

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13th of July at Stapleford Village Hall at 7:30**

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

Apologies:, None

In Attendance: Danielle Houghton (parish clerk)

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2023: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Waterford Hamel S106: Clerk chased Ian Hollinrake again, clerk to include Joe Thomas in the discussion.

Waterford Marsh Trees: Robin Juniper has invoiced Stapleford Parish Council for his work on the trees, however he only accepts online banking. The council cannot yet transfer funds in such a way, so a cheque has been signed for him on this occasion.

Breach in River / Waterford Marsh: The fence has now been erected; Countryside management will be putting in drinking sites for the animals that will be put on the field to graze. The site still needs more work before animals can be safely on site and be offered for grazing. The Parish council is hopeful that Farmer Denis is still available.

Cllr Oakins is to contact someone regarding the grass in this area as it is 3ft long.

Padlocks are needed for the gates that need to be locked.

It was notes that the quality of the river has greatly improved.

The gate that has been put in under the railway line is incorrect as it isn't accessibility friendly. Councillors agree that the gate should be changed to the one Sarah Roberts originally planned.

Parish Council Website: Cllr Randall agreed to write a few words about the erection of the marsh fence, as well as other happenings in the area. Recent events include the Stapleford School raising £2k at the County Fair, an art show at Stapleford Village Hall, and the upcoming Waterford Fete.

Waterford Heath: Cllr Randall suggested that she should write to the newly elected Green Councillors to inform them of the situation and if they could assist.

Internet Banking / change in mandate: New mandate and change of address signed as HSBC hasn't been in contact.

Defibrillators for Stapleford & Waterford: Clerk emailed Cllr George regarding a grant for a defibrillator. The local schools are set to get one soon, and if funding is received the Parish council will need to decide regarding funding. Cllr George will get in contact with Francis.

Noticeboard Replacement: Clerk informed them of the cost of a replacement, Cllr George said she would measure the board and a replacement can be ordered.

ROSPA reports: Clerk has written a cheque to Cllr George to repay her for the nets. Clerk to investigate a contact for cutting the grass around the play fields. Cllr George is to ask Peter Sandell if he is able to cut the playground again in the meantime.

3: Correspondence:

- Angus Kirk been in contact asking about Summer Fetes in the village.
- Watermain replacement at Watermill Lane
- A602 June Newsleter
- Viv Jones emailed regarding access to the Marsh.

4: Finance and accounts

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

1. D Houghton Salary (June, July and August)	£750.00
2. Stapleford Village Hall hire	£22.50
3. D Houghton ¼ expenses	£94.57
4. Stamps	£18.00
5. Juniper Tree and Ground care Services (to pay on card when cheque clears)	£696.00
6. Domain Charge (paid on card)	£11.99

RECEIPTS**BALANCES**

Current Account - £15,961.84 as at 21.03.2022

Money master Account - £350.39 as at 21.03 .22

5: Planning:

New Applications:

- 11 High Road Waterford
- 3 Stapleford Place

Applications refused: 42A High Road Waterford

6: Any other business:

ClIr Randall: A group from CMS removed invasive plants along the river. ClIr Randall wishes to investigate access to the river next to the Waterford Village Hall and report back.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September 2023 at Waterford Hall at 7.30pm.