

Staple Parish Council.

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021, at 7.30 pm
in Staple Village Hall

Councillors present:

Cllr T Bartlett (Chair), Cllr S Coulson, Cllr D Kirk, Cllr J Kirk, Cllr R Loukes, Cllr G McCollum, Cllr N McCollum

1. Apologies for absence:

Parish Clerk: J Mount
Cllr M Conolly
Cllr S Chandler

2. Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

3.1 Approval of previous minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
Proposed: Cllr D Kirk
Seconded: Cllr G McCollum

3.2 Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

4. Public session:

There were no members of the public present.

5. Reports:

5.1 District Councillor:

A printed version of Cllr M Conolly's report was made available to the meeting's attendees.

5.2 Cllr S Chandler (KCC):

No report presented/report to follow.

5.3 PCSO (Eva Winter):

No report presented.

6. Finance:

6.1 Approval of bank reconciliation for September 2021:

The bank reconciliation was approved.

Proposed: Cllr S Coulson.

Seconded: Cllr R Loukes.

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200388 Clerk's Salary £200
This cheque was approved.

Proposed: Cllr N McCollum.

Seconded Cllr D Kirk

6.3: Other financial items:

There were none.

7. Correspondence received:

7.1: Cllr J Kirk received a request from Caroline Mason to forward a climate change report to all Staple Parish Councillors. Councillors confirmed that they had received the report.

7.2: Cllr Bartlett informed the meeting that he'd been approached by a resident regarding a recent accident at the end of Buckland Lane.

Cllr N McCollum reminded the meeting that improved signage/amended signage arrangements were already part of the Village Improvement Plan.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to KCC, requesting that the damaged sign be repaired and that the erection of metal barriers should be considered.

8. Reports:

8.1 Planning applications determined: None.

8.2 Planning applications submitted: None.

8.3 Village Hall and recreation ground:

Cllr J Kirk reported that the number of bookings was still very low, and that the Hall was hired on Sunday 10th October for a very successful Children's Society fundraising event.

The gas boiler has been serviced and the cooker has been safety checked.

The Hall has just received a new Gas Safety Certificate.

Ongoing, day-to-day maintenance issues have included the replacement of a starter and florescent tube in the front door lights, and the replacement of several taps in the washrooms.

Councillors expressed their disappointment with Youth Club not having yet re-opened.

8.4 SID/Speedwatch:

Cllr R Loukes reported on Speedwatch and SIDs, and provided the following information:

Community Speedwatch & SID Report - October 2021

Speedwatch:

During September we held 3 sessions and booked 6 vehicles at or exceeding 35 mph.

The fastest vehicle was travelling at 46 mph which is 53% above the limit.

Five of these vehicles were correct according to the Police and DVLA records,; and one was not.

This was a local Smart vehicle which was black with white, but listed as white by DVLA.

The owner will probably be aware of speeding!

The result of these speeds were 3 letters sent by the Police: Two FO2s (2nd instance of vehicle observed exceeding speed limit), and one FO1 (1st time excessive 50% speeder).

We have held 96 sessions since starting and have booked 359 speeders.

We have booked sessions up to the end of November. We will always welcome new members so that our operators do not have to do too many sessions in a month.

SID report :

To date I have heard nothing more from KCC regarding the proposed re-siting of a SID pole opposite Barnsole Farm.

The Street - East

85th Percentile Speed = 34.4 MPH last month 33.9 MPH

85th Percentile Vehicles = 13,834 last month 29,019 counts
Max Speed = 75.0 MPH on 09/09/2021 14:50 last month 60.0 MPH
Total Vehicles = 16,275 last month 34,140 counts
Average Speed = 27.7MPH last month 25.9 MPH

Lower Road - East

85th Percentile Speed = 33.9 last month direction west 34.6 MPH
85th Percentile Vehicles = 21,219 last month direction west 11,863 counts
Max Speed = 60.0 MPH on 11/09/2021 04:20 last month direction west 70.0 MPH
Total Vehicles = 24,963 last month direction west 13,957 counts
Average Speed = 26.2 MPH last month direction west 28.1 MPH

TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT:

The Street - East

85th Percentile Speed = 34.4 MPH
85th Percentile Vehicles = 13,834 counts
Max Speed = 75.0 MPH
Total Vehicles = 16,275 counts

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

	Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily		583	535
AM peak	08:00 to 09:00	37	31
PM peak	05:00 to 06:00	69	57

Speed:

85th Percentile Speed: 34.4 MPH
50th Percentile Speed: 28.5 MPH

Lower Road - East

85th Percentile Speed = 33.9 MPH
85th Percentile Vehicles = 21,219 counts
Max Speed = 60.0 MPH
Total Vehicles = 24,963 counts

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

	Time	5 Day	7 Day
Average Daily		934	932
AM peak	00:00 to 01:00	N/A	N/A
PM peak	05:00 to 06:00	78	76

Speed:

85th Percentile Speed: 33.9 MPH
50th Percentile Speed: 27.7 MPH

Clr Loukes was thanked for his continuing hard work in organising Speedwatch / dealing with SID issues.

It was agreed that the Clerk should complain to Toby Butler (KCC) that the Parish Council had not received a reply from him concerning the proposed installation of a Speed Indication Device (SID) near Piglet Place.

8.5: Footpaths:

Cllr S Coulson said that she'd been dealing with the obscuring of footpaths adjacent to Grove Road/behind the Church, and had been in touch with the local farmer, who has confirmed that the matter is 'in hand'.

The small footpath behind the memorial garden has kindly been cleared by Mervyn Laker.

9. Items for discussion:

Cllr Bartlett reported that he'd been informed by English Rural Heritage that there'd been a very healthy level of enquiries regarding the new social housing development. (Particular for the one-bedroom units).

10. Any other business:

Additional correspondence, as permitted by the chair.

10.1 Cllr Coulson commented that with the removal of the steel poles which obscured the village road signs, they now looked much-improved. Cllr J Kirk was thanked for having arranged this.

10.2 Cllr D Kirk informed the meeting that he had inspected all of the village's signs and that he intended to clean them.

10.3 Cllr Loukes reported that, on behalf of the Parish Council, he'd attended a meeting about travellers. The conclusion of that meeting was that DDC were not doing enough to deal with traveller-related problems.

10.4 Cllr Loukes raised the subject of defibrillator training; and agreed to investigate the available options.

11. Any confidential items to be discussed:

None.

12. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 10th November.