

# STAPENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Stapenhill Parish Council held at the Immanuel Church, Stapenhill on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7:00 pm

### Present

Councillors: S Paxton, J Hulland, R Stokes, S Godfrey, P Hancox, S Prestidge,  
and A Legg

### Also Present:

County Councillor P Davies  
W.Read E.S.B.C.  
A Taylor, Burton Albion  
Mr Eggington  
Two Officers, Staffordshire Police  
K Bowler, Burton Mail  
R Young, Clerk to the Council

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### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R  
Davies.

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### Members to Declare an Interest in Matters to be Considered

No declarations were made.

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### Public Participation

i) Mr Eggington

Mr Eggington asked why had the precept been increased this year and also requested confirmation as to how much of the precept is donated to charities.

S Paxton replied that the Parish Council had paid election costs of £5K and planned to develop a neighbourhood plan and website, hence the increase in the precept.

S Paxton also confirmed that with regard to donations the Parish Council had a budget of £2K which was not designated to charities.

ii) Staffordshire Police

Sgt Bob Champeau gave an update concerning policing in the parish mentioning the following:

- Trying to recruit another PCSO
- Neighbourhood officer on each shift
- More interaction with secondary schools
- Operation "Cats Eyes" – burglaries
- Anti-social behaviour
- Councillor S Godfrey gave details of parishioner who could not contact the police on 101 and waited 25 minutes

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- Councillor A Legg said there was a need to hold the PACT meeting every month
- Sgt Champeau commented that present staff levels are ring fenced

iii) Andy Taylor – Burton Albion

Andy Taylor gave details as follows:

- Charitable status of Burton Albion Community Scheme. Totally separate to the football club
- Reviewed the structure of the organisation and links to Burton Albion
- Details of staff and programmes delivered in the area
- “Albion to Engage”
- Friday nights in Stapenhill attended by 50 young people, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Fire fighter course being arranged
- Reviewed programmes available
- Sports is the vehicle to progress self esteem and “education” is the focus for next year
- Need to find a winter building
- Meeting with Paulette school next week

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Clerk

iv) W Read, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Emergency Planning

W Read mentioned the following:

- Contacted all Parish Councils in the borough
- Special plan for Pirelli stadium and Uttoxeter Racecourse
- National risk register
- Town centre action plan
- Reviewed emergency plan document

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The Chairman of the Parish Council, S Paxton, thanked all of the speakers who contributed under the Public Participation section of the meeting.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, S Paxton, made the following statement concerning the parish.

*At this meeting I would like to take the opportunity to request the Parish Council members to support me in raising serious concerns regarding the development at the former Bullivant site, at Drakelow, which is alongside the parish.*

*We have been informed by Chris Chatfield of Bullivants, that contracts agreed that the new Walton bridge need not be completed until the first residents move into their property. Hence, this means that all the earth moving and construction traffic will initially use Stapenhill as the route to the site, when they are coming from all directions. Ongoing from this the residents of the properties will more than probably use Stapenhill as the shortest route to Burton-on-Trent, their local shopping town. The Parish Council would like to raise concerns on behalf of its residents who live and work in the area. The roads are already hazardous and extremely congested at various times of the day. I am concerned for children en-route to school, for parents with pushchairs and toddlers needing to cross the busy roads, for people driving to work, for the elderly who cannot walk as quickly as they once did, and for the disabled who need longer to get across crossings, etc. The Parish Council is already lobbying for an extra crossing at the bottom of Main Street just before Ferry Street junction to aid pedestrians, as this is already a hazardous place to cross with always heavy traffic at this point. However, we foresee the roads becoming a nightmare, both in terms of congestion, noise and dirt.*

*I cannot speak strongly enough about the worries I have as Chair of the Parish Council, and I call for a vote of support for this statement in order that our concerns can be passed on through the press to our local Borough and District Councils, in the hope that our voice will be heard.*

It was proposed, seconded, and agreed to support the statement made by the Chairman of the Parish Council, S Paxton.

Resolved:

To support the statement made by the Chairman of the Parish Council, S Paxton.

