

**Minutes of Stathern Parish Meeting**  
**7pm Tuesday 8th December 2020, held remotely via zoom**

Present: Cllrs. Bray, Smith, Plews, Ramsay, Underwood, Steadman & Rhodes  
Clerk: J Collins.

Members of the public: 9

**Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Council**

**Byron** – Possible change to tier 2 from the 16th, depending if areas change to districts.

Construction of the road to the south of Melton. The north and eastern side of the road is going ahead.

**475. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Underwood may be late.

**476. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th November 2020**

The minutes of the meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.

Item 472 under actions the figure to be cashed is incorrectly stated as £560, this should be £585.

*Resolved* to accept and sign minutes as true and accurate with this amendment.

**477. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

**478. Councillor vacancy Co-option or update if no applicants**

The only application was from Lesley Sobey. Cllr Plews proposes to Co opt Lesley to Cllr, seconded by Cllr Smith.

*Resolved* Lesley Sobey is Co opted to the vacant Cllr position

**479. Stathern NHP update**

Held until later in the meeting when Cllr Underwood arrives.

Now under regulation 16 with Melton's consultation due to complete on 23rd December. Hopeful that referendums will be allowed early in the year.

**480. Update from WMI**

The WMI is still closed, other than for school, who are using it once a week as an educational facility.

This time is being used to do some maintenance.

The grassed area to the front is having matting put down to allow the grass to grow through and prevent it getting muddy

Along with Stathern's other community groups a village Christmas lights competition has been launched.

**481. Update from SRA**

AGM last week, the minutes will be available for the January meeting. Nothing further to report.

Police presence is higher than usual around the park to manage the ASB issues, no new issues this weekend.

**482. Closed Cemetery proposed maintenance programme and signage requirements**

Cllr Plews has distributed a draft maintenance programme, there is some more work to do on this including height of hedges and grass cutting heights.

Cllr Plews has done a draft risk assessment for the cemetery itself, and is working on one for the processes of the maintenance.

Regarding the boundary with neighbouring field, Cllr Bray reports that he has had communication with Mr Kennedy who is not in the country at the moment but who has agreed to communicate on his return.

Warning signs – for trip hazard and risk of falling for 9 signs at £61.15 in 1mm rigid plastic. Cllr Bray proposes to do this provided the PCC are happy with the signs going up. Seconded by Cllr Ramsay.

*Resolved* that Cllr Plews will continue with this to the final version. Purchase the signs once PCC are in agreement.

**483. Proposed budget for next year Apr 21 - Mar 22**

A copy has been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting

There are increases around the grounds maintenance to allow for more tree works, closed cemetery.

Wait for the base rate to come from MBC, review and bring back to next meeting.

*Resolved* to take to next meeting

**484. Proposed precept request for next year Apr 21 – Mar 22**

Given we do not yet have the base rate, take to next meeting

*Resolved* to take to next meeting

**485. Consider quotes for brickwork repair to the Gote**

To remove, clean and refit header course, lay a further 2 courses of brick at the rear to direct the water into the holding area, where they have broken away, repair the bottom left pillar at the site of the old wall.

Nicholson's £1265 no vat This is not including the pillar repair, updated quote to follow.

CC Construction £1512.50 plus vat £1815

Corben £1640 plus vat £1968.00

Take this out of the contingency fund.

Cllr Smith proposes we clarify the cost and timing of work from Nicholson's and CC Construction for the next meeting.

Seconded by Cllr Ramsay.

*Resolved* to bring this back to next meeting

**486. Consider quotes for clearing ditch in front of Moor Lane cemetery and possible culvert repair**

To clean out ditch and put soil on the grass verge. This ditch is silted up beyond the culvert pipe.

Widdowson £120 plus vat £144 for the ditch, and pipe for culvert £45 plus vat £54. Whole job £198.

M Robinson £150 plus vat Written quote to follow

Cllr Ramsay proposes to accept Widdowson quote, seconded by Cllr Plews.

*Resolved* to accept Widdowson's quote.

**Cllr Underwood arrived and item 479 was covered**

**487. Wildflower verges programme update**

This is now open for applications until the end of the year.

