

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018  
AT STAPLEFORD VILLAGE HALL, STAPLEFORD AT 7.30 PM**

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

Apologies:

In Attendance: V Paskell, Cllr McMullen

**1: Minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017:** Signed as a true record.

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

**Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel:** Tarmac are putting a revised application in for the development. It will be a mix of housing size. They held a community meeting to discuss the development further and keep the community up to date.

**General rubbish bins Stapleford & Waterford:** All the old bins have now been removed.

**Stapleford Village Hall Update:** Cllr Randall reported that she had been in contact with Francis from the village hall committee, she advised that there was no further progress with the committee at the current time. The PC would still like a village consultation to take place so progress can begin to be made. Cllr Randall will follow up again.

**Speeding Traffic in Waterford:** Cllr Oakins has contacted Neil Richardson from Highways for an update. Highways have still not confirmed the date of installation. It was noted that Highways may have over charged the PC from the original quote received. It should have been £4510 not £5100 as billed. Clerk will contact Neil Richardson and arrange for a refund if required.

**Stapleford Recreation Ground – New Play Equipment:** Nothing further to report at the current time. The PC have been approached by Hertingfordbury PC who would like to discuss the intended scheme for ideas for their park.

**Trees on Waterford Marsh:** The PC now have the details of the Diocesans Arborist. Cllr Oakins will contact them to arrange for a survey on the poplars on the marsh.

**Waterlogged area Waterford Marsh:** Cllr Oakins is waiting to hear back from Nicholas Maddox head of ROW to see what can be done to prevent the area being waterlogged. He will contact him again.

**Gate Barleycroft:** Cllr Oakins will follow up with Tom Goldsmith from ROW who will have a look to see if there are any soft close options for the gate.

**3. Correspondence:**

- Traffic and Transport Data report
- Inspiring Libraries
- Hertfordshire Buildings and reservation Trust newsletter
- Hertfordshire County Council – minerals local plan review.

**4: Finance and accounts**

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

1. V Paskell – Salary (DD)	<b>£250.00</b>
2. V Paskell - expenses	<b>£90.19</b>

**RECEIPTS - None****BALANCES**

**Current account - £10105.15 as at 21.1.18**

**Moneymaster account - £347.62 as at 21.1.17**

**After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the precept for the 2018/2019 year should be set at £5000.**

**5: Planning**

**Applications Received:** None

**Applications Granted:** None

**Applications Refused:** None

**Any other business:**

CLLr McMullen reported that concern had been raised that EHDC had changed their stance on the quarry. They had objected to the second application, but had to withdraw their objection as they had not objected to the original application.

The second application is still being considered and a decision will be made by March 2018.

CLLr Randall reported that Stapleford Church Vestry was available for use for PC meetings if Waterford Village Hall wasn't available.

CLLr Kirby reported that the new Sacombe Road Path was waterlogged and unusable. He also reported that there was a great deal of dog fouling on the path. CLLr Randall advised that the surface is due to be improved.

CLLr Randall reported that there was a problem with the church wall in Waterford. It was noted that the wall is listed.

**Date of next meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, in Stapleford Church Vestry, Church Lane, Stapleford at 7.30pm.