

# Staple Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Staple Village Hall, Staple on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00 pm

### Present:

Cllr Trevor Bartlett  
Cllr John Kirk  
Cllr Roger Loukes

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Dave Kirk.
2. **Election of Officers:**
  - 2.1 **Chairman:** Cllr Bartlett was elected as Chairman.
  - 2.2 **Vice Chairman:** Cllr J. Kirk was elected as Vice-Chairman.
3. **To agree and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023:**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.
4. **To declare any pecuniary interests and other significant interests to items relating to items on the agenda.**

Cllr Bartlett declared an interest in planning application Ref. No: 23/00041
5. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

Cllr J. Kirk asked if the PCC had yet heard back from the Church authorities about their request for a faculty for the proposed new kitchen at the Church.  
Cllr. Bartlett informed the meeting that the PCC had heard nothing back relating to the kitchen or to the proposed flag pole.
6. **Public participation – adjournment of the meeting:**

There were 7 members of the public present; including two architects, who provided information relating to / answered questions relating to planning application Ref. No. 23/00222.
7. **District Councillors' and PCSO Reports:**
  - DDC – no report circulated.
  - KCC – no report circulated.
  - PCSO – no report circulated.
8. **Financial report and items for payment and receipts:**

In the absence of a Clerk; there was no financial report.
9. **Correspondence Received:**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

## **10. Planning and other reports:**

### ***The Council supported the following planning applications:***

Ref. No. 22/01676/A Staple Farm House Durlock Road Staple Kent CT3 1JX.

Ref. No. 23/00431 The Old Rectory The Street Staple CT3 1LN.

Ref. No: 23/00041 The Rookery Durlock Road Staple Canterbury CT3 1JU

Ref. No: 23/00222 Warren House Buckland Lane Staple CT3 1JY

Ref. No: CON/20/00053/EE Land Opposite The Row Barnsole Road Staple Kent.

Ref. No. CON/19/01055/B Barn at Staple Farm, Durlock Road Staple.

### ***The Council opposed the following planning applications:***

Ref. No. 23/00086 Crofters Lodge Durlock Road Staple CT3 1JX

Ref. No: 21/00743 Land To The South Of Summerfield House Barnsole Road Staple CT3 1LD

## **11. Village Hall Report.**

Cllr. J. Kirk informed the meeting that:

- Village Hall bookings were going well.
- The Hall's external mains supply was to be up-rated.

## **12. Items for discussion:**

- Church Yard Grass Cutting: The gardeners who'd mown the old churchyard and part of the new churchyard will be asked to finish off the new churchyard and to tidy up the graves.
- There was a discussion about whether a working group should be formed to consider taking on the task of the churchyard mowing, previously carried out by Malcolm Barden and Mervyn Laker; until a permanent arrangement is put in place.

**13. Arrangements for new Parish Clerk:** It was agreed that the post would be re-advertised with KALC.

## **14. Any other business to be discussed:**

- Cllr. Loukes agreed to be the Parish Council's Footpath Officer.
- A cheque for £160 was authorised for churchyard mowing.

**15. Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023.