

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 30th JANUARY 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: Cllr McMullen

In Attendance: V Paskell

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2019: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Speeding Traffic in Waterford: It was noted that due to the SIID's in Waterford being placed on the opposite side of the road to the travelling traffic the SIID's can sometimes provide a reading of a cars travelling in the other direction, therefore giving the driver the wrong speed. The PC had no say over where the SIID's were placed, this was determined by Highways.

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

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Randall advised that the floor in the hall has still not been repaired. The village hall committee are still pursuing options. Cllr Randall will offer her assistance again in an attempt to move things forward.

Stapleford Recreation Ground: Cllr Oakins has spoken to Guy Tucker about completing the resurfacing to the entrance of the park. He has stated that he has not been able to complete the work due to the wet weather as he's concerned the tractor will damage the field. The work will be completed as soon as possible.

Waterford Marsh: Cllr Oakins reported that the tree work has not been completed due to the wet weather.

Waterlogged area Waterford Marsh: Cllr Oakins is waiting to hear when the work will be completed.

Waterford Heath: Nothing further to report at the current time.

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 followed up on his initial complaint and discovered that his reported incident had been closed without rectification. He has now logged the complaint again REF: 401001010014. He will continue to follow up.

New Homes Bengeo Nursey: Planning has been submitted for 53 houses. A decision on the application has not yet been made.

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.

3. Correspondence:

- Clerks & Council Direct
- Groundwork Trust: Outdoor Space Meeting 17.3.20

- Marsh Gate:

The PC received two complaints regarding the condition of the entrance to Waterford Marsh from Vicarage Lane. The PC wrote to the owner of the stables who have right of access to the marsh and whose vehicles have created the damage. Concern was also raised over the gate being left unlocked and horses being ridden on the marsh

A letter was received back from Mr Simon Newland who confirmed that they had already completed some rectification work to the entrance.

Once the weather improves the condition of the entrance will too. The PC will write again to Simon Newland to ask them to minimise vehicle activity where possible to avoid any further damage.

- Breach in Riverbank:

An email was received by a member of the public raising concern over the breach in the riverbank and the effect it will have on wildlife and the surrounding area.

The area concerned is not owned by the PC and it appears that at the current time it is not know who is responsible for the land.

The PC contacted the Environment Agency who stated that the area concerned was not a flood risk to people or property so they would not prioritise it.

Cllr Randall contacted Lee Tyson from CMS / ROW and they visited the site and removed a tree that was blocking the footpath.

CMS/ROW also confirmed that no remedial work would take place to the area.

The RBRA are aware of the breach and will continue to request that the Environment Agency take action to stop long term damage.

4: Finance and accounts

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

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| 1. V PASKELL SALARY | £250.00 |
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RECEIPTS - None

BALANCES

Current Account - £16577.38 as at 21st Jan 2020

Money master Account - £348.67 as at 21st Jan 2020

PRECEPT Despite the cost of the tree work on the marsh it was decided to keep the precept as the same level as 19/20. It was agreed the precept will remain at £6000 for the year 20/21.

5: Planning:

Applications Received:

Willow Cottage, Waterford – no objection

5 Clusterbolts – no objection

2 Church Lane, Stapleford – no objection

Applications Granted:

Applications Refused: None

Applications appealed: None

Any other business: None raised

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February 2020, in Waterford Village Hall, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm.

Subsequent meeting booked: 26th March 2020.