STAGSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the
Parish Council
Held Monday 21 November 2022
in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Peter Brown, Esther Dickson, James Taylor, Cllr Jim Weir, Julie Betts (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr Jim Weir, Joanne Hodson, Jim Watson

ABSENT:

Action/Power

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

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

34/22 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jim Weir, Joanne Hodson, Jim Watson.

LGA 1972, Sch 12 para 40

35/22 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The meeting considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 September 2022.

LGA 1972, Sch 12, para 41

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting, held on 26 September 2022, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

36/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As previously declared and as recorded in the minutes.

37/22 **REPORTS**

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

Report attached at Appendix A.
Cllr Weir agreed to invite representatives of Marshalls Airspace to attend a future meeting of Stagsden Parish Council to discuss their application to develop at Cranfield.

(b) Police and Crime Reports

The Crime reports for September/October were circulated by email to Parish Councillors, Appendix B.

38/22 **UPDATES ON CURRENT ISSUES**

(a) Village Hall

No update

(b) Allotments

Peter Brown declared an interest in the Allotments.

Despite the weather this year, which has been extreme to say the least, it has been a productive year on the allotments especially for those who managed to water their crops.

Membership has remained around the same, the renewal of membership is due on the 1st December & hopefully all the present members will all re-new. For the first time since the opening of the allotments we have made a small increase in rental, from £52 to £60 per year. We feel this increase is necessary due to the rate of inflation & to keep our finances sound.

We are adding another water trough for next years growing season.

Socially the year has gone well, with events being held such as the Queen's Jubilee, a fish & chip supper, Sunflower painting competition & a very successful apple lunch that was open to the village held in the village hall.

Our AGM is being held on the 5 December 2022 which is open to all who would like to attend.

I would like to thank the Parish council for their continuing support.

Shane Hodson, SAALA Chairman.

(c) St Leonards Church Wall

Work would commence on the Church wall in May 2023.

Bedford Borough Council Rural Affair funding can be claimed up to 2 years.

(e) Defibrillator Training

No update.

(g) Speedwatch

No update.

(h) The Royal George

Councillors considered The Royal George under planning at 39/22 (a).

(i) Electric Charging Points

Councillors discussed the installation of Electric Charging Points in the village.

It was agreed to ask Bedford Borough Council to include Stagsden on their application to Government for funding.

RESOLVED

To consider locations for Electric Charging Points in Stagsden.

39/22 **PLANNING**

(a) To Consider Planning Applications

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

22/02355/FUL, The Royal George 57 High Street, Proposed change of use of the former pub building to create a dwelling and the construction of one new dwelling on the former car park area.

Councillors acknowledged that The Royal George would not be a public house again and the site was looking dilapidated. Parish Councillors therefore, supported conversion into dwellings.

RESOLVED

No Objections:
The Parish Council would want to ensure that the finish of the existing building and the new building would be sympathetic to the existing street scene. It would be beneficial if details of the finish and treatments of the exterior were provided to the Council rather than general cosmetic refurbishment. We would ask that a condition be inserted that the finish of the existing building be advised and agreed before commencement.

22/01971/FUL The Grove Turvey Road, Erection of outbuilding for storage of tractor

RESOLVED

No objection

22/0264/FUL 69 High Street, Dropped Kerb to front of property

RESOLVED
No Objections

22/02096/LBC 38-40 High Street Erection of Veranda and canopy

RESOLVED

No Objections

(b) Report of Planning Applications:

Report of planning applications attached at Appendix A.

40/22 **FINANCE**

(a) Schedule of Receipts and Payments – October/November 2022, Appendix C

The Council received the schedule of receipts and payments made during Oct/Nov 2022. LGA 1972, s150 (6)

RESOLVED

That the schedule of receipts and payments made during October/November 2022, and as circulated, be approved.

(b) Budget & Precept 2023-2024

The Meeting considered the proposed budget attached at Appendix E. Councillors agreed there should be no increase in the precept demand for 2023-2024.

RESOLVED

(i) That the detailed 2023-2024 Budget, summarised at Appendix E be agreed.

(ii) That based on the detailed Budget a precept of £10,000 be requested from Bedford Borough Council.

(iii) That the reserves identified at Appendix E be approved.

(c) **National Joint Council – Salary Award**

National Employers have offered, with effect from 1 April 2022, an increase of £1 on all National Joint Council (NJC) pay points. The national pay award would apply to the post of Parish Clerk would be backdated to 1 April 2022.