*Resolved* to leave with Cllr Underwood to submit

**Actions;** Cllr Underwood to submit

**488. Correspondence / Planning Applications, including those received prior to the meeting**

**Correspondence**

**488.1** MBC – Residents asked to nominate a group, school or individual that deserves recognition for helping the community of Melton to keep physically active and healthy. Posted on FB page

**488.2** Bottesford waste and recycling site will be closed from 11th Jan for approx. 12 weeks

**488.3** Consulted on Mowbray education trust primary school academies admissions. Posted on FB

**Planning**

**488.4** **20/01349/TCA Chapel Close, 7 Chapel Lane** – T1 Horse Chestnut – pollard to previous point, T2 Ash – Fell, T3 Young Lime – Fell, T4 Ash – Crown lift up to 6 meters and remove large diameter deadwood, T5, T6 Silver Birch – reduce and shape by 7 meters, T7 Willow – Re pollard to previous point

*Resolved* No comment to make.

**488.5** **20/01095/FUL – Field OS 5000 & 5812, Tofts Hill** Demolition of redundant barns and replace with a single dwelling house

To planning committee tomorrow. Planning recommendation is for refusal.

**488.6** **20/01292/FULHH, The Bungalow, 22 Main Street.** 2 Storey extension, single garage, utility, addition of first floor and alterations to ground floor layout

Objection on size, overlooking balcony's and insufficient parking space proposed by Cllr Underwood and seconded by Cllr Smith

*Resolved* to object, it is too large (4 bed) for plot, concerned about balcony's overlooking neighbours garden and insufficient parking space.

**488.7** **19/01193/OUT – APP/Y2430/W/20/3256174** – Land off Blacksmith End. Case officer is now appointed by the inspectorate, closing date for comments are 06/01/21.

Objection – Cllr Plews will write objection circulate and clerk to submit, quote the NHP Limits To Development Cllr Steadman has circulated hers.

Clerk ask Jim Worley for information on representing at a hearing, how it works.

*Resolved* that Cllr Plews will write objection on behalf of the PC and forward to clerk to submit.

**Actions;** Clerk contact Mr Worley for information re planning hearing and submit objection to item 488.6

**489. Payments and Receipts**

**Payments**

Clerk salary (4 weeks)	£561.00	
SSE Oct	£105.43	D/D taken 17/11
HP Instant ink (clerk card)	£6.50	
Zoom Dec	£14.39	
R Scarborough (balance)	£800.00	
E.oN (Maint)	£135.43	
LRALC training	£80.00	
Post Office (cards)	£24.00	
Wybonne Ltd (litter bin)	£408.58	

**Receipts**

Cemetery fees	£210.00
Aviva insurance claim	£313.58

**Playpark account**

**Payments**

None

**Receipts**

None

**Hands Charity Account**

£585.00 paid in from sale of CLA units to cover over 80's xmas gift and cards  
£585.00 to be withdrawn to cover the above

*Resolved* that payments approved and cheques to be signed and invoices checked by Cllrs Ramsay and Underwood.

**490. STAT1 development – Any updates prior to meeting**

Finalising the draft 106 agreement, which has not yet been sent to the council, therefore the permit letter is not yet sent. Cllr Sobey volunteered to be part of a liaison group for this development. Cllr Underwood will assist with this.

**491. STAT2 development – ongoing issues around conditions**

Cllr Smith has a conflict of interests and will not take part for this item.

The PC has been in contact with the planning officers for months and has not yet come to a conclusion. A meeting has been suggested.

*Resolved* that Cllr Underwood will write to Joe Mitson via the clerk and offer a telephone conversation with Cllr Bray and or Cllr Underwood.

**Actions;** Cllr Underwood to write to planning officer.

**492. Village matters**

- Resident highlighted the condition of the gate onto the footpath on Blacksmiths End. Update from the clerk is that this has been reported and the footpaths officer visited today and has cleared a pathway.
- Dog fouling – ask for spraying to be done
- WI request permission to put a display in the bus shelter for a Christmas event. *Resolved* this is acceptable providing it is cleared straight after the event.
- Complaint about driving on verge up Tofts Hill, this has been reported to highways and a request to cut back the hedge to clear the tarmac for driving.
- Kerb around the new development on Birds Lane, this is constantly being driven on – clerk to report to highways and ask if it could be rectified.
- Snow wardens are ready. Clerk to check that the salt bin at WMI has been filled.
- There is some suspected Japanese knot weed on the Eastwell Road, clerk to report once shown where it is.

**Actions;** Clerk contact dog fouling warden / WI / highways and report Japanese knot weed

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2021**

Meeting closed: 20:35