

# STAPENHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at Immanuel Church, Stapenhill  
on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** S Paxton, J Chester, B McLelland, G Godfrey and I Gibson

**Also Present:** Borough Councillor A Legg  
Borough Councillor P Davies  
R Young – Clerk to the Council

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**Apologises**

Apologises for absence were received from M Bott, G Jones and M Fitzpatrick.

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**Members to Declare an Interest**

Declarations of Interest to be made when the relevant matter is discussed.  
A Legg declared an interest in relation to Planning Matters at ESBC.

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**Public Participation**

➤ No matters were raised.

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**Planning**

**a) Planning Applications Received**

i) P/2016/00919  
2 Sycamore Road, Stapenhill  
Erection of a single storey rear extension 3.94m from the original rear wall – 2.6m to the eaves – 3.63m to the highest part of the roof.

**b) Planning Decisions**

i) P/2016/00275  
484 Stanton Road, Stapenhill  
Erection of 3 No. detached dwellings and 2 No. detached single garages and construction of new access road.

***Application Approved***

ii) P/2016/00589  
1 Bedford Road, Stapenhill  
Retention of 1.95m high boundary fencing.

***Application Refused***

**County and Borough Councillors' Report****a) County Councillor's Report (P Davies)**

I have been asked to update the Parish Council on the development of the former Short Street Infant School site.

The school closed in 2009 and amalgamated with Waterside Junior School to become Riverview Community School in Suffolk Road. As the site is in the ownership of Staffordshire County Council, it was decided to offer the site for sale. Interest in the site was shown initially, but on further investigation, it was discovered that there was a restrictive covenant on part of the site which put it under the control/direction of the Diocese of Derby, restricting its use to educational purposes and the requirement for a referral to the Charity Commission.

The ongoing process to resolve the difficulties has been long, slow and very complicated. Over the intervening period, the site has grown more derelict and has caused great local concern regarding litter and unwanted activities. There has also been financial cost to the County Council in making the remaining buildings as secure as possible and attempting to keep it tidy. The demolition of the existing buildings, which has already been agreed, should take place very soon but a mandatory bat survey must be completed and its results acted upon.

The legal problems concerning the site appear now to have been overcome and so discussions regarding the sale to a buyer are at an advanced stage. But as you will understand, these discussions are of a sensitive commercial nature and cannot be made public at the moment. The County Council District Commissioning Lead for East Staffordshire, Helen Gill, has been updating me on the developments concerning the site and as soon as I know anything more positive, I will keep you informed.

**Ferry Bridge Replacement Plaques**

The three Burton Labour County Councillors have contributed £2,500 to the appeal fund, while the Consolidated Charity recently made a grant of £6,000. There is a degree of urgency involved as the plaques need to be fixed while the scaffolding is still in place.

**Bus Shelter on Station Bridge**

I have again approached Councillor Ron Clarke regarding the "missing" bus shelter that was removed before the work on Station Bridge was started. He assures me that he has again made representations to the relevant authorities but that the expression, "Banging your head against a brick wall", springs to mind!

➤ P Davies agreed to follow up why Police Officers attend Waterside Meetings but not Parish Council Meetings.

P Davies

➤ Also agreed to assess the need for a road crossing in the Parish.

P Davies

b) **Borough Councillor's Report (M Fitzpatrick)**

M Fitzpatrick requested the following should be reported:-

- More devolved power to all Councils.
- 100% Business Rates to be given to the Borough Council.

c) **Borough Councillor, A Legg**

A Legg mentioned the following:-

- Dog Control Orders Consultation.
- Problem of weeds in the Parish.
- Saxon Street potholes – All to be repaired.
- Health Committee – Now Member and attending Hospital Meetings.

A Legg

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**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

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**Matters arising from the Minutes**

a) **Bus Shelter – Burton Railway Station**

County Councillor P Davies and the Clerk reported there had been no progress.

P Davies

b) **Parking on Main Street, Stapenhill**

The Clerk confirmed incidents regarding parking can be reported to Civil Enforcement on 0300 111 8000.

Clerk

c) **Boarded Buildings on Main Street**

The Clerk to request M Fitzpatrick to take up the matter of Boarded-Up Buildings with Borough Council Environmental and enquire whether owner would be charged Business Rates.

M Fitzpatrick

The Clerk commented that in many cases of Boarded-Up Buildings this was a result of the Borough Council requesting boarding to reduce the risk of fire and people moving into the building, and that empty buildings attract break-ins.

Clerk

d) **Multi-Occupation of Flat above Billies**

Environmental and Housing Departments refused entry and need to obtain a warrant.

Clerk

e) **Memorial Garden and Swan Beds**

➤ Paul Stead (ESBC) obtaining quotes for the path at the Memorial Garden.

M Bott

➤ M Hovers commented as follows regarding the replacement of the Swan Beds:-

In what capacity and at what stage did the Parish Council feel that they should have been consulted directly? Furthermore, the decision to replace the swan bed had been in the public realm for a while and the Parish Council had the opportunity, like all residents, to put their views forward. The swan bed was replaced mainly due to health and safety concerns as it was becoming increasingly difficult to manage. Therefore, there was increasing need to replace the bedding with something else. Only two choices were really available, more low maintenance shrubs or art work.

