

STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 31 March 2022 at 7.30pm at the village hall, Stambourne.

PRESENT:

Mr Neil Pyman (Chair)
Mrs Val Kerrison
Mr Martin Fall

Mr Michael Crago
Mr Andrew Drysdale

Cllr Richard van Dulken (BDC)
Mr Andrew Hull (Wethersfield Parish Council)

CLERK:

Mrs Deborah Hilliard

22/16 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from ECC Cllr Peter Schwier, Karen Grant (holiday) and Vanessa Young (Covid).

It was agreed to invite Mr Hull to speak.

Mr Hull advised he was a parish councillor for Wethersfield Parish Council and part of Wethersfield Airfield Scrutiny Committee (WASC) and wanted to speak to the parish council regarding the proposed Mega Prison on Wethersfield Airbase. He presented the argument against the proposed prison and asked Stambourne PC to consider joining WASC. Consideration was given to the impact on the local area, roads, traffic and infrastructure to support a development of this kind.

The Parish Council thanked Mr Hull for his presentation and it was noted that the proposed prison was to be considered under agenda item 10 below.

Mr Hull left the meeting.

22/17 Declaration of interests, personal or prejudicial

None.

22/18 Minutes of meeting held on 22 January 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed.

22/19 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

None.

22/20 Report of District Councillor

Cllr Van Dulken reported. Points noted were:-

- Councillors' Community Grant – it was noted that the grant would continue for 2022 but be directed at community groups and not include parish councils.
- Overgrown hedging at Manns Cross – Cllr Van Dulken confirmed he had raised this with Great Yeldham Parish Council who had contacted the household. Some trimming has taken place on one side of the road. It was agreed that the Clerk will report the overgrown hedge to ECC Highways.

- Medical Centre, Sible Hedingham – it was noted the planning application had been resubmitted due to a technical matter.
- Ukraine – It was noted that BDC involvement included the vetting of hosts and premises and distribution of funds.
- Press release regarding the planning enforcement re land at Castle Hedingham. This matter went to the High Court and the landowner was given a 3 month suspended sentence and a large fine for contravention of planning regulation. Braintree District Council have allocated £200,000 from this year's budget towards planning enforcement.

There were no questions and Councillor van Dulken was thanked for his report.

22/21 Pavilion

It was noted that the new floor and repainting of the pavilion interior was complete.

Booking Conditions:

- After consideration, it was agreed that the booking conditions would be changed to ask for a minimum donation of £20.00 (increased from £10.00) with payment in advance of the booking.
- After consideration, it was agreed that "sale of alcohol" would remain in the booking conditions.

It was agreed that electrics would be adapted to add a socket in the store room for the freezer and an additional socket in the kitchen to make plugging in of the fridge more accessible by locating an additional socket near to the work surface. Neil will contact a local electrician.

Heating – Consideration was given to installation of heating. However, it was agreed that the pavilion was a summer venue. We will monitor any requests for using the pavilion in the winter.

22/22 Playingfield

The inspection report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was considered. The following points were noted:

- Basketball hoop – Martin has repaired this.
- Woodchip surface – Andy will provide some woodchip to top up the surface.
- Safety surface around the slide – Wetpour was needed for this. The Clerk will order it.
- Rocking horse – Moss has been removed.
- Little horse – Rubber Spring Cover – Clerk to order.
- Spring motor bike – U bolts – Andy will ask Colin James if he can do this.
- Little Swing – Concrete breaking up – Andy will ask Colin James if he can do this.

Removal of bonfire ash – Andy and Val will follow up on options for this and report back.

22/23 Highways

The following points were noted:-

- Overgrown Hedge at Manns Cross – Clerk will report to ECC Highways.
- VAS sign Dyers End – Andy has measured out and the distances would fit with those recommended. The Clerk will recirculate the original email for consideration.
- Streetscene 2022 – The form was agreed and signed.

22/24 Footpaths

Val reported that she had walked a number of the paths with a local resident and had a list of issues to report. It was agreed that Val and Debbie will liaise and meet to identify the issues via the definitive map and report in.

22/25 Planning

- Proposed prison at Wethersfield airbase (previously circulated) (also email from resident (previously circulated) – Cllr van Dulken reported that the scoping document had been submitted but no formal planning application had been submitted to date. After consideration it was agreed that the Parish Council would join Braintree Association of Local Councils (BALC) who were looking into the proposed prison. The Clerk will do this. Regarding Wethersfield Airfield Scrutiny Committee (WASC) it was agreed that Andy will contact Andrew Hull for the date of the next meeting and a councillor would attend if free. It was further agreed that an item will be put in the newsletter asking for parishioners to submit any views on the proposal to the Clerk.
- 22/00732/FUL - Erection of a two-storey medical centre with allocated parking on Land North Of Osier Way Sible Hedingham – it was noted this application had been resubmitted due to a technical issue.

Richard van Dulken left the meeting.

22/26 Correspondence

- Platinum Jubilee – Neil updated everyone on the arrangements being made by the Jubilee Committee. It was noted that it had not been possible to arrange an ice cream van to visit. The Clerk will follow up with Karen regarding the funds from the village fete committee. The event was to be publicised in the newsletter.

22/27 Finance

Accounts Paid

Use of Village Hall	£60.00
James Gill Buidar (gate post)	£110.00
Paul Clark Printing (newsletter)	£52.00
Stambourne Church (grass cut grant)	£250.00
Stambourne Chapel (grass cut grant)	£260.00
Mrs D Hilliard (wages)	£743.00

Accounts to be paid

Paul Clark Printing	£52.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	£100.80
Repainting of Pavilion	
Pavilion Flooring	
Mrs D Hilliard (wages)	£743.00

Monies Received

Nil

Estimated balances at 24 March 2022

Balance of Current Account	£21,896.07
Balance of Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 4,085.33</u>
Total	£25,981.40
Balance of Bonfire Fund	<u>£5,643.05</u>
Balance of General Fund	£17,954.11

22/28 Date, time and place of next meetings.

19 May 2022

21 July 2022

22 September 2022

23 November 2022 (Wednesday)

All are Thursdays at 7.30pm in the village hall unless shown otherwise.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.

Signed: 

Dated: 19.5.22