

STAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21 July 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was held in the village hall, Stambourne

PRESENT:

Mr Neil Pyman (Chair)

Mrs Val Kerrison

Mr Martyn Fall

Mrs Karen Grant (joined late)

Mrs Vanessa Young

In Attendance:

Cllr Richard van Dulken (Braintree District Council)

Mrs Deborah Hilliard - Clerk

22/51 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Michael Crago and Andrew Drysdale (harvest) and Cllr Peter Schwier (ECC).

22/52 Declaration of interests, personal or prejudicial

It was noted that Deborah Hilliard had commented on the planning application for land at Church Road in a personal capacity.

22/53 Minutes of meeting held on 19 May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed.

22/54 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

It was noted that under minute number 22/50 Dates of Next Meetings, the November meeting should read Wednesday 23 November 2022. The minutes were signed as amended.

22/55 Report of County Councillor/District Councillor

County Councillor not present.

Cllr Richard van Dulken reported for Braintree District Council. Points noted were:-

- Cllr van Dulken has been appointed to STAC – Stansted Airport Committee which will have 4 meeting per year.
- Recycling – The Braintree waste recycling percentage for 2021-22 was 49.7% an increase of 5% on the previous year. This was of all rubbish collected. An income was being received from recycled plastic due to the high cost of oil. Campaigns to increase the amount of recycling and reduce the amount of residual black bin waste will continue.
- Local Plan Part 2 – has been completed and work has started on the next one.
- Levelling up – Shared Prosperity Fund – There will be some funding available to help with Community 360 and other local groups.
- Horizon 120 will open this month. The site includes an area of smaller offices and individual desks which can be rented.
- Councillors' Community Fund – noted that funds of approximately £300 were still available.
- Wethersfield Prison proposal – no further news.

There were no question and Cllr van Dulken was thanked for his report.

22/56 Pavilion

Fire Inspection – It was noted the annual fire safety inspection was due to take place in July.

Income and Expenditure Account (from BDC Covid Business Support Grant) – The account was considered and noted and a copy will be appended to these minutes. It was agreed that the pavilion should not have heating installed. Consideration was given to how to spend the final balance. It was agreed that an item of play equipment could be looked into. Karen proposed a nest swing. She will look into costs and circulate details.

Storeroom lock - It was noted that the storeroom lock had been repaired and was now usable and additional keys had been cut and distributed. It was agreed that cutlery should be purchased for the kitchen and Vanessa will do this.

Additional Socket – Neil will look into this.

Booking – Martyn reported he had been approached by a walking group in Braintree to use the pavilion on 18 October to access toilets. The date was noted as free and the booking agreed.

Wasps Nest- It was noted that a local pest control company had come out and dealt with the nest.

22/57 Playingfield

The following items were noted as still requiring action:-

- Wetpour for the tiles – Debbie to order.
- Woodchips for the safety surface – Andy to action.
- Removal of remaining bonfire ash – Neil will complete before this year's bonfire night.

22/58 Highways

The following points were discussed:-

- Wesley End Road – tarmac lifted and patchy due to hot weather. Debbie will report to ECC Highways.
- Defibrillator for Church Road, Stambourne – There was a discussion on the benefits of having a defibrillator in the Church Road part of Stambourne. It was agreed that the village hall would be a suitable location if the Village Hall Committee would give permission. It was agreed that Debbie would contact the Chair of the Committee to see if they would agree to this.
- VAS sign, Dyers End – It was noted Debbie had sought 2 quotes for this which were awaited. She will email the quotes as soon as they are received. If the quotes were affordable it was agreed to proceed with installation as soon as possible.

22/59 Footpaths

It was noted that Footpath 1 in Chapel End Way was unable to be accessed as it was blocked by parked cars. Debbie will report in.

22/60 Planning

The following planning applications were considered:

- West Suffolk Local Plan Consultation (see email of 25 May 2022 previously circulated) – noted.
- Application No 22/01706/FUL – Congregational Church, Chapel End Way – no comment

- Application No 22/01813/OUT - Windyridge, Chapel End Way – to note that the water pressure is low and this could be an issue with additional housing.
- Application No 22/01848/FUL - Land Adjacent, 1 Church Road, Stambourne – no objection to housing but local residents have raised concerns about protection of habitat.

22/61 Platinum Jubilee

Neil reported – The event was a great success and well attended throughout the afternoon and evening. Neil thanked everyone who helped to organise and run it, particularly Vanessa and Val who worked really hard on the day, Martyn for donating the plinth and post of the beacon, and the Argent family for donating the beacon basket. Thank you also to the musicians who gave their time for free and Andy who did the barbecue. Rev Paxton attended with a number of Ukrainian visitors.

The income and expenditure account was considered and noted (a copy will be appended to these minutes) and it was agreed that the balance remaining should go towards installation of a defibrillator to the Church Road end of the village (see minute 22/58) above.

Cllr Van Dulken left the meeting.

22/62 Emergency Plan

It was noted the updated plan had been circulated to everyone.

22/63 Correspondence

War Memorial – Debbie has found some potential contractors to look at the repair via the War Memorial Trust. It was agreed she would approach contractors for quotes.

Bonfire Night 2022 – It was noted that the company which usually supplied the fireworks might be for sale or closing. Martyn will check this.

22/64 Finance

Eon	£23.39
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Paul Clark Printing	£52.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	£100.80
NVPC Ltd	£58.80
Wicks Leisure	£72.00
Mrs D Hilliard	£743.00
Dave's Decorating Services	£926.52
Commercial Flooring Contracts	£3,820.80
Paul Clark Printing	£52.00
BALC (membership)	£40.00
EALC	£133.94
WAVE	£46.29
Zurich Insurance	£997.85
Pavilion Cleaning	£30.00
R Drane (Audit)	£75.00
Daines-Low (Ash removal)	£240.00
Mrs D Hilliard (jubilee reimb)	£21.00
Mrs D Hilliard (jubilee reimb)	£150.00

Mrs V Young (jubilee reimb)	£354.99
C D James (play equip repair)	£158.40
S Platt (website)	£100.00
M&N Pyman (1 st verge cut)	£723.60
Mrs V Kerrison (jubilee reimb)	£39.45
Mr N Pyman (jubilee reimb)	£85.95

Accounts to be paid

Mrs D Hilliard (wages)	£743.00
Mrs D Hilliard (expenses – printer inks/part cost)	£15.00

Monies Received

BDC Streetscene	£847.56
Pavilion hire (to end June 2022)	£125.00

Estimated balances at 15 July 2022

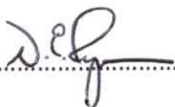
Balance of Current Account	£18,897.37
Balance of Business Reserve Account	<u>£ 4,085.43</u>
Total	£22,982.80
Balance of Bonfire Fund	<u>£8,051.54</u>
Balance of General Fund	£14,931.26

22/65 Date, time and place of next meetings.

Thursday 22 September 2022 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 23 November 2022 at 7.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 8.30pm.

Signed: 

Dated: 6.10.22