

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

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

Members of the public: 7

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

Cllr Rhodes – good outcome of planning committee re STAT1
LCC deficit down to £18 million – money will be very tight at LCC

The place independent school, use the small wood with the lake which they leased from the estate for outside learning. A lot has been really badly damaged, toilet block destroyed and lots of damage and rubbish in woods as well as the lake. Would like to work with the local community rather than lock them out and maybe make it a community project to try to take better care of the area. MBC have equipment for litter picking, so if a community project takes place, it is possible to borrow the equipment from them.

A resident feels the Col Hacker day is not a good idea.

419. Apologies for absence

Cllr Underwood, Evans and O'Donoghue

420. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th Aug 2020

The minutes of the meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members.
Proposed to accept as true and accurate by Cllr Plews, seconded Cllr Ramsay . *Resolved* to accept and sign minutes.

421. Declarations of interest and dispensations

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

422. Update from SRA

Discussed closing charity and it will close. The section 106 will consume the last of the cash within the charity funds.
To be brought to the next meeting will be a proposal to continue within the Parish Council committee for playpark who run it and deal with the expenditure, so just removing the charity. A call for members went out but not many responders.
Remove the charity will not close until they have completed the 106 claim.
The SRA have never agreed to £6000. via s106, they requested £30000. so some further negotiations required on this.

423. Stathern NHP update

Draft plan is out for consultation. This period is known as Regulation 14 and is a statutory consultation process. The plan is available to read or download on the PC website but hard copies are also available to borrow in the Community Library, Church and from the Steering Group members and from the clerk. People have until Sept 18th to submit comments at this stage.
There is a very prescribed process for feedback and it's essential everyone uses the forms provided (on the website). We cannot accept feedback if it's not on these forms. If anyone requires hard copies of the form, we can provide them and they are available in the library.

Please encourage people to respond!

After the 18th we will review all comments and amend the plan as required. It is then submitted to Melton Borough Council for consideration. They will then check it meets all the relevant legislation and publicise it for a minimum of 6 weeks and appoint an independent examiner. At the end of the 6 weeks MBC send the plan and

any representations to the Examiner, who will appraise and report to MBC. MBC consider and the send to Referendum.

Referendum take place and as long at more than 50% vote in favour, the Plan is then 'made' and becomes part of the Planning process.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who contributed time, energy and expertise to developing the draft plan.

424. Update from WMI

The WMI committee has worked hard to make the hall Covid-secure before its reopening. We have a tried and tested one-way system, hand sanitiser stations and new cleaning regimes, amidst other things, so we're ready to welcome people safely!

Classes currently running at the WMI are Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Art, Ballet-Fit and Pilates. The feedback so far has been fantastic and we're pleased to have such a varied and full programme of activities on offer.

We're also planning a 'Stathern Chat Social' at the WMI this Thursday 10th September, 7 - 8.30pm ... Everyone's welcome! Bring a mug and a pen, and find out just 'who is who' on the 'Stathern Chat' Village WhatsApp group. It's a fantastic chance to get to know the faces in the village that you've been messaging!

We're really pleased to be up and running and welcoming villagers back into the hall again!

A big thank you to Bill and Hattie from Bagforce at Harby, for their work and generous donation of landscaping products to tidy up the front of the WMI.

425. Consider options for repair / replacement of bench by bus shelter. Update of damaged bench on Blacksmith End

Information on benches, tables and costs circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting.

Quote 1 to repair seat in Softwood £315 - £355 / Oak £450 - £630 / Iroko £420 - £480

Quote 2 to repair seat in Softwood £360 / Oak £640

New Ripon cast iron and iroko wood bench 200cm £587 plus delivery

New Victoria iroko wooden bench 180cm £817m + delivery

New Persley recycled plastic bench (flatpacked) 200cm £525 + delivery

New Springfield softwood picnic table 180cmx150cm £470 + delivery

New Sneyd-hill recycled plastic picnic table 150x130cm £498 + delivery

Leisure Bench sponsored (LB)

Recycled plastic A frame picnic table in black 150cm £300, LB kindly offered sponsorship of £100, so cost would be £200.

Recycled plastic park bench in black 180cm £350, LB offer sponsorship of £100, so cost would be £250.

LB have offered to bolt them down included in the price but do not provide the concrete base.

Cllr Bray proposes a replacement recycled plastic bench from LB, Seconded by Cllr Smith. Cllr Plews will view the bench, once viewed move on with replacement. *Resolved* to accept the sponsored bench from LB at a cost of £200. Cllr Ramsay will clear the old bench from the site.

Blacksmith End Bench – This is not owned by the PC, the clerk is in the process of tracing the owner.

Action; Cllr Plews view bench

Clerk contact LB

Cllr Ramsay remove old bench and clear site ready for replacement bench.

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

Correspondence

426.1 MBC – New house behind 8A Penn Lane will be known as 8b Penn Lane

426.2 As statutory stakeholders, Vale Medical Group informed that Woolsthorpe surgery will permanently close. Stackyard and Woolsthorpe will change from NHS Lincolnshire to NHS East Leicestershire& Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 426.3 WI committee – The 59’s lunch will be postponed from September to the Spring of next year.
- 426.4 Resident thanks the Cllrs for their considerable time and effort that has gone into the STAT1 planning proposal so far. It is greatly appreciated.
- 426.5 Resident has reported overgrowth around lamp 40 on Narrow Lane – This has been reported for the 3rd time to LCC by the clerk.
- 426.6 Locality – Planning white paper is out for consultation. The deadline to submit is 29th Oct.
- 426.7 Simon Clarke MP, minister for Local Government – Recommend that meetings continue digitally where possible.
- 426.8 LCC – Stathern has been allocated £2000 under the highway’s parish and communities fund, details emailed to Cllrs on 25th Aug. Application closes on 30th Sept.
- 426.9 Update from LCC highways enquiries – footpath G27a passed to forestry, trimming branches on trees on Harby Lane passed to forestry. Damaged bench on Blacksmith End, progress to insurance claim. Fallen tree on Tofts Hill work complete.

