

# STANTON BY DALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stanton by Dale Parish Council held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm, Stanton by Dale Village Hall, Stanhope Street, Stanton by Dale, DE7 4QA

**Present:** Cllr G McCahill, Cllr F Starbuck, Cllr P Harvey, CCllr J Frudd, Cllr C Wallbanks, S Huckle (NHW/CSW), F Keppel-Spoor – Locum Clerk (minutes) and there were 5 members of public present.

Reference	Agenda Item	
21/2021-22	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	Cllr L Evans, CCllr W Major
22/2021-22	<b>Variation of order of business</b>	No variations requested
23/2021-22	<b>Declaration of Members Interests</b>	Cllr F Starbuck declared interest in Planning Application reference 0921/0067 and agreed she would leave the meeting while this item was discussed.
24/2021-22	<b>Public Participation</b>	A resident attended to make an enquiry regarding the Barnwood Farm planning application. This application is still pending on the EBC Planning Portal and it was detailed that there are staffing issues with the planning department currently. The same resident asked for comments to be noted that the playground looks very nice now the work is complete. Reported that the PC website is out of date and still features the late Clerk in many pages. The EBC planning portal does not work and the DCC online reporting forum is not processing requests correctly. Drains and ditches are blocked and need clearing, along with grates in the road which also blocked. Another resident enquired regarding footpaths which will be discussed in more detail in the Chairman's report. This resident made a report regarding Salbrook Lane; and according

		<p>to the portal, this enquiry is now resolved – but this is not the case and the work remains outstanding and has since been re-reported. St Gobain own the land and it was discovered some time ago there is a 30-40ft drop in the position where the footpath is supposedly located.</p> <p>Another resident detailed that a previous resident of the village used to spend much time clearing local footpaths and since he has left, no effort has been made to clear any footpaths. There is question over whose responsibility it is to clear footpaths – the locum Clerk asked if there had been any consideration to employ a lengthsman. Two trees have fallen in this area and are dangerous, at head height. It was suggested to arrange a site meeting with a representative from DCC to look at the issues as there are no responses forthcoming from DCC to reports made via Do It Now. Lorry parking at TRS is actually more concerning Transcare. Locum Clerk was asked to reiterate this issue with EBC and Cllr W Major.</p> <p>A resident attended to offer a further objection to the dog walking at Hicksons Lane Barn. It has now been confirmed that this is within the boundary of Stanton by Dale Parish and not Dale Abbey as originally thought. Again, there are not enough planning enforcement officers in place to deal with these issues. There are regularly 12 dogs barking and running around this ground and this is a cause for consternation in the Parish. There is a wire fence enclosure, a caravan and a barn has since been erected in the area – it is unclear as to the purpose of this barn. With regard to the caravan, now Covid restrictions have been removed, the rules should revert to 28 days maximum allowed to keep a caravan on agricultural land. The legislation is loaded within the favour of the planning department, but again there are no staff available to enforce any planning. The users of this land are visiting during the day and it is believed the area is being used for the purpose of dog walking as a commercial venture. There are also health and safety concerns with residents having witnessed children present in the same enclosure as the dogs. It does not appear that the site is being used overnight. The caravan was installed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, so is now approaching the 28 days enforcement rule. Planning have started an enforcement case in relation to this, but the progress is very slow (Case ID 114844) and they are still in the early stages of investigation. An application has been submitted but this was rejected as it was deemed invalid. The Clerk was asked to follow up with planning enforcement and ask for an update prior to the next meeting. The owners of this land are actively telling</p>
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		<p>people they have planning permission but it is confirmed that nothing has been submitted to Stanton by Dale Parish Council as a statutory consultee.</p> <p>Three fields belonging to the resident who spoke, is adjacent to the field where the dogs are being exercised. The tenant wishes to put sheep on this land but feels unable to do so currently because of the dogs.</p> <p>Linda Frudd reported that a surveyor has been looking at bungalows and perimeter fences. A lot of alley ways in Kirk Hallam have an unsafe slippery surface and this is in the process of being removed.</p> <p>John Frudd reported that the garages which should have been preserved have been hidden from view and they will continue to be preserved. They are currently protected from vandalism and there are plans for their future development. Other garages have been demolished as per the planning application.</p>
<b>25/2021-22</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>	The Chairman gave an update on footpaths in the area as an extension to the discussion above.
<b>26/2021-22</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	It was RESOLVED to accept these minutes as a true and accurate representation of the meeting held on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021, with the minutes having been circulated previously to all member Cllrs.
<b>27/2021-22</b>	<b>Items exempt from public</b>	The locum Clerk advised there were no items which should be discussed as an exempt matter on this agenda.
<b>28/2021-22</b>	<b>Hicksons Lane Barn</b>	This was largely discussed during public participation and the locum Clerk has noted all concerns which will be forwarded to planning enforcement prior to the next meeting.
<b>29/2021-22</b>	<b>Church Lane – Land Ownership</b>	It is now confirmed that this land is owned by DCC and they are responsible for the maintenance of the trees. It was RESOLVED to report the area to DCC for maintenance, and as we are aware that an inspection is due, it was RESOLVED to try and ascertain when this will happen as both District Cllr Frudd and the Chairman will attend.
<b>30/2021-22</b>	<b>Stanhope Street Pavements</b>	This has been reported and we are awaiting an update from DCC Highways.
<b>31/2021-22</b>	<b>TRS Commercial</b>	This was reported to DCC and EBC; and has now been highlighted that the issue is actually lorries from Transcare and not TRS Commercials. There are some severely damaged verges and it was RESOLVED to report again.
<b>32/2021-22</b>	<b>Remembrance Wreath &amp; Poppies</b>	Chairman will lay the wreath at Stanton by Dale Church on 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.15am.

