

# Staple Parish Council.

Minutes of the Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at 7.30 pm  
in Staple Village Hall

## **Councillors present:**

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

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Cllr. Roger Loukes, Cllr. Mike Connolly, Cllr. S Chandler, Cllr. David Kirk

### **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 December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The minutes were duly authorised. (Proposed: Cllr. Glynis McCollum, Seconded: Cllr. John Kirk)

3.2 Matters arising:

Hedge to be cut.

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

A member of the public remarked that she was unable to access the agendas of meetings until after the meeting. Cllr. John Kirk said that both agendas and minutes are always published on the Parish Council's web site in advance of the meeting; but the December minutes/January agenda had been omitted. It was decided that the Parish Clerk would provide four printed copies of the agendas for future meetings.

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

5.1 Cllr. M. Connolly (DDC): No report submitted for this month.

5.2 Cllr. S. Chandler (KCC): No report submitted for this month. Future reports will be published in The Escallop, as in the past.

5.3 PCSO Eva Winter: No report received. This apparently happens in all villages at the moment. The PCSO remarked to the Chairman that there was nothing to report.

### **6. Finance:**

6.1 Approval of bank reconciliation for December 2021: The bank reconciliation was approved. (Proposed: Cllr. Sue Coulson, Seconded: Cllr. John Kirk)

6.2 Cheques to be approved:

Cheque No. 200400	Scribe accounting system	£273.60
Cheque No. 200399	Parish Clerk salary	£200.00
Cheque No. 200398	HMRC	£39.80

These cheques were approved. (Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. Neil McCollum)

6.3 Precept Demand: The Parish Clerk raised the question of whether the Parish Council would like to increase its Precept Demand from last year's ( £7887.89), or leave it at the same amount as for the last few years?

It was decided to leave it at the same level as last year.

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

No correspondence has been received

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

### **8.1 Planning applications determined:**

No Planning applications were determined

### **8.2 Planning applications submitted:**

CON/19/00538E [The Three Tuns, The Street, Staple](#). Cycle/bin storage. Councillors supported the application.

21/01852 [Barnsole Barn, Fleming Road, Staple](#). Erection of single storey, two-storey extensions, double garage and formation of a new vehicular access (existing trees and hedges to be removed). Councillors Supported the application but raised concerns about the speed of vehicles on Fleming road and possible danger owing to vehicular access.

21/01880 [West view, Barnsole Road, Staple](#). Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a two-storey rear addition and an orangery to the South elevation (existing ground floor extensions, first floor flat roof addition above and conservatory to be removed). Councillors supported the application.

### **8.3 Village Hall and Recreation Ground Report:**

Cllr. John Kirk said that there was nothing more to report at the moment. No new regular bookings, which was disappointing.

### **8.4 SID/Speedwatch:**

A report submitted by Cllr. Roger Loukes had been circulated to Councillors..

### **8.5: Footpaths:**

The local farmer referred to in last month's footpath discussions has made an effort to reinstate some of the footpaths. There are still one or two that have not been reinstated. In particular there is one that has been planted with fruit trees; and there is no longer a footpath visible. A member of the public reported that some people were using it as a bridle path; and that others have been riding quad bikes along it.

## **9 Items for discussion:**

9.1 Planning for the Platinum Jubilee: There have been meetings of a Platinum Jubilee committee; the most recent of which was attended by eight committee members. Topics discussed for the Jubilee weekend included a flower festival in the church; a service in the church, a hog roast at The Black Pig, a parade, a cake/pudding competition and a garden party (with live music) at the recreation ground. The Platinum Jubilee Committee also discussed giving all the children a commemorative mug.

The Parish Council discussed the provision of a grant for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed in principle that a grant would be made; and that the Clerk would be advised of the expenses in time for the next meeting. (When the item will be further discussed.)

DDC will be making a fund available for villages that wish to carry out Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

## **10 Any other business:**

Additional correspondence, as permitted by the chair.

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

## **12 Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022.