

# Staple Parish Council.

Minutes of Staple Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at 7.30 pm in Staple Village Hall

## Councillors present:

Cllr. John Kirk (acting Chairman), Cllr. Dave Kirk, Cllr. R. Loukes, Mr Jonathan Mount (Parish Clerk), Cllr. Sue Coulson, Cllr. G. McCollum.

## Members of the public present

There were 2 members of the public present.

Prior to the start of the meeting, those present held a minute's silence to reflect on the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Trevor Bartlett (holiday), Cllr. N. McCollum, PCSO Jacqui Brook
- 2. Declarations of interest:** There were none.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were received, approved, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.**  
Proposed Cllr. R. Loukes, Seconded Cllr. D Kirk

## **Matters arising**

- 4.** The Clerk was asked if he'd contacted Wingham Fire Brigade with ref. to cutting back the overgrowth of the hedge near the fire hydrant, located near The Black Pig. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted them, but had not received a reply. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a reminder letter.

- 5. Public Participation – adjournment of the meeting**

A member of the public mentioned the problem of loose dogs running along the footpaths and bridleways.

It was noted that there was an accompanying problem of dog mess / discarded poo bags.

A member of the public outlined ideas which had been used in Goodnestone to address these problems.

It was agreed that an article be placed in The Escalop, requesting dog owners to keep their dogs under control.

There was some discussion regarding the fact that there's now been official notification of the upgrading of the Goodnestone to Staple footpath, to a bridleway; and that although objections have been previously raised; objections need to be lodged again.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk will write to the Council again, objecting to the Modification Order.

- 6. District Councillor's and PCSO Report**

DDC (Cllr. M. Connolly) (not circulated nor received).

KCC (Cllr. S. Chandler): (not circulated nor received).

PCSO (PCSO Jacqui Brook) (report circulated).

- 7. Financial report and items for payment and receipts**

- To receive the bank reconciliation up to the end of July and August 2022. This was received and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.
- Update on arrangements for PAYE. The clerk will query the amount being paid per month. The Clerk is also running the PAYE himself now, in order to save the Parish Council money.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
BACS	J. Mount	Clerk's salary	200.00
BACS	HMRC	July and August	79.60

RESOLVED: These cheques were approved. (Proposed: Cllr. G. McCollum, Seconded: Cllr.R. Loukes)

### 8. Correspondence received:

- Correspondence has been received from the A257 Traffic Group notifying us that R. Loukes could attend the meetings if no one else from the Parish Council is able to attend.
- Cllr. T. Bartlett is unable to attend the next Staple Parish council meeting.

### 9. Planning and Other Reports:

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Status
CON/20/00967	Land opposite The Row, Barnsole Road, Staple	Materials	Awaiting decision
22/00967	Little Shatterling Farm, Roman Road, Shatterling	Erection of 2 no. semi-detached dwellings and formation of parking	Awaiting decision
22/00889	Wagoners, Lower Road, Staple	Creation of a new vehicular access, hard standing and erection of a dwarf wall (part retrospective)	Awaiting decision

R. Loukes spoke about the architectural finds at Summerfield Nurseries

- Village Hall and Recreation Ground

No issues at the moment. The Village Hall Committee are considering the removal of the shrubs and bushes from around the Village Hall. Cllr. Dave Kirk will contact Vic Harmer to obtain a quotation for this work.

A local, adult Football Club has requested use of the Recreation Ground for home games. This will entail hiring the Hall, in order to use the Committee Room and the toilets.

- SID/Speedwatch (Report circulated)

There was a serious accident at the junction of Lower Road with Fleming Road.

- Footpaths

Nothing to report at the meeting, apart from the ongoing problem of discarded dog poo bags.

### 10. Items for discussion:

- To discuss and agree actions relating to Operation London Bridge – Her Majesty the Queen – and to plan and budget for the resulting Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. It was agreed that because there is quite some time until the Coronation; this item will be discussed at a future meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should buy a flagpole, and that it should be located adjacent to the Church's war memorial.

Cllr. Roger Loukes agreed to deal with this matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

- Cllr S. Coulson informed the meeting that Staple Pre-School's staff shortage meant that they weren't able to open Pre-School at the moment.

It was also reported that repeated use of agency staff had depleted Pre-School's funds.

It was agreed that a mention of Pre-School's plight be put on Staple's Facebook pages.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would support the Pre-School group in whatever way was appropriate.

**11. Any other business:**

In response to a Councillor's query, The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been no feedback/news regarding the HIP and the road-mounted speed recording devices.

**12. Any confidential items to be discussed:**

There were none.

**13. Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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