		Poppies have been installed within the parish as requested and the Clerk will arrange for reimbursement to Cllr Evans for the purchase of the event poppies.
<b>33/2021-22</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>	All planning applications were discussed with no objections to record. Cllr Starbuck left the meeting during the discussion for planning application 0067. It was discussed that the proposals are sympathetic to the conservation area and greenbelt. The materials are really good for the garage/barn externally, and the whole application is very well thought out. The Chairman requested this is recorded with EBC planning that Stanton by Dale are wholly supportive of this application.
<b>34/2021-22</b>	<b>Christmas Lights</b>	It was RESOLVED the locum Clerk will contact Mr Christmas Tree who will invoice for the tree at a later date. The Chairman reported he has secured £800 sponsorship so far for the village Christmas lights: £200 from a local scaffolding business, £300 from Mr Carter at Contract Flooring and £300 from the Landlady of Stanhope Arms. There are still other businesses locally to approach and the Chairman will continue with this. The Chairman made a proposal to purchase Christmas lights to be used year on year by Stanton by Dale Parish Council. It was RESOLVED to accept the proposal and the Clerk will order the lights and tree.
<b>35/2021-22</b>	<b>Play Area Update</b>	All work is now mostly complete with the exception of some flat plates which will need to be installed. There was a discussion regarding on ging maintenance of the play area and a robust scheme of maintenance work will be required to keep it at a good standard. The play area does get used frequently and is an asset to the village. Cllr Harvey has spoken to Ian Slater re strimmer damage which will be addressed going forwards. Locum Clerk gave details of available grants which may help with this.
<b>36/2021-22</b>	<b>Stanton Regeneration</b>	There is a Zoom meeting on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 6.30pm for an update on the Stanton Regeneration project. A full update will be provided at the next meeting by Cllr Harvey. There has been a pre-planning consultation document from the developers asking for comments by 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was RESOLVED to engage with the public over this matter when the planning application is submitted – it is anticipated that a scoping response for an EIA will be required. It is accepted that the regeneration will happen, but it is a concern as to how this will look and what mitigating circumstances will be prevalent with increased traffic flow through the village. It was RESOLVED to invite a representative of the developers to a future meeting,

