

# Staple Parish Council.

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at 7.30 pm in Staple Village Hall

## **Councillors present:**

Cllr. Trevor Bartlett (Chair), Cllr. John Kirk, Cllr. Dave Kirk, Cllr. Sue Coulson, Cllr. Neil McCollum, Cllr. Glynis McCollum, Mr Jonathan Mount (Parish Clerk).

## **Members of the public present**

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**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. R. Loukes, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. S Chandler

**2. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting:**

3.1 To approve any amendments and authorise signature of the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The minutes were duly authorised. (Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. Neil McCollum.)

3.2 Matters arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not due to be discussed later in the meeting.

### **4. Public session:**

4.1 A member of the public asked about the possibility of re-considering a 20 mph limit through the village. There is a tremendous cost involved (roughly £9000). Cllr N. McCollum said it was on the HIP. Cllr. John Kirk mentioned the possibility of the Parish council asking the Country Fayre for help with the cost.

### **5. Councillors' and PCSO Reports:**

5.1 DDC (Cllr. M. Connolly). Already circulated to Councillors. Appended to the minutes.

5.2 KCC (Cllr. S. Chandler): No report circulated.

5.3 PCSO (Eva Winter): No report received. Jacqui Brook is taking over the role of PCSO in the near future.

5.4 The Chair mentioned that a local house had been broken into, and that a number of items were stolen. Police are aware; but members of the public should be wary.

### **6. Finance:**

6.1 Approval of bank reconciliation for March 2022

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. BACS	Clerk's Salary	£200.00
Cheque No. BACS	HMRC	£39.80
Cheque No. BACS	P. Heathfield	£195.00

These cheques were approved. (Proposed: Cllr. Sue Coulson, Seconded: Cllr. David Kirk)

### **7. Correspondence received:**

7.1 Email. Ref/ Euroforest. An email has been received concerning Euroforest and it has been circulated to Councillors. Councillors were up to date on the issue and had read the email with interest.

### **8 Planning and other Reports:**

Planning application no.:	Location	Summary	Status
22/00370	1, Bartlett Close CT3 1SR	Erection of an ancillary outbuilding	Parish Council positively supported the proposal. Proposed by Cllr. J Kirk, Seconded by Cllr. D. Kirk

22/00031	Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Staple CT3 1LB	Erection of a double garage with play/craft room above	Awaiting decision
22/00053	Land opposite The Row, Staple	Minor amendment to previous application	Granted
22/00247	Fancys Folly, Lower Road, Staple. CT3 1LH	Erection of 2 storey side extension to allow conversion into 2 dwellings etc.	Parish Council positively support the application. Proposed Cllr. J. Kirk Seconded Cllr. G. McCollum.

#### 8.2 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Report:

There have been a few weekend bookings. - Which is encouraging  
Youth Club has not resumed their booking of the hall.

It was decided to charge the Jubilee committee the usual daily rate for the hire of the hall, should they wish to use the village hall facilities

8.3 SID/Speedwatch: Cllr R. Loukes was absent but had sent in a report that has been circulated to Councillors.

#### 8.4 Footpaths

Cllr. Sue Coulson reported that overall they are in good condition and most have been re-instated. There is still one that is causing some concern; which has been reported to the relevant authority.

### 9 Items for discussion:

9.1 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk has written to the Canterbury Archaeological Trust inviting them to attend the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He has also sent 3 emails. The Clerk has since heard that they are unable to send anyone. Alternatives were discussed. The Chairman will contact someone at DDC to give a talk on what the council are doing with regard to the Ukraine situation. Possibility of the Wildlife Friendly Village Group giving a talk. Also, Pre-school to be contacted to ask if they could help. Clerk to produce wording for slips of paper to be distributed to parishioners. DDC will print.

#### 9.2 Current and future transport situation.

A member of the public gave a report concerning the local bus service. Concern about the lack of information from KCC concerning the bus service. Proposed that the Chairman should write a personal letter to Roger Gough of KCC concerning the present situation. It would appear that all public transport was being generally withdrawn, despite the fact that the population was increasing. The Chairman agreed to write the letter. Thanks to the member of public for persevering with the problem.

**10 Any other business:** Additional correspondence, as permitted by the chair.

Update on the brazier: Cllr. Loukes sent a letter to the clerk giving an update on the progress on the brazier.

**11 Any confidential items to be discussed:**

**12 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Annual Parish Meeting) to start at 7.00pm. Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**