The artist was selected via a procurement exercise and an interview panel. The actual replacement design was worked upon in consultation with three local schools, one of which has its catchment area in Stapenhill, with the final decision made by the school children and the Council's Deputy Leader and Shadow Deputy Leader.

f) **Parish Signs**

The Clerk reported that due to employee holidays and sickness plus the delay in the National Forest granting use of their logo, production had been delayed.

Clerk

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**Correspondence**

- Space Activities for 11-17 year olds, 25<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.
- Stapenhill Friendship Club – Letter from Mr D Fenwick explaining the role of the Club and its activities. Request for funding assistance.

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £200.00 to Stapenhill Friendship Club.

**Resolved:**

**To donate £200.00 to the Stapenhill Friendship Club.**

- Friends of the Ferry Bridge – Letter from Pat Walton requesting a donation towards the cost of the four copies of the original plaques.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £500.00 towards the cost of four copies of the original plaques for the Ferry Bridge.
- Rosliston Road Allotments Association – Letter from M Glass, Secretary regarding the following:-

At last night's meeting it was reported that you had asked our Chair some questions which had been raised, however, no complaints had been made to you.

1. Why are there flags on some plots? – They scare birds without which they would eat the crops we grow.
2. Why do we have so many Polytunnels? – To grow tomatoes in England's climate which is so variable without the heat from a Polyunnel.
3. Do we have a drinking culture on site? – Digging is hard thirsty work and keeping up your hydration is essential; it is not always alcohol we drink.
4. Do we have chickens on site? – No.

At last night's meeting I was required to write to you about the ownership of the wall on the north boundary of the site. Several house owners who border the site have said it is their wall but you are asking the Allotment Association to maintain it. Could you please clarify by asking Land Registry who owns this wall?

- Letter from David Bowley of Burton Phoenix Canoe Club regarding a canoe Base and requesting a meeting with Councillors to review possible sites.

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**Parish Projects Report**

a) **Breakfast Club**

- S Paxton gave an update regarding the Breakfast Club.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to support the Breakfast Club until the end of September 2016.

**Resolved:**

**To support the Breakfast Club until the end of September 2016.**

S Paxton

b) **Play Equipment**

- S Paxton reported she had reviewed the quotes with Andy Mason (ESBC) received from Playforce and Streetscape.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Parish Council would contribute £8,200.00, subject to the Borough Council contributing £9,000.00.

S Paxton

**Resolved:**

**The Parish Council would contribute £8,200.00 towards the cost of Play Equipment, subject to the Borough Council contributing £9,000.00.**

**VOTES FOR: 4**  
**ABSTAIN: 1 (S Godfrey)**

c) **Neighbourhood Plan**

S Paxton reported the following:-

- Neighbourhood Plan amended to reflect the Examiners comments.
- Inspector's Report available.
- Referendum to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

S Paxton

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**Website**

- Deferred until the next meeting.

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**Annual Award for work in the Community**

- Deferred until the next meeting.

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**Clerk's and Members' Reports**

- No matters were raised.

a) Cheque Payments

Date	Name	Details	Amount	Cheque No.
13/07/16	R Young	Salary	£479.00	000676
13/07/16	HMRC	PAYE	£119.00	000677
13/07/16	Immanuel Church	Room	£22.00	000678
13/07/16	B.Pud	N Plan	£1,200.00	000679
13/07/16	Urban Imprint	N Plan	£345.00	000680
13/07/16	Friends of Ferry Bridge	Donation	£500.00	000681
13/07/16	S Paxton	Breakfast Club Expenses	£56.56	000682
13/07/16	Stapenhill Friendship Club	Donation	£200.00	000683
13/07/16	18" Burton Brownies	Donation	£500.00	000684
<b>Total:</b>			<b>£3,421.56</b>	

**Resolved:**

**To sign and issue the above cheques.**

b) Parish Laptop

The Clerk reported his Laptop had stopped working and enquired if he could purchase the Parish Council Laptop which had not been used since its purchase nearly four years ago.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed it could be purchased.

**Resolved:**

**The Clerk could purchase the Parish Council Laptop.**

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Boarded Buildings on Main Street

- Abeyance until the next Parish Council Meeting.

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Any Other Businessa) Litter Bins

I Gibson reported the following:-

- Litter Bin outside Spar Shop on Rosliston Road full of rubbish.
- Litter Bin removed from outside Heath Road/Waterside Community Centre.

The Clerk to enquire with ESBC regarding the above.

Clerk

The Clerk reported that D Scott at ESBC said will check for damaged Litter Bins in the Parish and will replace if he has funds available.

**98/16**      **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting.

**99/16**      **Private and Confidential**

- No matters were raised.

**100/16**      **Date of Next Meeting**

- Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

S Paxton  
Chairman

*S. Galtrey*  
14-9-2016