

MINUTES OF THE STAPLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 6.45pm** in Staple Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs Bartlett (Chairman), J Kirk(Vice-Chairman) Loukes, Davis-Marks, Martin and Ewart.

IN ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public in attendance. Hannah Biggs-Halles was present as clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for arriving early.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sue Chandler (KCC) and accepted by the Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Georgina Martin declared an interest in item 5 – Planning Application No. 24/00188.

Cllr Trevor Bartlett declared an interest in item 5 – Planning Application No. 24/00164

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (paper copy available to view) –

3.1. To approve any amendments and sign minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed unanimously by the Council and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. FINANCE

4.1. Financial Statements for March 2024 to include income, expenditure and bank reconciliation as at 31st March 2024.

4.2. Bills to be approved (to include those received after the agenda was printed)

4.2.1.Clerk's expenses(£243.73) and overtime(£27) – details circulated in advance of meeting

4.3. Bills to be noted

4.3.1.Clerk's salary

Cllr Loukes proposed and Cllr Ewart seconded that the Council approve all above payments.

5. PLANNING – APPENDIX A

6. TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE arrangements for D-Day 80 celebrations on 6th June 2024

Cllr Bartlett proposed that the Council arrange an event for the lighting of the beacon at 9:15pm. Cllr Bartlett has also asked Rev M. Morris if he would make a short reading at the event, which he is very happy to do. The Council discussed potentially serving food and refreshments and Cllr Ewart suggested that the PCWSS Funds might be an option. The Clerk will check if this is allowed.

The Council also considered whether it would be nice to provide some entertainment, possibly having the national anthem sung or Lone Post played. The Council agreed this would be suitable.

ACTION: Clerk to check the terms of the PCWSS Grant.

ACTION: Clerk to advertise event in the Escallop.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 8th May 2024

- The deadline for Agenda items to be included is the end of the day on the 30th of April 2024.

Appendix A - Planning

REF. #	ADDRESS	PLANNING FOR	COMMENT S	DATE FOR SUBMISSIO N	STATUS
24/00280	Land South East Of Mill Cottage Mill Road Staple CT3 1LB	<u>Change of use of land to Gypsy/Travellers site for the siting of 2 caravans for residential use, new vehicular access, erection of dayroom and associated landscaping (part retrospective)</u>	The Clerk informed the Council that DDC have relaunched a consultation due to the notice being removed multiple times. The council agreed unanimously to submit the comments pre-prepared by Cllrs Martin and Davis-Marks, in opposition to the application. Request received for further comment due to change in application.	Consultation now open until the 1 st of May.	AWAITING DECISION
24/00188	Barnsole House Barnsole Road Staple CT3 1LE	<u>Erection of a detached dwelling for staff accommodation and creation of parking</u>	The Council had no further concerns or comments.	Extension requested to 12/4/2024	AWAITING DECISION
24/00284	The Old Rectory The Street Staple Kent CT3 1LN	<u>Erection of detached garage</u>	The Council had no comments on this application. Cllr Bartlett left the room for this discussion.	Extension granted to 12/4/2024	AWAITING DECISION
24/00164	Lombardy Cottage The Street Staple CT3 1LL	<u>Erection of a single storey side extension (existing side extension/conservatory to be demolished)</u>	The Council had no concerns regarding the application and were unanimously in support.	Extension granted to 12/4/2024	AWAITING DECISION