		and the public too. It was RESOLVED to add a page to the Parish Council website with all available details.
<b>37/2021-22</b>	<b>CSW/NHW</b>	Mr Huckle attended and gave an update on CSW and NHW as follows: A member of Derbyshire Constabulary was allocated to the CSW project and attended to complete a speedwatch. Unfortunately, this happened at the wrong time of day and no further response has been received so far. Community Speedwatch set-up has been suggested. Last traffic survey was 2019 and speeding traffic and accidents in the village has been insufficient to require further input. This is unsatisfactory, and local MP has been informed. A meeting is planned to get an update on what is happening in neighbouring Risley, to look at the efforts in place there in order to get a NHW set up in the area. There will be a further update in December.
<b>38/2021-22</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED to continue with this on the agenda at the next meeting to further discuss hire charges, regular bookings and a timesheet for the caretaker. It was RESOLVED the locum Clerk will share hire charges locally with the Chairman for information.
<b>39/2021-22</b>	<b>Village Sign Carriers</b>	Following on from Richard Handbury's presentation earlier in the year, Cllr Wallbanks has explored the options and made a presentation to all member Cllrs. The entrance to the village is very narrow and could accommodate a maximum 1.5m width gate, 1.8m height. It was suggested to use a 3-bar gate, with existing signs and the possibility of additional extras available including planters. It was discussed that this won't increase the safety aspect or reduce speed any further, but are attractive. It was RESOLVED to re-open negotiation with CCllr Wayne Major to ensure cost will still be supported by DCC and Cllr Wallbanks will ask Richard Handbury to quote for the supply and installation of four gates and signs.
<b>40/2021-22</b>	<b>Christmas Newsletter</b>	It was RESOLVED Cllr Wallbanks will produce a draft newsletter to be approved at the next meeting to include Stanton Regeneration and development of greenbelt; along with Christmas tree and lights sponsors.
<b>41/2021-22</b>	<b>Insurance Renewal</b>	The insurance premium remains outstanding – but insurance cover is in place, this has been confirmed by the locum Clerk.

<p><b>42/2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Finance</b>  <b>a) Accounts for Payments</b>  <b>b) Banking arrangements</b>  <b>c) Payment for Caretaker</b>  <b>d) Finance Committee Mtg</b>  <b>e) Unity Trust Bank</b></p>	<p>(a) The locum Clerk provided a list of payments currently outstanding. All suppliers have been contacted and the current situation explained. It was RESOLVED to issue cheques to all as soon as access to the bank is verified.</p> <p>(b) The locum Clerk continues to try and access the bank as per their instructions. It us a frustrating process and a complaint has been logged with Natwest where we will be asking for compensation and reimbursement for any bank charges incurred to staff who have not receive their salaries since September 2021.</p> <p>(c)It was RESOLVED to request details of the Section 113 agreement between Stanton by Dale PC and Stapleford TC in respect of the caretaker. This cannot be located on PC laptop. There was a discussion and the member Cllrs agreed they were not aware of anything being arranged on a cost recovery basis and there appears to be no supporting paperwork. It was RESOLVED to terminate the agreement and the caretaker is to be employed her for 5 hours per week as per current contract. Any additional hours at STC will be paid directly by STC.</p> <p>(d) It was RESOLVED the locum Clerk will meet with member Cllrs to discuss budget setting and precept arrangements on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Stanton by Dale Village Hall.</p> <p>(e) The locum Clerk has arranged the paperwork for the opening of a new bank account with Unity Trust. The Chairman signed these forms and the locum Clerk will now progress the in accordance with process and procedure.</p>
<p><b>43/2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Appointment of Parish Clerk/RFO</b></p>	<p>There was a discussion and it was RESOLVED to interview the candidates for the Clerk position week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The locum Clerk will arrange for letters to be sent to the candidates.</p>
<p><b>44/2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<p>There was no correspondence received requiring discussion which was not already covered by the agenda items.</p>
<p><b>45/2021-22</b></p>	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm at Stanton by Dale Village Hall.</p>