

STAGSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Held Monday 20 January 2020
in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Joanne Hodson, Jim Watson, Esther Dickson, Peter Brown, Trisha Walker, Cllr Jim Weir, Julie Betts (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Ashley Kenlock

ABSENT:

Action/Power

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public attended the meeting.

The Public
Bodies
(Admission to
Meetings) Act
1960 as
amended by
s100, LGA
1972

1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Ashley Kenlock.

LGA 1972,
Sch 12 para
40

2/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting acknowledged that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019 were a correct record.

LGA 1972,
Sch 12, para
41

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting, held on 23 September 2019, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As previously declared and as recorded in the minutes.

4/20 REPORTS

(a) Borough Councillor's Report, Cllr Jim Weir

The new Local Plan 2030 had been agreed at Full Council.

Bedford Borough Council would be buying 50 flats to help out with the rough sleeper problem in Bedford.

Boundary Commission would be consulting shortly on Bedford Parish and Political Boundaries. The result is expected 20 October 2020.

5/20 **UPDATES ON CURRENT ISSUES**

(a) Police/Crime Report

Beds Police Crime statistics were circulated and acknowledged.

Noted

(b) Vacancy

There was one Vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Stagsden. The Clerk would continue to advertise.

All Councillors to speak with their neighbours and contacts in the village.

(c) Speedwatch

Speedwatch carried out, 21 cars seen, 3 recorded and reported.

(d) Village Hall

Quiz and Curry Event and Pop up Pub organised.

(e) Allotments

- At the recent AGM all officials were re-elected.
- No change in plot occupancy but anticipating 2 non renewals.
- Socials planned
- working parties organised
- Fly tipping of tyres at entrance to allotments
- Compost Toilets to be installed when ground is dryer

(f) Allotment Lease

The Allotment Lease is due for renewal. Renewals will be 3 yearly in future.

RESOLVED

(i) To renew the Allotment Lease.

(ii) Future Leases to be renewed at 3-yearly intervals.

(g) **Christmas Party**

A successful Christmas Party was held on Saturday 14 December, 2019.

(h) **Roadside Rubbish Bin/Dog Bins**

Litter Bin replacement:

Bedford Borough Council had been looking to see if there were any replacements in stock but unfortunately have not got any bins available. The cost to purchase a new bin would be approx.. £450.00.

Dog bins

Currently Bedford Borough Council are not emptying any new bins but will be considering this decision shortly.

Councillors agreed that dog mess is increasing in the village. It was agreed to prepare some laminated signs to be temporarily placed around the village.

RESOLVED

To purchase 2 bins, 1 Replacement on the Bedford Road, 1 dog bin Entrance to field., rear of Oakcroft.

To request funding of one dog bin from Cllr Wier's Councillor Funding.

(i) **Defibrillator**

Councillors agreed they would like to hold a training session for the village to cover defibrillator use.

RESOLVED

To book at training session at a cost of £175.00.

(j) Communications

Website ordered, changeover will be before 31 March 2020.

Cllr Watson said that the village newsletter needed addressing. Currently the newsletter is written by a resident and printed by the NFU office in the village. There was issues with printing costs.

Cllr Watson thinks the newsletter needs updating. He would speak with the Church and the NFU and update at the next meeting.

6/20 **PLANNING**

(a) Report of Planning Applications

See attached at Appendix B.

(b) To Consider Planning Applications

Town &
Country
Planning Act
1990

19/02791/S73A, Retrospective Planning Permission Application.
Creation of new highway access to existing horse paddock
(Development already carried out) Land Adjacent The Grove
Turvey Road, Stagsden

RESOLVED

No objections.

7/20 **FINANCE**

(a) Schedule of Receipts and Payments – December 2019/January 2020, Appendix C

The Council received the schedule of receipts and payments made during December 2019/January 2020.

LGA 1972,
s150 (6)

Prop: Joanne Hodson Sec: Esther Dickson , All in favour

(b) Budget Update

The Budget Update was circulated and is attached at Appendix C.

Councillors considered the budget and had no concerns.

8/20 **Amenities**

(a) Play Areas

Outdoor Table Tennis for Play Area

Removal of the existing piece of equipment still needed before a Table Tennis Table can be installed.

The Parish Council had asked BPHA to consider the entrance to the play area as the flooring was uneven. BPHA had now concreted the entrance.

RESOLVED

To purchase a foam football and an outdoor Jenga Set for the play area.

(b) Rights of Way/Footpaths

Cllr Watson had reported the bridges – one had been replaced.

The Gold Course Bridge was slippery and had been reported.

The Forge Tree/Hedge had been reported.

(c) Highways

No update.

9/20 **NEW MATTERS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Communications

10/20 **CORRESPONDENCE, APPENDIX D**

See Correspondence list attached, Appendix D.

- a. BATPC Buckingham Palace Garden Party
- b. Letter from resident re excessive traffic through the village.
Consider a Speedwatch at this time.

11/20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 March 2020 (7.30pm).**

MINUTES AGREED: _____

Date: _____ **2019**

APPENDIX A

Report on Planning Applications

The Elms, Wick End	Single Storey Side and rear extension with porch to front following demolition of existing conservatory	19/00374/FUL	Granted
45 High Street	Variation of approved plans amendments to layout et	19/01526/S73	Granted
The Grove Turvey Road	One & two storey ront, side and rear extensions to remodel existing dwelling, including balcony areas to front and rear	19/02042/FUL	Granted
Land between 50-90 Bedford Road	Erection of four detached dwellings	19/02016/FUL	Not Decided
Land Adjacent to High View Wick End	Demolition of 3 agr barns and erection of 2 four bedroom 1.5 storey dwellings	19/02119/FUL	Refused
The Grove Turvey Road	Replacement stable block with extension of driveway and parking	19/02361/FUL	Granted
Land between 50-90 Bedford Road	Erection of four detached dwellings	19/2016/FUL	Not Decided

APPENDIX B

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

Income	Expenditure	
	229.74	BBC
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		Nat West
4.39		
4.39	459.48	

November 19 salaries
December 19 salaries
Interest

Balance c/f £ 25005.30

APPENDIX C

Stagsden Parish Council b/f 20245.49

Budget Update as at 20.1.20

	Budget	Actual
Receipts		
Interest	10	35.36
Precept	9500	9500
Grants		0
Councillor funding		0
Allotments	600	0

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Signed (Chairman)

Total Receipts	10110	9535.36
Payments		
Election Costs	300	0
Staff costs (Salary/Expenses)	3250	2295.16
Admin (Stationery & Postage)	210	129.99
Councillor expenses	100	
Training	50	30
Subscriptions	100	128
Hall Hire	100	75
Village Hall	750	750
Grass Cut	500	400
S137/Community Action	250	0
Allotments	600	0
Bank Charges	50	0
Legal Fees	50	0
Audit	400	335
Insurance	600	561.11
Play Areas	850	33.47
Open Space		0
Maintenance of village furniture	200	0
Defibrillator	150	235
Xmas lunch	400	
Stagsden Historical Society	200	0
Councillor grants		0
Neighbourhood Planning	1000	0
Total Payments	10110	4972.73

Bank Balance	24808.12
VAT to be reclaimed	197.82
	25005.94

APPENDIX D

CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Received	Type	From	Subject
20.12.19	email	BBC	Precept demand 20-21
20.12.19	email	BATPC	S137 limit for 2020-21
20.12.19	email	BATPC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party
20.12.19	email	Beds Police	Priority Setting
20.12.19	email	Stevington PC	Regulation 14 Consultation
20.1.20	email	BATPC	Advice on overpayment

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