

Minutes of Stathern Parish Council meeting
7pm Tuesday 10th March 2020 in The Plough function room

Present: Cllr Bray, Smith, Plews, Underwood, Ramsay, Steadman
Clerk: J Collins.

Members of the public: 13

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

Suzie Dukes attended as the new manager of The Brambles – She is fully aware there has been a lot of issues and wants this to stop, the young people involved have moved on and she takes full responsibility for that going forward. They have ordered commercial contract bins to arrive on 16th March and be emptied weekly. They wish to integrate into the village and welcome residents to come to the home to ask any questions and feedback on any issues that arise. Cllr. Plews questioned the suitability of previous residents. Suzie explained they are no longer taking emergency admissions.

Cllr. Steadman – The Supplementary Planning Document tasked to go to villages and prioritise 106 voluntary contributions. Small windfall sites can ask for voluntary contributions. Please give Mel a list of things suitable to claim for. No claim can be made for the Church. WMI would be top of the list at the moment. It is not known if Tofts Hill is coming back to committee this month or not.

Mr Mell – *The footpath consultation from Valebrook to STAT1*. What are the options of making it a road? - The land registry says it can only be an open space and cannot be built on. A footpath is still an open space. Beyond a footpath and you would lose the play space on that estate. The cost would be beyond achievable. The Mill Hill access to STAT1 will only be used at below 5% of its capacity, meaning there is no push for a second access or need for the developers to invest in one.

Actions; (CU) Pass list of suitable items for a 106 claim to Cllr. Steadman

336. Apologies for absence

Cllr O'Donoghue and Cllr Evans

337. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th Feb 2020

The minutes of the meeting, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members. *Resolved* as an accurate representation and signed by the Chair.

338. Declarations of interest and dispensations

To be declared during the agenda item if applicable.

339. Receipt of Stathern NHP committee meeting minutes

Held a meeting last Monday – The open event is on Fri 27th 3pm to 7pm at the WMI. The environment group needs please push on to complete. The plan will be written in April and come back to the PC in May to consider then go out for 6 weeks consultation, meaning it will not gain weight until Jul / Aug 2020.

A huge amount of work has been done to get to this point, please encourage people to come along to the open event, there is a lot to see.

340. Receipt of update from WMI

- 106 application lodged for STAT1 planning application. The developer has responded and seems open to making an offer, they are in correspondence.
- Having a de-clutter of hall on Tue 17th Mar
- WiFi should be in the hall in the next couple of months
- Launching a new Stathern in Business initiative aiming to promote local companies to villagers, initially via FB then in regular networking meetings at the hall.

- Race night 25th Apr, craft gin and beer festival Sat 4th Jul.

341. Receipt of SRA minutes and update

PSS Live, new credits are needed (for logging inspections). Cllr. Smith does the checks and uploads onto the web. It is best practice to do inspections weekly not a legal requirement. Cllr Bray proposes purchasing 50 credits at £150 plus VAT, seconded by Cllrs Underwood and Smith. *Resolved* to purchase 50 credits for PSS Live.

The last meeting was 2 weeks ago where the future of the SRA was under review;

Options to manage park in future

a) Stay as they are but this needs new members to join.

b) Close charity and move to management of park

c) Close charity and PC committee, move remaining funds back to PC and ringfence for the upkeep of the playpark.

The group will pursue option **a)** a member drive – it has gone out in school bags and Stathern Star, whilst looking at option **B)**. Only going to option **C)** if no one wants to manage it.

Liabilities are covered in options a & b

Work to be done over the next month before coming back to the PC with a proposal; Look if they can they raise money via grants through PC which is not a charity and review transfer of funds approx. £17000, this would need an SRA meeting to confirm closing the charity.

The current members have been on the committee for 10 years – the SRA really need new people to come on board for it to continue.

There is just 1 piece of equipment left to go in the middle with the cost being about £20000 from the original plan. Ask SRA to prepare a request to go to STAT1 developers for this piece of kit. Cllr Smith needs to get a re quote, looking for full amount of £20k as a starting point. AS knows the 106 process.

