

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 10th March 2022 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, Cllr Alison Juniper

Apologies: None

In Attendance: V Paskell (clerk) Cllr M McMullen, 1 member of the public

1: Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022: Signed as a true record.

2: Matters arising from the minutes.

Bullsmill Lane / Waterford Hamel: The development is now complete. The PC would like to see some of the S106 used to improve the passing places on Bullsmill Lane. Clerk to write to Sarah Saunders at EHDC planning department.

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: Clerk has confirmed that the PC are in support of the scheme to stop the cattle entering the river. Greg Ault from CMS has confirmed that it is now in a consultation period. A planning application needs to be submitted and permission given from the Secretary of State. They are hoping the scheme will be in place by the summer.

Waterford Heath: HMWT have not outlined when the next Heath meeting will take place.

Internet Banking / change in mandate: A further signature was required; clerk will now submit to HSBC for processing.

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

Bus Shelter, Waterford: Cllr Oakins is still waiting for the proposed plans for the bus shelter that can be submitted to Cllr Crofton.

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

Speeding Traffic Stapleford: Nothing further to report at the current time.

Children Playing Sign Church Lane: Clerk has written to Cllr Crofton for an update. Clerk will follow up again.

Bridge Church Lane, Stapleford: Work is almost complete on the bridge and the road should reopen shortly. The work on the sewage pipe will need to be completed in the next phase. Cllr George is waiting to hear if the road will need to be closed again for the sewage work. Cllr George will keep the PC updated.

Defibrillators for Stapleford & Waterford: Cllr George reported that the cost of the defibrillators are between £1400 - £2200 plus £200 for installation. Ongoing costs are replacement batteries and pads. The location identified for Stapleford is outside the school, and the school have confirmed that they are happy to have one. The Waterford one will be placed outside the village hall.

Cllr George is looking into grants that may be available for funding and a scheme by the British Heart Foundation.

Clerk will contact Ken Crofton to see if he is able to support the villages with any funding.

Advert for Cllrs: Cllr George will submit and advert for the Parish News advertising the current vacancies on the PC.

Noticeboard Replacement: Cllr George will obtain some prices.

Damaged fencing Network Rail: Network Rail require further information on the exact location. Cllr Oakins will contact them.

3. Correspondence:

- Various journals
- Luton Rising publication.

4: Finance and accounts

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

1. V Paskell Salary	£250.00
2. Stapleford Village Hall hire	£22.50
3. V Paskell ¼ expenses	£82.58
4. Mynott & Son - Marsh	£360.00

RECEIPTS

None

BALANCES

Current Account - £13,121.01 as at 21st February 2022

Money master Account - £349.06 as at 21st February 2022

Planning:

New Applications:

- Land adjacent to 5 Bramfield Lane
- Waterford Common Cottage

Applications Granted:

- 22 High Road, Waterford
- 30 Clusterbolts, Stapleford
- Willow Cottage, 12 Waterford Common
- Land adjacent to 47 High Road, Waterford

Applications refused: None

Any other business:

Cllr Randall reported that there had been some Hare Coursing around the local area. The Rural Policing Team are investigating.

Cllr Randall reported that there had been some changes at the Industrial Units in Stapleford. PC to keep an eye on any developments.

Date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May 2022 in **Waterford Village Hall**, High Road, Waterford at 7.30pm.