

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 27th JULY 2017
AT WATERFORD VILLAGE HALL, WATERFORD AT 7.30 PM**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: V Paskell, Peter Sandell

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2017: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

School Parking problems / grass verge: Peter Sandell attended the meeting as a representative of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and a school governor. He stated that the majority of the children attending the school are from a wide catchment area. The land in front of the church is Glebe land and is owned by the Diocesan of St Albans, it is not owned by Stapleford Church. When the land was temporarily used (approx. 2007) the grass area and drive / road became damaged which was the reason permission to use the land was withdrawn. The land can be used for occasional parking for church events as this doesn't cause damage. The road surface is maintained by the Diocesan of St Albans and they are not prepared to pay for repairs caused by school parking. They will also not support any form of hard standing / surface on the land.

Cllr George suggested that the land could be used for one off school events such as plays, summer fetes etc. Peter Sandell suggested that the same could apply for the park, that it could be opened up for one of events. The PC would have no objection as long as the insurance conditions were met and adhered to.

- Clerk will also speak to Stewart McKinnon from Ringway regarding the debris that was left in the verge once he posts were fitted as it is difficult to mow around the posts.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: Work on the site is due to commence shortly.

General rubbish bins Stapleford & Waterford: Cllr Oakins will complete the installation of the Waterford Bin and is liaising with Cliff Ward regarding the installation of the Stapleford bin.

Woodhall Arms: Permission has now been granted for the development of houses. Cllr Randall will post an article on the PC website. The PC would like some of the S106 money used within Stapleford.

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Randall reported that a meeting is scheduled for 9th August 2017 to discuss plans for the hall going forward. Cllr Oakins will attend.

Speeding Traffic in Waterford: Funding has been granted by the Police and Crime Commissioners for one SID (Speed Indicator Device), but installations will be made for two locations in the village so the device can be moved between the two. The village would like two SID's to save moving them between locations. Waterford Recreation Committee have agreed to fund half the cost of a further SID, (£2000) if the PC will fund the remainder (£2000). The PC were all in agreement to fund half the cost of an additional SID. The proposed locations are:

- Bottom of Bramfield Lane for southbound traffic
- Outside the village hall for northbound traffic

Stapleford Recreation Ground – New Play Equipment: Cllr George has now received quotes from Action Play and has met with Susan Lancaster from Network Homes.

The plans have been drawn up and the proposed equipment has been agreed. The total cost for the new equipment and repair of existing equipment is £18,000.

Funding is being sought from various areas and Susan Lancaster is organising the grant applications. Network Homes are looking for a contribution from the PC of approximately £2000. All Cllrs were in agreement to the contribution.

Trees on Waterford Marsh: Cllr Oakins confirmed that Martin Amery has now left the council. The council have suggested a commercial tree Arborist to review the trees. Peter Sandell suggested contacted the Diocesans Arborist and he will provide the contact details to Cllr Sandell.

Overgrown Footpath Waterford – Bullsmill Lane: Some of the footpath has now been cleared.

3. Correspondence:

- CPRE Newsletter
- Wildlife Matters Magazine

4: Finance and accounts

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

1.	V Paskell – Salary (DD)	£250.00
2.	Frank Cooper & Sons Ltd	£312.00
3.	V Paskell ¼ expenses and office supplies	£92.53

RECEIPTS - NONE

BALANCES

Current account - £14,955.75 as at 21.6.17

Moneymaster account - £347.56 as at 21.6.17

5: Planning

Applications Received:

25 High Road Stapleford – no objection

Water Common Cottage – no objection

Applications Granted: None

Applications Refused:

17 Vicarage Lane, Waterford

Any other business:

The ROSPA playground inspection reports have been received and will be reviewed by Cllr Oakins for Waterford and Cllr George for Stapleford.

Cllr Randell reported that she attended a meeting regarding the Bengeo Neighbourhood Plan as a representative of Waterford Heath.

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Cllr Randall reported possible fly tipping in the layby in Bullsmill Lane, which looks like road repair materials. If required she will report it to EHDC.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September 2017, in **Stapleford Village Hall, High Road, Stapleford** at 7.30pm.