

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2016
AT STAPLEFORD VILLAGE SCHOOL, STAPLEFORD 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, Cllr M McMullen & one member of the public

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016: The minutes were signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: The footpath to Bengo has been marked out and some trees have been felled in preparation.

School Parking problems / grass verge: Nothing further to report at the current time, the restoration of the verge and the post and rail fencing will be completed by the end of the financial year.

General rubbish bins Stapleford & Waterford: Cllr Oakins would like to order the bins for Waterford and Stapleford Church Lane, three bins are required. Cllr George will bring the brochures with prices to the next meeting.

Waterford Marsh / Heath, Nature Walk: Cllr Randall reported that the circular nature walk has been nominated for a CPRE award. The literature for the Stapleford Circular Walk is almost complete. It is hoped it will all be in place by the end of October 2016.

School Shed: Cllr Kirby & Cllr Oakins have cleared the school shed. Of the two mowers one needs to be scrapped and the other one will be looked at to see if a repair is possible. Clerk will notify the school that the shed is empty.

Hertfordshire Local Minerals Plan / Rickney's Quarry: No further news on the current application, it will be heard in December.

Woodhall Arms: Cllr Randall reported that Carol Eccleston, a local resident in Stapleford and a number of other local residents have nominated the Woodhall Arms as an Asset of Community Value. It is hoped that a decision will be made by the end of October 2016.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities / Website: The website is almost ready to go live. It is hoped it will be up and running by the next meeting.

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Randall is liaising with the village hall committee and has asked to attend the next committee meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Bus Shelter: Cllr Oakins has asked Cliff Ward to tidy up around the bus shelter in Waterford.

Speeding Traffic in Waterford: It was reported that the solar powered signs have been approved by Highway's subject to funding, the final location of the signs has yet to be confirmed. Funding is hoped to be gained from the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund. Clerk will email to establish when the application can be submitted. The PC are extremely grateful to Katie Stocker from Waterford for her hard work in getting the signs approved. Katie Stocker also reported that Highways are looking at the possibility of village gateways and she will follow up with Highway's about this.

ROSPA: The inspections have been organised through EHDC. The PC received the reports on the 19th September. Cllr George will review the Stapleford report and Cllr Oakins will review the Waterford report and pass the information onto the Waterford Recreation Committee.

3. Correspondence

CPRE newsletter

Wildlife Matters newsletter

Countryside News

CVS for Broxbourne & East Herts re possible grants

East Herts Council – Open space review

4: Finance and accounts

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

1. V Paskell – Salary (DD)	£205.21
2. V Paskell – Expenses	£170.11
3. Frank Cooper & Sons	£252.00
4. C Ward	£747.00
5. HMWT	£40.00
6. River Beane Restoration Association	£25.00

RECEIPTS

8.9.16 – Litter picker payment - £1736.80

1.8.16 – New Homes Bonus - £1760.00

BALANCES

Current account - £15,299.40 as at 21.08.16

Moneymaster account - £347.34 as at 21.3.16

5: Planning

Applications Received:

- Woodhall Arms - A further application has been submitted for the Woodhall Arms – The Parish Council strongly objected.
- Waterford Hall Farm – No objection
- 21 Vicarage Lane, Waterford - retrospective planning application for a fence.
- T Mobile phone mast - High Road Waterford

Applications Granted:

- 12 Clusterbolts, Stapleford
- Waterford House
- 29 Clusterbolts

Applications Refused: None

Any other business:

It was noted that there had been an accident on Stapleford High Road but no further details were available.

Cllr Oakins reported that a fence put up by the farmer by Shallow Falls on Waterford Marsh had been kicked down by cyclists which also meant that the cattle could escape. Cllr Oakins has had a steel fence put in, this was made and installed by Dick Botterill, and the Parish Council would like to thank Mr Botterill for his work.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2016, in **Stapleford School Hall**, Church Lane, Stapleford at 7.30pm.