one of the lowest numbers per 100,000 of population in the Eastern region.

This was Cllr Finch’s final report before his retirement. Parish Councillors wished him well for his retirement.

**21/20 Pavilion**

Broken shutters – Martyn and Neil will look at these and see what work was needed.

**21/21 Playingfield**

* *Play Equipment Inspection report -* The report was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Martyn and Neil would look at:-
	+ The spring on the motor cycle.
	+ The gaps in the safety surface – Debbie will order the wetpour and repair kit that was needed.
* *Lawnmower* – The mower had now been repaired at a cost of approximately £1,000. The final cost was awaited.
* *Picnic table* – The mobile picnic table was rotten and beyond repair. It was agreed to buy a replacement. Debbie will source an alternative and costs.

**21/22 Highways**

The following points were discussed:-

* *Dyers End speeding traffic* – Debbie had not received any further supporting evidence from residents on this matter. It was agreed to run another item in the newsletter.
* *Chapel End Way pothole* – This was now repaired.
* *Cornish Hall End Road* – Water was running across the road near Nortons. Anglian Water have inspected and chlorine tested the water and advise it is not a leak. It was possible the ditch at the side of the road was blocked. Neil will speak to the landowner who has responsibility for the ditch and ask for it to be cleared.
* *Finchingfield Road pothole* – This was now repaired.

**21/23 Footpaths**

* *Damaged bridge on footpath 2 at Wesley End Road* – This has now been repaired.
* *Fingerpost signs* – the two signs on Wesley End Road that had been knocked over have now been reinstated.

**21/24 Planning**

* *Application No 21/00321/FUL Moat Hall Farm* – No comment.
* *Application No 21/00430/HH The Croft* – No comment.
* *Application No 20/02241/HH Lapwings* – It was noted this application which was considered at the meeting held on 21 January 2021 had been withdrawn.

**21/25 Correspondence**

 No correspondence to note.

**21/26 Finance**

 Accounts Paid

 Stambourne Chapel (grass cutting grant) £260.00

 Stambourne Church (grass cutting grant) £250.00

 Mrs D Hilliard (wages) £743.00

 Wave £39.70

 Eon £16.58

 Wicksteed Leisure (play equipment inspection) £72.00

 Community Heartbeat Trust (defib battery) £223.20

 Friends of St Margarets (laptop donation) £500.00

 Paul Clark Printing (newsletter) £52.00

Accounts to be paid

 NVPC (Pat Testing) £58.80

 Monies Received

 Eon credit £17.12

 ECC verge cutting £1205.99

 Estimated balances at 11 March 2021

 Balance of Current Account £19,512.23

 Balance of Business Reserve Account £ 4,084.93

 Total £23,597.16

 Balance of Bonfire Fund £5,643.05

 Balance of General Fund £17,954.11

**21/27 Date, time and place of next meetings.**

 20 May 2021

 22 July 2021

 23 September 2021

 18 November 2021

 All are Thursdays at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 8.05pm.

Signed: ……………………………………………… Dated: ………………………………………………