RESOLVED

That the application of the NJC salary award to the post of Parish Clerk, effective from 1 April 2022, be approved.

41/22 **Amenities**

(a) Play Areas

Cllr Dickson reported that the play equipment had been well used.

Community Flower/Herb Box

Defer to next meeting.

(b) Rights of Way/Footpaths

No update

(c) Highways

No update.

42/22 **NEW MATTERS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

- King Charles III Coronation
- Pavement Gaps
- Civility & Respect Project

43/22 **CORRESPONDENCE, APPENDIX D**

See Correspondence List attached.

- Nat West Safe Custody service ending
- BATPC Civility & Respect Project – Agenda next meeting

44/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm
The next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 January 2022 (7.30pm).**

MINUTES AGREED: _____ Date: _____2022

APPENDIX A

CRIME STATS September/October 2022

27/10/2022	CRIMINAL DAMAGE - RESIDENTIAL	Bedford Road	Stagsden
04/10/2022	PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	High Street	Stagsden

APPENDIX B

Report on Planning Decisions

Bedford Borough Granted			
22/01817/FUL	West End Farm	Erection of agricultural building and access track	
Bedford Borough Council Refused			
22/00904/FUL	90 Bedford Road	Erection of dwelling and cart shed	

APPENDIX C

Receipts & Payments October/November 2022

Income	Expenditure			
	540.00	34693.55	St Leonards	Church Grass
	179.47	34514.08	Julie Betts	Oct Salaries
	45.00	34469.08	HMRC	Oct Salaries
	119.98	34349.10	Cloud Next	Website Hosting
	290.51	34058.59	Julie Betts	Nov Salaries
	72.60	33985.99	HMRC	PAYE
6.26		33992.25	Interest – Nat West	
	600.00	33392.25	Browns	Allotment rent

Balance: 21 November 2022 £33392.25

APPENDIX D

CORRESPONDENCE LIST

Received	Type	From	Subject	
21.11.22	email	Bedford Borough Council	Planning	Little Barford conservation area
21.11.22	email	Robin Thomas	BATPC	Civility and Respect Project
21.11.22	email	Robin Thomas	BATPC	Pay award

2023-2024

	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2022-23	2023-2024	Comments
Receipts	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Nov-Mar**	**Total**	Proposed	
Interest	10	19.55		19.55	20	
Precept	10000	10000		10000	10000	
Grants		0		0		
Councillor funding		0		0		
Allotments	600	0	600	600	600	
Total Receipts	10610	10601.24		10619.55	10620	
Payments						
Election Costs	300	0			300	
Staff costs (Salary/Expenses)	3580	1634.64	1950	3584.64	4000	NALC increase £1.00 per hour on all salary scales
Admin (Stationery & Postage)	210	0		0	210	
Councillor expenses	100			0	0	remove?
Training	50	0		0	50	
Subscriptions	250	212.9		212.9	250	
Hall Hire	100	100	100	100	100	
Village Hall	750	0	750	750	750	
Grass Cut	500	540		540	600	Contractor increased are you happy to increase payment?
S137/Community Action	250	0		0	460	moved £200 from historical society
Allotments	600	600		600	600	
Bank Charges	50	0	50	50	50	
Legal Fees	120	40		40	100	
Audit	400	345		345	400	
Insurance	700	689.53		689.53	700	
Play Areas	1000	714.66		714.66	500	Reduce from £1000
Open Space	400	0		0	500	
Maintenance of village furniture	200	0		0	200	
Defibrillator	150	200		200	150	
Xmas lunch	400	0	400	400	400	
Stagsden Historical Society	200	0	200	200	0	remove?
Website/hosting/domain	300	99			300	year 1 £180 year 2 £270
Total Payments	10610	4986.73	3450	8426.73	10620	

Notes:

Clerk Salary	3000	per month Julie paid £176.64 + HMRC £44.20
Salary provision 12 x £50	600	

Signed (Chairman) ……

Agreed Gratuity March 2011	84.55	never paid
Allowance for office	250	
Total salary	3934.55	

Gratuity unpaid	840.55	10x 84.55 = 840.55

Bank account balance	**35,000**

Reserves 2023-2024	
Pension	1000
Play equipment	5000
St Leonards wall	11000
Public open space	5000
	22000