

Staple Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Held at Staple Village Hall, Staple on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Cllr Trevor Bartlett
Cllr Dave Kirk
Cllr Glynis McCollum
Cllr Neil McCollum
Cllr Sue Coulson
Cllr Roger Loukes

Clerk: Jonathan Mount

01 Apologies for absence

Late arrival of Neil McCollum
Cllr. Sue Chandler (unwell)

02 To declare any pecuniary interests and other significant interests (OSI) relating to items on the agenda.

There were none

03 To agree and sign the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11th February 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

04 Matters arising from the previous minutes

Cllr Bartlett reported that he had contacted Ed Clerk (ecology); but unfortunately, he is unable to attend the annual parish meeting. Entry for the KALC award has been submitted.

05 Public participation – adjournment of the meeting

There were no members of the public present

06 Highways

There is a stretch of Lower Road that has several potholes etc. (The problem is particularly bad in the area outside Moorlands.) It was mentioned that the more people that report the potholes, the more the likelihood there is of a speedy response from Highways.
The HIP was discussed at a meeting last week: Nothing else to report about the Staple HIP at the moment.

07 Reports

DDC (Cllr M. Connolly, not received nor circulated): Cllr Bartlett gave a brief summary of the report that he had agreed with Cllr Connolly.
KCC (Cllr S. Chandler, no report received nor circulated. It will be circulated very soon).
PCSO (PCSO Jacqui Brook, no report received nor circulated).

08 Financial Report

The Clerk's salary was ratified. Proposed by Cllr John Kirk, seconded by Cllr Sue Coulson.
The Bank reconciliation was signed by the Chairman.

09 Correspondence

The Clerk received an email from a parishioner with ref. to the planning application at Crofters Lodge, asking whether or not the PC had objected. The Clerk replied that he had submitted the Parish council's objection as requested at the previous Council meeting. The Clerk said he would check with the planning authorities that it had been received.

10 Planning

To note applications decided and pending since the last meeting held on 11th January 2023

Decided

22/01675	Staple Farmhouse, Durlock Road, Staple	Erection of front garden wall, railings and gates to facilitate parking and electric charging point	Granted
22/01708	Fagus, The Street, Staple	Erection of 14 metre high antenna	Granted

Pending

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Status
23/00086	Crofters Lodge Durlock Road Staple CT3 1JX	Outline application for the erection of 6 self and custom build houses with associated access, car parking, amenity space and landscaping (all matters reserved)	Awaiting decision
22/00370/A	1 Bartlett Close Staple CT3 1SR	Non-material minor amendment to approved application 22/00370 (Erection of an ancillary outbuilding) to allow changes to external cladding to horizontal fire-rated fibre cement board cladding from vertical cladding and minor changes to openings	Awaiting decision
22/0053/EE	Land Opposite The Row Barnsole Road Staple Kent	Materials	Awaiting decision
22/01298/A	Summerfield Nurseries, Garden Centre And Plant Nursery Barnsole Road Staple Kent CT3 1LD	CEMP	Awaiting decision
22/01700	The Frog and Orange Roman Road Shatterling CT3 1JR	Change of use and conversion of the former public house into a single residential dwelling, Demolition of existing garage and extension and conversion of The Old barn into a separate unit/dwelling; with associated extensions	Awaiting decision
22/01676	Staple Farm House Durlock Road Staple CT3 1JX	Works to main dwelling to incl. repair & repointing brickwork; installation of 2no. conservation rooflights; removal of ceiling to 2nd floor; replacement of dormer windows; enlargement of existing opening to ground floor. Works to granary to incl. installation of 4no. rooflights, insertion of glazed doors to the front & rear; erection of internal partitions; part removal of 1st floor structure; insertion of staircase.	Awaiting decision

Other planning matters

There were none

11 Other reports

Village Hall and Recreation ground

Bookings are going reasonably well. Regular fire inspection took place and all certified as OK. Several emergency exit lights need replacing. Cllr D Kirk has inspected the units and will report back to the Parish Council. No further news on regular club bookings.

SID/Speed Watch

Report has been circulated.

One of the SIDs is no longer working. A repair will cost around £900. There is an old one that could be used, but parts might need to be swapped between the 2 units. The SIDs are about 6 or 7 years old. Possibility of the Parish Council requesting/receiving a Country Fayre donation to buy new ones. Clerk to contact KALC to ask if it is in order to accept donations to buy a new SID.

Footpaths

Nothing much to report. No contact yet with Mr Laslett. Cllr Coulson has been in touch with Mrs Waller ref. the footpaths crossing Mr Hulme's land. She will continue to monitor the situation.

Cllr Loukes mentioned a broken stile near Barnsole House.

12 Items for discussion

Cllr Loukes mentioned that some Parish Councils pay out of pocket expenses to guest speakers at Annual Parish Meetings. He informed the meeting that Peter Cichy, from the Archaeological Society will speak at the Annual Assembly. Discussion followed about the possibility of obtaining a projector screen. Drinks and nibbles will be available. Cllr Coulson will purchase the wine and obtain glasses. Cllr Loukes will produce an A5 leaflet to be distributed.

Cllr. N McCollum entered the meeting.

Arrangements for the new Clerk.

The Clerk agreed to stay on for an extra month.

13 Any other business to be discussed

Cllr Loukes mentioned the coronation of King Charles; and asked whether anything has been arranged by anyone. It was agreed that Rex Cadman would be asked if he has planned a coronation celebration event. Councillors decided that lighting the beacon on Saturday 6th May would be a good idea. Possibility of refreshments in the village hall prior to the lighting. Cllr Coulson will approach David Burr ridge ref. the choir giving a short performance.

Cllr J Kirk asked for an update relating to the erection of a flagpole in the Churchyard. Confirmation that the PCC had finally applied for the necessary faculty had been received several months previously; and at that time it was stated that a response could be as late as February. Cllr Bartlett informed the meeting that the church authorities still haven't responded to the faculty request.

14 Any confidential items to be discussed

None

15 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th April 2023 in Staple Village Hall