Running costs are about £4000 per year.

Cllr Underwood will put call for members on parents WhatsApp group contact to Colin or Daniel

Lease of the land is with the PC

A 106 claim for play equipment could be made with STAT1

Suzie Dukes is interested in getting involved – JC to forward details

Action; (CU) to add call for members to the parents WhatsApp group with Colin and Daniel as the contact point
(Clerk) to forward details of the SRA to Suzie Dukes
(RS) prepare a 106 application for final piece of equipment for the playpark

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

Planning Applications

20/00265/TCA – Fell 1 curly willow tree, 8A Penn Lane. Excessive height and shading over pond. For information only. *Resolved* the PC do not have a comment to submit on this application.

20/00104/FUL – New 2 storey four-bedroom dwelling, Chantry House, 3 Chapel Lane.

There were 11 objectors, including close neighbours. A discussion around access being very narrow and close to a listed building, flooding, the heritage of the area and the impact on the donor house in the conservation area. Lack of visible boundary on the plan, no garage and parking for only 2 cars which is a bit low for a 4 bed dwelling. How will it fit in without removal of the trees. The bigger trees are decent trees which seem really close to the house. The STAT1 developments influence will exacerbate the drainage issue
Neighbours have endured flooding issues and highlight that the environment agency map indicates the direction of flooding as being in an uphill direction! 1998 saw extensive flooding right across the middle of the proposed area.

Cllr Bray proposes to object on the grounds of flooding and access issues, removal of trees, effect on conservation area and the surrounding buildings. Second by Cllrs Ramsay and Plews.

Resolved to object.

*Denotes an amendment to minutes

20/00246/NONMAT – Revision to approved plan 19/01067/FUL, 8A Penn Lane. Propose 2 new velux windows to rear North East elevation.

Resolved the PC does not have a comment to submit on this application.

Correspondence

- Armed forces community covenant officer – highlighting The Armed Forces Covenant and encouraging the PC to sign up to it.
- MBC – District and borough councils are taking forward discussions about creating an East Midlands combined Authority.
- Police – Area data for Jan and Feb.
- LCC – The 7 Councils have declared a collective ambition of being carbon neutral by 2030
- MBC – 9th Mar is the start of the consultation period for Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Finishes on 17th April.
- PCC – Seeking permission for a contractor to do essential repair work in the Churchyard. Improve the poor drainage by installing a shallow drainage pipe, gullies and manhole, prior to repair of a badly cracked church wall. – thanks for letting us know, please remind us nearer the time
- NHW – Can PC assist with any of the 10 ways to protect the isolated and vulnerable during the COVID-19 outbreak. – it is about common sense, put a link out on FB and website

Actions;

(Clerk) submit objection to planning application 20/00104/FUL

(Clerk) ask PCC to update PC nearer the time of the drainage work and thank for informing the PC.

(Clerk) Put link on FB and web for information around COVID-19

343. Consultation response for connectivity between Valebrook and the proposed STAT1 development.

The overwhelming response was support for a footpath. 29 responses with 3 against and a couple that would like to see a vehicular access.

The boundary shown on the PC plan and that of dwellings show the boundary on Valebrook side of stream, no one claims to own the stream that will need maintaining. It has been raised once. Cllr Bray Proposes we write to Mr Worley and highlight this result of consultation and strong feeling that the boundary does not coincide with that of developer. second Cllrs Underwood and Ramsay.

It is not a given this footpath will happen, investigate further.

Resolved to write to Mr Worley with the information.

Actions;

(Clerk) Write to Mr Worley with information collected

344. Payments and Receipts

Payments

Clerk salary (4 weeks)	£561.00	22649
SSE Oct/ Nov/ Dec	£290.66	D/D 11/02
SSE Jan	£111.02	D/D 05/03
HP instant ink & Tesco	£7.45	22650
JPI media Melton Times	£57.60	22651
E.oN Maint	£135.43	22652
Water Plus cemetery	£99.72	22653
B&H (DRobinson)	£42.00	22654
Your Locale	£5400.00	22655

Resolved that the invoices have been inspected by Cllrs, payments approved and cheques signed.

