

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER 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

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2016: An amendment was made to the minutes under Waterford Marsh to state 'Swallow Fall' not 'Shallow Falls', the minutes were then signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: Work on the footpath to Bengo has commenced. The houses are due to be built in 2017.

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. The PC would like to purchase 3 x bins at a cost of £229 per bin plus VAT. Cllr George will contact Emma Best at EHDC to check that they are an acceptable style for the council regarding the emptying of the bins.

Waterford Marsh / Heath, Nature Walk: Cllr Randall reported that the leaflets are currently being produced. It is hoped they will shortly be completed.

Hertfordshire Local Minerals Plan - Bengo / Rickney's Quarry: No further news on the current application, it will be heard in December 2016 or January 2017.

Woodhall Arms: There is no news as yet if the bid to nominate the pub as a community asset has been successful. The latest planning application was turned down.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities / Website: The website will be live within two weeks.

Stapleford Village Hall Update: Cllr Oakins attended the trustees meeting. It was noted that Peter Faulkner resigned as chairman. The PC is waiting to hear when the AGM is to be held so the PC can attend to find out the future plans for the hall.

Bus Shelter: Cliff Ward has tidied up around the bus shelter in Waterford. Cllr Oakins will ask him to also tidy up around the War Memorial.

Speeding Traffic in Waterford: The application for funding opens on 1st December so the PC will submit their application then. Cllr Oakins will contact Katie Stocker for some detailed information for the application.

ROSPA: Waterford Recreation Committee will deal with any work required for Waterford. With regard to Stapleford, Cllr George reported that the only major work required was the removal of the mound and the slide replacing. Cllr Randall reported that some funding for play equipment may be available from (CVS BEH) Network Homes who built the two new homes in Stapleford. Susan Lancaster from Network Homes would like to meet with Cllr Randall & Cllr George.

3. Correspondence

EHDC – Pre submission of the District Plan Consultation.
Hertfordshire CC – Transport Vision to 2050, Transport Plan.

4: Finance and accounts

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

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| 1. V Paskell – Salary (DD) | £250.00 |
| 2. V Paskell – Expenses | £150.13 |
| 3. Frank Cooper & Sons | £126.00 |
| 4. EHDC – Playground Inspections | £99.60 |

RECEIPTS

16.9.16 – ½ Precept £2398.00

BALANCES

Current account - £18561.87 as at 21.10.16

Moneymaster account - £347.46 as at 21.9.16

5: Planning

Applications Received:

- Bramfield Lane, Waterford Quarry - Horse stabling and ménage – No objection.
- 21 Vicarage Lane, Waterford - Installation of Boundary Fence
- Willow Cottage, Waterford – Triple Garage – No objection.
- Waterford Hall Farm - Internal rearrangement – No objection

Applications Granted: None

Applications Refused:

21 Vicarage Lane
Woodhall Arms – (Papillion) Stapleford

Any other business:

Cllr Randall and Cllr Oakins met Lauren Billington from the Environment Agency regarding the agency wanting to place fish paths and Eel tubes on the weirs in the river on the marsh so the fish can travel up the river to spawn. Lauren is looking at a feasibility study and will forward the ideas to the PC.

Cllr Randall has received a request from a member of the public asking if the marsh can be topped. Cllr Oakins will speak to Robin Juniper to see if he is able to do it.

Cllr Oakins reported that the cattle have now been removed from the marsh.

The PC discussed the possibility of starting to use Waterford Village Hall as a meeting venue as it is more open and accessible for members of the public to attend the meetings and the PC are not reliant of Cllr Kirby to open and lock up the school. Cllr Oakins will speak to the bookings lady to establish available dates.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2016, in **Waterford Village Hall, High Road, Waterford** at 7.30pm.