- Councillor A Legg commented that planning issues are the main subjects to be considered
- Councillor S Godfrey said that Rosliston Road and Stanton Road were the routes to be concerned about
- The Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Executive of ESBC regarding the highway problems in the parish both at present and in the future

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Planning

Planning Applications for Consideration:

- P/2012/00868  
345 Stanton Road, Stapenhill  
Erection of a single storey rear extension



### Planning Decisions:

- P/2012/00255/EW  
300 Rosliston Road, Stapenhill  
Retention of one internally illuminated fascia sign and one non-illuminated free-standing sign

*Consent to display advertisement*

- P/2012/00617/MB  
110 Hawthorn Crescent, Stapenhill  
Erection of a 7.13 metre high amateur radio pole and antenna

*Permission for development*

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### County and Borough Councillors Report

#### a) County Councillor P Davies

- The latest update, received only yesterday, reports that the work on the Main Street / Rosliston Road improvement scheme is due to commence on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and is due to be completed by 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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The cost of the work is to be funded from Staffordshire County Council's highways budget and not from monies resulting from the Drakelow Park development, according to Richard Rayson.

I have put in a request, as suggested previously by the Parish Council, for a pedestrian crossing near the junction of Main Street and Ferry Street. The officer was not optimistic, as there are already two crossings in existence within a few hundred yards of each other, but suggested that a crossing could be provided if one of the current ones was sacrificed.

At my recent District Highways meeting, I emphasised that the Heath Road / Hill Street corner project was still my highest priority for work to be carried out. No date was put forward for its implementation, but feasibility and costings studies were being undertaken.

- Former Short Street School Site  
The anticipated sale of the site to Trent & Dove is not now taking place, or at least not for the foreseeable future. On further investigation of the land registry, it appears that about one third of the site that was currently occupied by the original school buildings, belongs to the Diocese of Lichfield. It will be some time before there is any movement on its sale.

- Councillor S Godfrey said a Neighbourhood Development Order should be issued on the Short Street site. The Clerk to contact ESBC.

b) District Councillor A Legg

- Councillor A Legg requested there was very little to report, although she did comment on the following:
  - Dog patrols in the parish
  - Litter – certain streets to be cleaned
  - Sport in the Hood next week

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Approval of the Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 subject to the inclusion of S Prestidge in Apologies.

Resolved:

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 subject to the above amendment

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Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) Website

The Chairman, S Paxton, commented that more information was required for a website.

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Clerk*

b) Extension of Footpath on Waterside

The Clerk reported that M Hovers of ESBC was still investigating the details but suggested a community garden would be appropriate at this location and is open to suggestions from residents as to what to do collaboratively to improve the area for the benefit of the community.

*Clerk*

c) Allotments

The Clerk reported no additional information had been received from ESBC.

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Clerk*

It was agreed the Clerk should invite the Chairman of the Allotments to a future Parish Council meeting.

d) Neighbourhood Plan

This matter was ongoing.

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Clerk*

e) Plaque – A Pocock

The Clerk confirmed a brass plaque in honour of A Pocock had been ordered. *Clerk*

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Correspondence

ESBC – Code of Conduct  
ESBC – Register of Interests

The Clerk commented that the Parish Council would need to adopt the Code of Conduct and Councillors would need to complete a Register of Interests.

Clerk

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Parish Projects

➤ No matters were raised

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Finance  
*Accounts for Payment*

Date	Name	Details	Amount	Cheque No
17.07.12	R Young	Clerk	319.00	000361
17.07.12	HMRC	PAYE	79.00	000362
17.07.12	R Young	Expenses	37.95	000363
17.07.12	Immanuel Church	Hire of Room	18.00	000364

Resolved:  
To issue the above listed cheque payments

Clerk's and Members' Reports

- Councillor P Hancox requested that the Parish Council minutes be circulated within 7 days after the said meeting. The Clerk said he could not produce the minutes within 7 days but would be able to circulate within 14 days.
- Councillor S Godfrey said a Youth Fund of £500.00 should be created and used for the youth of the parish.

*Councillors****S Godfrey declared an interest.***

Councillor P Hancox said a 15 seater bus was available from Mobility Link.

- The Clerk commented that the Parish Council needed to focus on issues and matters that needed improvement, and communication with parishioners being a long outstanding matter.
- Councillor P Hancox commented the Parish Council needed a freepost registration with the post office.
- Councillors agreed an additional meeting should be arranged for 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at the Immanuel Church with a 7:00 pm start.

A specific agenda was agreed to move these particular items forward as follows:

- Parish newsletter
  - Design
  - Distribution
  - Frequency
  - Freepost
  - Article contents
- Website
  - Cost
  - Information to be included
  - Updates
  - Links
- Noticeboard
  - Cost and type
  - Location and quantity
  - Keyholder

*Councillors*Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

S Paxton  
Chairman of the Parish Council