

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020  
WATERFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 PM**

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

Apologies: nONE

In Attendance: V Paskell; Cllr McMullen

**1: Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** Signed as a true record.

**2: Matters arising from the minutes.**

**Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel:** Nothing further to report at the current time.

**Stapleford Village Hall Update:** Nothing further to report at the current time.

**Stapleford Recreation Ground:** Cllr Oakins will chase Guy Tucker again regarding the resurfacing work to the entrance of Stapleford Park.

**Waterford Marsh:** Cllr Oakins reported that the tree work has not been completed due to the wet weather. Robin Juniper will complete the work ASAP.

**Waterlogged area Waterford Marsh / Breach in River :** Cllr Oakins is waiting to hear when the work will be completed on the Waterlogged area. Cllr Randall has been liaising with the Environment Agency to obtain an update on repairing the breach. It is hoped that CMS will complete the work. The PC are meeting Neil Duffield from CMS to discuss the issues further.

**Waterford Heath:** New fencing has been installed along the heath boundary with the railway line. This has improved safety.

**Church Wall, Waterford:** Cllr Oakins reported that the reason the wall had not been repaired to date was due to the cost. The wall is listed.

**Footpath A119:** Cllr Kirby will follow up again as nothing has yet been done.

**New Homes Bengeo Nursey:** The planning application is being heard by the Development Management Committee w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**ROSPA report Waterford:** Cllr Kirby has looked at the roundabout and it does not tilt at 60mm as the report suggested. Cllr Kirby has contacted the manufacturer to ask what the tilt tolerance should be.

**Marsh Gate Entrance:** Clerk confirmed that Simon Newland had been contacted to confirm that the PC would monitor the situation.

**3. Correspondence:**

- Email received from Janet Cowel of Church Lane, Stapleford regarding various issues on Church Lane, including, speeding traffic, signage, fencing and road sweeping. PC discussed that the majority of the issues are related to Highways and not the responsibility of the PC. PC to invite Mrs Cowel to the next meeting to discuss the issues in more detail.

- Robin Juniper has requested that he be paid by bank transfer rather than cheque as he doesn't have the facility to bank a cheque. Clerk to set up internet banking to make payments easier going forward.

**4: Finance and accounts**

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

1. V PASKELL SALARY	£250.00
2. V PASKELL – EXPENSES	£97.60

**RECEIPTS**

None

**BALANCES**

Current Account - £16577.38 as at 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020

Money master Account - £348.67 as at 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020

**5: Planning:**

**Applications Received:** None

**Applications Granted:** None

**Applications Refused:** Willow Cottage, Waterford.

**Applications appealed:** 1 High Road, Stapleford.

**Any other business:**

Cllr Randall reported that a planning application had been submitted for two agricultural buildings at the Rare Breads Farm on the corner of North Road / Bramfield Lane. Concerns have already been raised over the site and its uses and lack of planning permission. As the site is out of the PC area the PC are not able to comment on the applications.

Cllr Randall and Cllr Oakins will be arranging a meeting with RBRA, The Wildlife Trust and Mr Flannery (Golding Estate) to discuss introducing water voles back into the Golding Estate.

**Date of next meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020, in Waterford Village Hall, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm.

**PC MEETINGS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID 19 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**