

Staple Parish Council.

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022, at 7.30 pm in Staple Village Hall

Councillors present:

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

Members of the public present

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1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Glynis McCollum.

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 12th January 2022. The minutes were amended to reflect that Cllr. Roger Loukes, rather than a member of the public, had mentioned that off road bikes were using the path. The minutes were duly authorised. (Proposed: Cllr. David Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. John Kirk.)

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:

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

5. Councillors' and PCSO Reports:

- 5.1 DDC (Cllr. M. Connolly): a report was read out by Cllr. Trevor Bartlett (appended to the end of the minutes.)
- 5.2 KCC (Cllr. S. Chandler): No report received.
- 5.3 PCSO (Eva Winter): No report received. Cllr Roger Loukes reported that he had had a meeting with the PCSO; and that the following points has been discussed:
- Visibility of police cars: suggestion made that stickers could be put on to the unmarked cars. (This suggestion has been forwarded to the Police and Crime Commissioner).
 - Disappointed that attendance of other members of the public at the meeting was rather poor.
 - Discussion about the lack of report to the Parish Council meetings. The PCSO replied that there were no crimes to report.

6. Finance:

- 6.1 Approval of bank reconciliation for January 2022: The bank reconciliation was approved. (Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. Roger Loukes.)

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200400	Clerk's Salary	£200.00
Cheque No. 200401	HMRC	£39.80
Cheque No. 200398	Trevor Laker	£316.13

These cheques were approved. (Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. Roger Loukes.)

- 6.3 Also approved: Payment of bill for Parish Council website annual payment £249.30 (paid by BACS)

7. Correspondence received:

7.1 Consideration of KCC sending the Clerk a road closure application form; should it be decided to hold a street party. Decisions regarding street parties and other celebration measures will be taken by the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee; who in turn will update the PC as to their progress. Cllr Dave Kirk mentioned the requirement for street parties to not unnecessarily impede traffic flow on busy thoroughfares. Cllr Sue Coulson suggested that the topic be included in the next issue of The Escallop. Councillors agreed that a street party would be preferable. Cllr Sue Coulson said that she would attend the next meeting of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration Committee.

7.2 Concern raised by a resident regarding a planning application that had been omitted from the initial, published agenda for the February meeting. To be discussed under planning applications.

8 Planning and other Reports:

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Status
19/00538/F	Site at The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN	Details of sample panel	Granted
19/00538/A	Site at The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN	Materials	Granted
19/00538/E	Site at The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN	Cycle/bin storage	Granted
21/01714	The Rookery, Durlock Road	Erection of detached dwelling, existing dwelling to be demolished	Awaiting decision
20/00053	Land opposite The Row, Barnsole Road, Staple	3 additional windows to ground floor and internal alterations	Granted
19/00538/G	Site at The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN	Detail scheme for disposal of foul water and sewerage	Under Consultation
22/00031	Mill Cottage, Mill Road, Staple CT3 1LB	Erection of a double garage with play/craft room above	Awaiting decision
19/00538/D	Site at The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple CT3 1LN	Submission of large-scale drawings	Granted

Mill Cottage, Mill Road: A member of the public was concerned about the accuracy of the submission. The Clerk will write to the planning officer stating that the PC generally support the plan, but are worried about the inaccuracy on the planning application form.

8.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Report:

Cllr John Kirk reported that the level of bookings remained very low; and that old tyres obtained by Pre-School, but surplus to their requirements were proving to be a problem. It was suggested that should repeated requests to Pre-School to dispose of these tyres be unsuccessful; then consideration should be given to their removal to Sandwich tip; and the disposal charge being reclaimed from Pre-School.

As yet no decision has been made by Youth Club to re-open at the Village Hall.

8.4 SID/Speedwatch:

Cllr Roger Loukes gave a report that is appended at the end of the minutes. He was thanked for the success of the installation of the new SID. He reported that there are some problems caused by reflection from a nearby telegraph pole.

8.5: Footpaths:

Cllr Sue Coulson reported that she had spoken to an officer at KCC concerning the planting of fruit trees that are blocking a footpath. The farmer concerned has been written to and has been asked by KCC to rectify the situation within 21 days. Cllr Roger Loukes spoke about various footpaths that no longer existed (he presented a map). Cllr. Sue Coulson said that she would investigate other footpaths and report back.

9 Items for discussion:

9.1 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting.

The pandemic has delayed the timing of recent Annual Parish Meetings. It was decided to hold the next meeting in May. The Clerk will write to Canterbury Archaeological Trust, requesting that they arrange a presentation.

9.2 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee rejected the first two locations proposed by The Wildlife Friendly Village Committee; but agreed to a third location; for the planting of tree to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Brazier: It was agreed that the brazier recommended by Cllr Roger Loukes be purchased (Proposer: Cllr Roger Loukes, seconded Cllr John Kirk).

It was further agreed that this should be positioned on the grass, adjacent to the Memorial Garden.

Cllr John Kirk will investigate the purchase of a suitable oak fixing post.

9.3 Report and follow up to meeting with our PCSO (Cllr. Roger Loukes)

Already dealt with under agenda item 5.3.

9.4 Report on meeting with DDC on gypsy and traveller policy (Cllr. Roger Loukes.)

Cllr Roger Loukes gave a short report and said that there was not much of any great significance to be discussed. The site on the boundary of the parish was discussed in general; and the arrangements for its sewage disposal in particular. It was agreed that as this site wasn't in our parish; there was not much which could be done about it.

10 Any other business:

Additional correspondence, as permitted by the chair.

11 Any confidential items to be discussed:

12 Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 9th March 2022.