

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28th FEBRUARY 2019
WATERFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 PM**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: V Paskell, Cllr McMullen, Cllr Crofton, 1 x member of the public

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: The application has now been approved. The houses will be constructed of concrete and will be manufactured off site. The site has started to be cleared and it is hoped the development will be completed by the end of the year. The road access across the north heath will be used for access for the construction vehicles.

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Randall reported that the hall is currently not insured due to the current state of its repair. The committee are currently repairing the floor to enable them to reinsure the hall. The committee have also been in touch with the Woodhall Estate regarding the land around the hall and are discussing funding /grant options with Bramfield PC.

Stapleford Recreation Ground – New Play Equipment: The PCC are reimbursing the parish council for the cost of the new gate. The area in front of the gate is in need of resurfacing but Cllr George is unsure of who to obtain quotes from. Mr Ceri Davies from Waterford has offered to quote for the job. It was suggested that a second quote is obtained from Oliver Thomas a local builder.

Trees on Waterford Marsh: Cllr Oakins is currently obtaining a quote from Peter Musk for the tree work. It will then be agreed who will complete the work.

Waterlogged area Waterford Marsh: Meetings have been held with CMS and the Environment Agency. The scheme has not yet been agreed and decided and no timescale to complete the work has currently been given.

Bengeo Quarry: Nothing further to report at the current time.

Rickneys Quarry: Nothing further to report.

Bins, Bus Stop, Waterford: Cllr Oakins will monitor the situation but doesn't believe it is currently being used for household waste.

Waterford Heath: The stolen gates were replaced with another pair of Oak gates; however, these have been stolen again.

SID / Speeding traffic – Waterford: Ceri Davies a Waterford resident had attended the PC meeting to raise his serious concern over the speed of the traffic travelling through Waterford despite the installation of the SID's. Mr Davies would like to see a speed camera installed opposite Bramfield Lane to slow the traffic down on the corner.

Cllr Oakins explained that the PC wanted the SID to be installed on that corner but that stretch of road it did not meet Highways regulations so were prevented from placing it there.

Cllr Crofton suggested that the residents of Waterford form a 'Speed Awareness Group' and then request use of the speed awareness camera from the police who do take action from the data collected. The training for the camera is arranged through Buntingford Police Station. Mr Davies stated that he was happy to set up the group.

Cllr Oakins reported that he did attempt to arrange for a police officer to attend the PC meeting. Cllr Croton suggested that the PC contact Sargent Wallace from Buntingford Police Station directly as he is charge of rural policing.

3. Correspondence:

- Clerks and Councils direct
- Proposed submission of the Local Plan
- Herts Building Preservation Newsletter

4: Finance and accounts

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

1. V PASKELL ¼ EXPENSES £81.83

RECEIPTS -NONE

BALANCES

Current Account - £7873.93 as at 21st February 2019

Money master Account - £347.98 as at 21st February 2019

PRECEPT

After a lengthy discussion over the spending commitments on Waterford Marsh for the next financial year it was agreed to raise the precept by £1000 to £6000. The Precept forms were signed and agreed by all Cllrs.

5: Planning:

Applications Received:

65, High Road, Waterford – no comment

25, High Road, Stapleford – no objection

236, North Road, Waterford – no comment

Applications Granted: None

Applications Refused: 12, Waterford Common

Applications Withdrawn: None

Any other business:

Cllr Randall reported that 15 fridges were fly tipped on Bullsmill Lane, these were cleared within 24 hours.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th March 2019, in Waterford Village Hall, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm.