

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2020 AT
WATERFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 PM**

The meeting commenced with the following members present: Cllr J Oakins (Chairman), Cllr A Roe, Cllr M Randall

Apologies: Cllr A George, Cllr H Kirby, Cllr McMullen

In Attendance: V Paskell (clerk)

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2020: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Church Lane: The clerk reported all the issues raised by Mr & Mrs Cowell to Highways via the reporting line.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: Groundwork has started on the development; the developer was waiting for final planning approval.

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Randall reported that the village hall floor has been replaced and other work is being carried out.

Waterford Marsh: Robin Juniper has been completing the tree work required. Cllr Roe confirmed that he contacted Turnex who have now closed their sawmill so would not be interested in purchasing any wood. Cllr Oakins will speak to CMS to see if they are able to assist with the removal of the tree wood.

Waterlogged area Waterford Marsh / Breach in River: Cllr Oakins reported the Environment Agency have been surveying the river levels to see how much it would need to be raised to feed the Millstream.

Waterford Marsh: Cllr Randall reported that Network Rail had caused damage to the marsh when felling the trees. They have advised that they will be resorting the area in the spring. Cllr Oakins has requested a copy of the restoration plan from the contractors and will be monitoring the situation.

Waterford Heath: Damage has also been caused by the tree work on the railway embankment to the Heath, which will also be restored in the spring.

Internet Banking: The clerk will contact Cllr McMullen to see if he can offer some advice on changing the Standing Orders to enable the clerk to get internet banking.

ROSPA: Cllr Oakins will review the report and pass it onto the recreation committee.

3. Correspondence:

Various magazines/ journals distributed.

4: Finance and accounts

The council is asked to approve / note the following payments:

1. V PASKELL SALARY	£250.00
2. FRANK COOPER – GRASS CUTTING	£234.00
3. ROBIN JUNIPER TREE CARE	£1980.00
4. M RANDALL – WALK LEAFLETS	£175.00
5. C WARD LITTERPICKER	£732.00
6. V PASKELL – EXPENSES	£92.82

RECEIPTS - 25.9.20 EHDC £4942.152 (LITTERPICKER & PRECEPT)

BALANCES

Current Account - £17,022.85 as at 21st NOV 2020

Money master Account - £349.01 as at 21st NOV 2020

Precept: The setting of the precept was discussed as it may need to be raised to generate funds for the high costs of maintaining the marsh and felling the dangerous trees. Cllr Oakins will look at options to sell the wood and find out if CMS can help lower the cost to the PC. The precept will be agreed in January 2021.

5: Planning:

Applications Received: 69, High Road, Stapleford

Applications Granted: None

Applications Refused: 11, Waterford Common

Applications appealed: None

Any other business:

Cllr Randall reported a huge amount of fly tipping on Bullmill Lane. It has been reported and it is hoped it will be cleared soon.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 28th January 2021, in Waterford Village Hall, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm. (Subject to Covid Restrictions).

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**** January 2021 meeting cancelled due to new lockdown measures.**