

STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 January 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall, Stambourne

PRESENT:

Mr Martyn Fall (Chair)
Mrs Val Kerrison
Mrs Vanessa Young

Mr Michael Crago
Mr Andrew Drysdale
Mr Neil Pyman

CLERK:

Mrs Deborah Hilliard

18/1 Apologies for Absence

Karen Grant.

18/2 Declaration of Interests, personal or prejudicial

None.

18/3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

18/4 Matters Arising

Val advised she had an item to report regarding the damaged stile behind the church (minute 18/6 below).

18/5 Pavilion

Refurbishment – It was agreed that 3 builders be invited to quote for this work:-

- Paul Trinder – to be approached by Neil.
- Charlie and Glen Wade – to be approached by Andrew.
- One already received by Gills.

The quotes will be circulated once received.

Mower Shed – Neil reported that the shed has been cleared. The timber has been removed.

18/6 Playing Field

Moles - There are some mole hills on the field. Debbie will contact Command.

Picnic Table – This item will be carried forward for discussion at the March meeting.

Stile – Val had been given a response from the Parochial Church Council regarding this matter. She read the response to parish councillors. The parish council decided there was no benefit in trying to pursue the matter further, the PCC certain that it has no responsibility. The parish council will seek another solution.

Dogs on the playing field – This is a continuing problem, despite there being clear signage that dogs are not permitted on the playing field. The parish council were advised of a recent incident of a family being on the playing field, but with their dog. Debbie will explore other signage that may be used.

Safety Surfacing – Martyn will continue with this once weather conditions permit.

Ash removal – Neil and Andrew confirmed that this had been completed. They were thanked for their help with this matter.

18/7 Highways

The pothole in Chapel End Way still has not been repaired and this will be reported again. There is a missing manhole cover on a drain on the corner near the old railway bridge, Whitely Lane.

18/8 Footpaths

Nothing to report.

18/9 Planning

18/00060/FUL – The Stableyard, Fieldside Lodge – No comment.

18/10 War Memorial Lettering

Debbie advised the parish council on the quote received to re-cut and re-paint the lettering on the war memorial. It was agreed that Debbie will approach Gem Construction to see if they will just repaint the lettering.

18/11 Correspondence

Bears – No further action.

Essex Switch – Noted.

VAT – Noted

Martyn also reported that Steve Platt, who has edited the newsletter for some 8 years, would like to step down from the role. The Parish Council thanked Steve for his work over the years. A request will be put in the newsletter to see if there are any volunteers for the role.

18/12 Budget and Precept for the year 2018/19

It was agreed that a budget of £8,000 would be declared for 2018/19 and the precept figure would stand at £7,636. An item will be put in the newsletter to explain the situation.

18/13 Finance

Accounts Paid

Mr K Hoadley	£475.00
M&N Pyman (2 nd verge cut)	£723.60
Mr M Fall (bonfire night)	£62.96
Essex Pyrotechnics	£3,460.80

Eon	£26.10
Stambourne Church	£250.00
Stambourne Chapel	£260.00
Stambourne Silver Link	£150.00
Mrs D Hilliard (expenses)	£13.48
Stambourne village hall (rent)	£75.00
Colne Skips	£264.00
Paul Clark Printing	£84.00

Accounts to be paid

Mrs D Hilliard (wages)	£702.50
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Monies Received

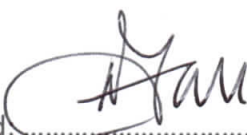
Estimated balances at 11 January 2018

Balance of Current Account	£11,333.44
Balance of Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 6,057.82</u>
Total	£17,391.26
Balance of Bonfire Fund	<u>£ 7,500.81</u>
Balance of General Fund	£ 9,890.45

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 15 March 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed: 

Dated: 15 Mar 18