Receipts

Cemetery	£310
Allotment	£40.
Western Power	£12.50 Wayleave
Memorial fees	£180

Playpark account

Payments

None

Receipts

None

Hands Charity

Receipts

None

Payments

None

345. STAT1 development – Any updates prior to meeting

Nineteen 47 are working through the amendments with Davidsons and once these are complete the photomontage will be done. The masterplan may be sorted this week and the PC will be updated.

Recent updates to the portal from highways, propose an unmanned crossing but highways said this is not needed along with no traffic calming measures. Mr Worley has offered to go back to them and try for some traffic calming input. junction will be using less than 5% capacity at peak. worth speaking to Byron to pick it up, Cllr Bray will do this. Developers are quite willing to do what is required. Hopefully have something to look at before too long.

PC should request another meeting through Jim Worley, JC contact Jim to arrange this so we get more warning of date

Boundary issue

Resolved clerk to write to Mr Worley asking for a multigroup meeting and highlighting the boundary issue. Cllr Bray to highlight highways comments and request Mr Worley's and Cllr Rhodes support for a crossing and traffic calming measures.

Actions;

(KB) To pick up the issues raised with Mr Worley and Cllr Rhodes

(Clerk) write to Mr Worley requesting multigroup meeting and highlight boundary issue.

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

It is unclear when this is coming forward to committee. The planning officer can change a recommendation. Cllr Bray complained to Mr Worley about the planning officers conduct and being misleading. Cllr Bray has since met with Mr Worley and as a result has received an email to stating all officers are made aware that they should proactively engage with the communities with whom they are working, the planning officer remains Andrew Cunningham

If it does come up for committee this month David Mell may not be able to speak as he has a prior engagement.

347. Ideas for Annual village meeting on 12th May

Would like it to be a bit more rewarding for the community. Suggested to ask the usual speakers to be brief, put reports in the Stathern Star, so only needing highlights at the meeting, then break for wine, tea, biscuits.

Each group could do a small video clip or a piece of artwork.

Get reports in advance and try to do something with it. JC to send request for reports out early highlights of the year and successes etc. Add to next month to agree a budget.

348. Approval for quote for a new post and re fitting the dog waste bin on Blacksmith End that was damaged.

R Scarborough has quoted £30. Cllr Underwood proposes to accept quote, second by Cllrs Bray and Smith.

Resolved to accept this quote.

Actions;

(Clerk) write to Mr Scarborough accepting his quote

349. Village Matters

Complaint about the plastic in the hedge on the last field down Moor Lane and cornering Long Lane - Spring clean?

PC are in support of doing a litter pick, ask school to get involved, clerk to register with the great spring clean, Cllr Bray ask school to engage.

Allotments – Mr Willatt has given notice with immediate effect.

The state of roads was highlighted, the clerk reports issues, it helps if others also report to highways. *Resolved* clerk will follow up.

STAT2 have had a large fire and parking is again an issue, *resolved* clerk to report

Creating some parking space next to the bus shelter on Main Street. Cllr Bray proposes we write to highways and look at the feasibility and if they would be willing to come and tell us if it is a feasible option to help relieve the parking issue in the middle of the village. It would mean removal of the seat etc. It will create parking for the hall. The bus stop may put them off though. second by Cllr Underwood, add to agenda after reply. *Resolved* to seek advise from highways.

Actions; Clerk follow up the spring clean
Clerk follow up road repairs, Blacksmith End and Penn Lane
Clerk write to planner and building control re fire and parking on STAT2
Clerk write to highways about feasibility of parking being developed by the bus shelter on Main Street

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th Apr 2020

Meeting closed: 20:20