

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021 IN STAPLEFORD VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 PM**

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

Apologies: Cllr Alison Juniper, Cllr McMullen

In Attendance: V Paskell (clerk)

**1: Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021:** Signed as a true record.

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

**Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel:** Nothing further to report.

**Stapleford Village Hall Update:** Nothing further to report at the current time.

**Waterford Marsh Trees:** Cllr Oakins is waiting for the alternative tree arborists details from CMS to arrange an alternative quote.

**Breach in River / Waterford Marsh:** A resident of Waterford Common. Barbara Perry has raised serious concerns to the Parish Council and CMS over the potential fencing of the marsh to prevent the cattle going in the river. She has suggested that rather than fencing the marsh, the cattle should not be grazed on it, which would negate the need for fencing. The approximate cost of the fencing is £14,000 which will be funded by a grant given to CMS. The PC discussed the matter at length and agreed to discuss the matter further at the next PC meeting. There are grazing rights on the marsh that also need to be considered.

**Waterford Heath:** The Heath meeting has not been held due to staff changes.

**Internet Banking / change in mandate:** The mandate form has now been signed by all Cllrs and will be submitted to HSBC.

**Waterford Village Hall Application:** Nothing further to report at the current time.

**Bus Shelter, Waterford:** Cllr Oakins has asked the recreation committee to draw up some plans that can be submitted to Cllr Crofton.

**Bridge Damage, Vicarage Lane:** Herts Highways are currently reviewing the damage. Nothing further to report.

**Parish Council Website:** The website is being updated and cleaned.

**Speeding Traffic Stapleford:** This has now been passed to Cllr Crofton, who is liaising with Highways. A review of the current signage has been requested.

**Children Playing Sign Church Lane:** Highways have advised that they have passed this over to Cllr Crofton as its his responsibility. Clerk to follow up.

**Bridge Church Lane, Stapleford:** No further information on when the work will commence.

**Walk Leaflets:** Cllr Randall has received a quote of £220 for the reprint of the leaflets. All Cllrs in agreement that they should be reprinted.

### 3. Correspondence:

- Email from Barbara Perry
- Email from Cllr Crofton confirming that the villages didn't receiving funding for the defibrillator. Cllrs discussed where defibrillators could be sited in Stapleford and Waterford. Cllr George to get prices.
- RBRA newsletter
- Various journals

### 4: Finance and accounts

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

1. V PASKELL SALARY	£250.00
2. V Paskell – Expenses	£87.68
3. P Phillips – Website maint - annual	£500.00

### RECEIPTS - None

### BALANCES

Current Account - £15,489.99 as at 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Money master Account - £349.05 as at 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

### Planning:

New Applications:

- 30 Clusterbolts, Stapleford
- Waterford Common Cottage
- The Willows, Waterford
- 22 High Road, Waterford

Applications Granted:

- 43 High Road, Waterford
- The Threshing Barn, Waterford

Applications Refused:

- 9 Waterford Common

### Any other business:

Cllr Randall attended the Town and Parish Engagement Committee meeting, she reported back that grants were available for tree planting. Claire Pullen from EHDC advised that funds were available for sustainable projects.

Cllr George confirmed that she would compile an advert for the PC vacancies for the website.

Cllr George will investigate the costings for a new noticeboard for outside Stapleford Village Hall.

Cllr Oakins reported that the fence that runs along the railway line on Waterford Marsh is damaged due to the work they completed recently, clerk to report to Network Rail.

**Date of next meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in **Waterford Village Hall**, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm. (Subject to Covid Restrictions). All meetings are COVID secure with social distancing.