

MINUTES OF STAPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at Staple Village Hall

These minutes are considered as a draft until agreed by the Parish Council as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting held.

Councillors present:

Cllr. John Kirk, Cllr. Dave Kirk, Cllr. R. Loukes, Cllr. Sue Coulson, Cllr G. McCollum and the Parish Clerk, Mr Jonathan Mount.

Members of the public present

There were 3 members of the public present

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr N. McCollum, Cllr. S. Coulson, Cllr. Sue Chandler
2. **Declarations of interest:** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2022 were received, approved, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.**

Proposed Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded Cllr. Roger Loukes

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Public Participation – adjournment of the meeting

A member of the public asked 3 questions concerning the Local Plan, one concerning numbers, another concerning submissions, and another concerning policies. Cllr. T. Bartlett said he would find out the answers to all questions.

A member of the public asked about Betteshanger and the development that was taking place there. It is not part of this Parish, and it is not normal for another Parish Council to comment on things that are happening in other parishes. Another question was asked concerning the joining up of Adisham and Aylsham. Cllr. Bartlett replied that he was very disappointed with what was happening. There were various other comments concerning future planning in the area.

Cllr. Loukes asked a question on behalf of a member of the public who had asked about the cost of transport and the possibility of car-sharing. The topic was discussed; the Clerk pointed out that there would be insurance implications. The topic is to be discussed at a later date and advertised, to see if any parishioners would be interested.

6. Highways

Cllr. Loukes mentioned the road past Summerfield Nurseries and the damage that could be done by large vehicles entering and leaving the site. Cllr Bartlett said he would raise it with DDC.

7. District Councillor's and PCSO Report

Reports have been sent and have been circulated.

8. Financial report and items for payment and receipts

- To receive the bank reconciliation up to the end of October 2022. This was received and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
BACS	J. Mount	Clerk's salary	200.00
BACS	J. Mount	Expenses	£99.79

RESOLVED: This payment was approved. (Proposed: Cllr. John Kirk, Seconded: Cllr. G. McCollum)

9. Correspondence received:

10. Planning and Other Reports:

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Status
21/00247	Wagoners, Lower Road	Creation of new vehicular access	Refused
22/00247	Fancy's Folly, Lower Road	Erection of a 2-storey dwelling	Granted
22/01298	Summerfield Nurseries	Variation of condition 14 (approved materials) design and changes)	Awaiting decision
APP/X2220/W/21	Barnsole Cottage	Appealed decision	Refused

- **Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Not much to report. No maintenance issues. No Youth Club at the moment. The Clerk read out a report from Cllr S. Coulson concerning the use of the recreation ground by a football team, it was going well. The team are looking for local support.

- **SID/Speedwatch (Report circulated)**

The report has been circulated. The SID pole near the bus stop has still not been replaced. KCC have been contacted but no reply received as yet.

- **Footpaths**

Footpaths are overgrown owing to the warm, wet weather, the council will not be cutting them in the near future.

10. Items for discussion:

- Trevor Laker Servicing quote: Cllr D. Kirk commented that the quote was very expensive and asked if it would be possible to get a breakdown of the service cost or their hourly rate. It was decided to obtain another quote. Cllr D. Kirk said he would research the problem and get alternative quotes.

11. Any other business:

- Cllr. J. Kirk asked if the Clerk had received a reply from the PCC concerning the flagpole at the Church. Cllr. Loukes said that the PCC would require a faculty from the authorities. It was mentioned at a recent PCC meeting that the flagpole on the church tower could be used, but it was pointed out that there could be health and safety implications. Cllr J. Kirk said that at the last meeting it was decided to contact the PCC and ask about a flagpole on the ground in the churchyard. It would be good if this could be in place in time for the coronation.

12. Any confidential items to be discussed:

There were none.

13. Date of next meeting: 14th October at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed:

Date: