

STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2020 at 7.30pm in the village hall, Stambourne

PRESENT:

Mr Martyn Fall (Chair)
Mrs Val Kerrison
Mrs Karen Grant

Mr Michael Crago
Mr Neil Pyman
Mrs Vanessa Young

CLERK:

Mrs Deborah Hilliard

20/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Richard van Dulken, County Councillor David Finch and Andrew Drysdale.

20/02 Declaration of Interests, personal or prejudicial

None.

20/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 November were agreed as a correct record and signed.

20/04 Matters Arising

None.

20/05 Report of District Councillor

District Councillor not present.

20/06 Pavilion

- Councillors' Community Grant – the form for the grant application was signed by Martyn.
- Micro-grant for fridge – no response received from EALC since the application. Debbie will follow up.
- Pavilion hire – use of music – councillors had no objection to the use of background music for one booking in 2020.

20/07 Playing Field

- Play equipment inspection – the report was circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted there were no areas of "high risk" to consider. One item to consider was the expansion of the surface area underneath the swings. It was agreed to reconsider this item at the March meeting.
- Playing field entrance gates – A parishioner had approached the parish council re replacing the entrance gates and some fencing. It was agreed to discuss this item further at the March meeting. It was noted that grant funding would probably be needed.

20/08 Highways



There was water running over the road at the junction of Birdbrook Road/Cornish Hall End Road, possibly as a result of ditch infill from Gigaclear works. This will be reported into ECC Highways.

20/09 Footpaths

The photos showing footpath issues were circulated. The items which could be identified were:-

- Footbridge on path no 13 at junction with footpath 21 (image no 11 0842) will be reported to ECC.
- Footbridge on path no 13 (image no 11 0923) overgrown bridge will be reported to ECC
- Footpath 24 – overgrown hedge – the landowner has been approached to trim the hedge but has declined. Will be passed to ECC.
- Stiles – thought to be footpaths 5 or 29 (to be confirmed) – although the stiles have been chewed by livestock they appear to be sound.

20/10 Planning

Nothing to report.

20/11 Correspondence

The following were noted:-

- Thank you from Mr Hoadley for the gift.
- BDC combatting loneliness.
- VE Day 75 – parish councillors considered whether to arrange an event. It was agreed to put suggestions into the newsletter including a BBQ (Andrew Drysdale) and afternoon tea proposal for Saturday 9 May 2020 at the pavilion, if enough support comes through.
- Network meeting – Debbie had proposed a date for end January 2020 but no responses were received from participating councils. It was agreed to postpone unless approached by the parishes.
- Children's Christmas party – The organisers were thanked for volunteering to reinstate the party. 12 children attended. The organisers had given receipts for expenditure to Debbie and have agreed in principle to organise another for 2021.

20/12 Budget and Precept for the year 2020/21

The budget for the year 2020/21 and precept figure of £7,727 was considered. Val Kerrison proposed and Karen Grant seconded with all in favour that the budget and precept for 2020/21 be agreed and accepted. Debbie will submit to Braintree District Council.

20/13 Finance

Accounts Paid

Kedington Butchers (Bonfire night)	£435.00
Mrs V Young (reimbursement for bonfire night exp)	£85.21
Mr M Fall (reimbursement for bonfire night exp)	£64.89
Mr M Fall (reimbursement re pavilion light repair)	£49.96
Essex Pyrotechnics (fireworks)	£3,741.60
Paul Gill Builders (pavilion – repair of gutter)	£120.00
Stambourne Silver Link (Christmas lunch)	£100.00
Stambourne Church (grass cut grant)	£250.00
Stambourne Chapel (grass cut grant/electricity)	£260.00
Stambourne Children's Party	£150.00
Mr K Hoadley (thank you gift)	£50.00
Mr K Hoadley (grass cutting)	£475.00



NVPC Ltd (PAT testing – pavilion)	£58.80
<u>Accounts to be paid</u>	
Village Hall Rent	£70.00
Paul Clark Printing	£52.00
Mrs D Hilliard (wages)	£725.00

Monies Received

ECC 2 nd verge cut	£603.00
Bank interest	£2.03

Estimated balances at 17 January 2020

Balance of Current Account	£ 9,634.53
Balance of Business Reserve Account	£ 4,081.73
Total	£13,716.26
Balance of Bonfire Fund	<u>£4,926.85</u>
Balance of General Fund	£ 8,789.41

20/14 Date, time and place of next meetings

- Thursday 12 March
- Thursday 21 May 2020
- Thursday 23 July 2020
- Thursday 17 September 2020
- Thursday 19 November 2020

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at approximately 8.15pm

Signed:



Dated:

12 Mar 2020