Actions; Clerk forward planning white paper details to Cllr Bray

Planning Applications

426.1.1 **20/00926/VAC** – Land rear of Folville House, Main Street. To enable construction of associated outbuilding home offices. *Resolved* no comment to make.

426.1.2 **20/00893/NONMAT** – Land adjacent to Hillcrest, Tofts Hill. Internal changes, removal of chimneys, amend window, this has been permitted. *Resolved* no comment

427. Payments and Receipts

Payments

Clerk salary (4 weeks)	£561.00	22684
SSE Aug	£108.42	D/D taken 18/08
HP Instant ink (clerk card)	£4.50	22688
Zoom Sept	£14.39	22688
R Scarborough Aug	£400.00	22685
E.oN ¼ maintenance	£135.43	22686
Playpark account (vat reclaim)	£449.74	22687
Wix website 86.40 + upgrade 10	£96.40	22688

Resolved that the invoices have been scanned, sent to and inspected by Cllrs, payments approved and cheques to be signed by Cllrs Smith and Ramsay.

Receipts

HMRC VAT reclaimed	£3555.62
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Playpark account

Payments

None

Receipts

None

428. Blacksmith End planning appeal – Any updates on status prior to meeting

Appeal is validated but no start date given yet.

429. STAT1 development – Any updates prior to meeting

Brought forward ahead of correspondence to allow Cllr Steadman to give an update on agreed amendments and discussions

- Plot 1 added a dropped kerb and a parking space
- Plots 5 & 6 pull in’s possible being mindful of the existing tree roots
- Plots 11 / 12 with design guys at the moment

- Plots 13 & 52 the ones with the garages in buffers, facing sideways (the black triangle indicates the front door) not road to give it more of a village feel
- Plot 8 will become a 3-bed single story bungalow – now 7.5 meters from Mr Brinkworth’s boundary and has a hipped roof gable end to improve the look. Cllr Steadman has requested they look at the pitch of the roof.
- Plots 18 to 23 at the end of lane 2. Looking at 2 spaces at side of end plot but need a minimum stand off from ditch.
- Grass matting is for low usage areas on community car spaces. Land between turning circle and pumping station and access to the attenuation pond, because they are not everyday use.
- Looking into staging the car park on western side which is the affordable housing group. Helen has spoken to Leathborough’s and looking to see if they can pay for the screening she wishes.
- Taken maisonettes and 2 x semi-detached properties from near the Meadow and moved them further up the site, swapping with 2 bungalows.
- Also looking at splitting up the housing association block with 3 beds from somewhere else on the site.
- Putting an extra 2 parking spaces at the side of plots 40, 50 & 51.
- Reluctant to lose any of the eastern green due to effect on street scene.
- Trim trial (path) through the northern part includes wooden exercise things for kids and adults so this takes some of the play area money.
- Green area between 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42 is to maintain the original hedge boundary.
- Plots 37 & 38 have got too many parking spaces (4), they have agreed to put a pull in here, there is a path down there as well that goes into the buffer zone.

Next steps – Following dialogue the plan is with the design team to work on.

Conditions

Planting / materials

buffers are not to be touched

taking permitted development rights out

Traffic calming – you can change it to be anything. Cllr Underwood is doing an application for a Highways Parish and Community funding grant of £2000 for a highways designer to come up with a traffic calming plan to go back with the conditions and negotiate. Talk to J Worley about it being in place prior to start of build.

Cllr Bray proposes the highways grant is applied for with the traffic calming design in mind, seconded by Cllr Smith.

Cllr Bray proposes that Cllr Steadman tells Davidsons we are very encouraged by the changes

Cllr Steadman will check up on hedge netting

Thank you to Cllr Steadman for all of her work on this development.

Actions; Cllr Bray talk to J Worley about the traffic calming
Cllr Underwood apply for Highways Parish and community fund grant of £2000.

430. Tofts Hill development – Any updates on status prior to meeting

431. Risk Assessment review

Cllrs have received a copy prior to the meeting. Admin and finance back up should go to the cloud, Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Plews proposes to accept this as the latest version of risk assessment, seconded by Cllr Ramsay.

Resolved to accept as the latest risk assessment.

Actions; Clerk investigate cloud storage for admin and computer backup

432. Consider a voting delegate to attend LRALC AGM via zoom on Mon 14th Sept 18:00

Cllr Underwood proposed herself prior to the meeting, seconded by Cllr Smith.

433. Village Matters

Damaged litter bin on Mill Hill – contact insurers as a possible claim and bring back to next meeting.

Col Francis Hacker Day – Richard Pinnocot from the field detectives explained the idea. Having heard the weight of feeling about Col Hacker in Stathern, he has decided to withdraw the idea of holding it in Stathern. Cllr Steadman suggest a village history presentation post covid.

Website accessibility com – to bring to next meeting

Trees in Churchyard – tree warden has inspected and comments that only the removal of any deadwood and any damaged or split branches would be required, but this would be needed for 25 the cedar, 9, 10, 23 and possibly 11 as well as removing the old bat box and retaining screws. Clerk needs to meet with tree map to get quotes for these, which were not previously considered. Resolved to get quotes and bring to another meeting.

Cllr O’Donoghue review the paddock rental agreement, to bring to next meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2020

Meeting closed: 20.25