

STAGSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Held Monday 26 September 2022
in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Peter Brown, Jim Watson, Joanne Hodson, Esther Dickson, James Taylor, Councillor Jim Weir, Julie Betts (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Co Di Credico, Cllr Jim Weir

ABSENT:

Action/Power

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident attended to request light outside her house is switched on at night as other are in the road. The Chair informed the resident that it had been agreed to switch off lights as part of the Dark Skies Scheme and that no lights should be on after 1am (apart from lights near walkways).

Clerk to contact Bedford Borough Council and inform resident of result.

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

23/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Co Di Credico and Cllr Weir.

LGA 1972,
Sch 12 para
40

24/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting acknowledged that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 July 2022 were a correct record.

LGA 1972,
Sch 12, para
41

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting, held on 18 July 2022, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

25/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As previously declared and as recorded in the minutes.

January 2022
Signed (Chairman)

26/22 **REPORTS**

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

No report.

- (b) Police and Crime Reports

The Crime reports for July and August 2022 were circulated by email to Parish Councillors, Appendix B.

27/22 **UPDATES ON CURRENT ISSUES**

- (a) Parish Council Vacancy

Stagsden Parish Council had 1 vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

- (b) Village Hall

Cllr Watson and Hodson had attended the AGM of the Village Hall. The Village Hall had received a COVID Grant in the previous year which had helped purchase wifi smartlock and a new sign for the village hall.

The Village Hall were looking to improve the car park and wall next year.

- (c) Allotments

Peter Brown declared an interest in the Allotments.

Despite having to water a lot this year it is surprising how well the allotments are looking and members are busy harvesting many fruits and vegetables that didn't look as if they were going to any good.

Annual Sunflower painting competition and barbeque was held on the August Bank Holiday. Lunch consisted of a main course and various puddings made from apples and other fruits all grown at the allotments.

As well as general maintenance another water trough was to be installed. The club finances were in a stable condition.

(e) St Leonard's Church Wall

Di Harpham was struggling to make contact with the contractor to start the work on the Church Wall.

(g) Defibrillator Training

Session booked for Defibrillator Training Monday 10 October 2022 Stagsden Village Hall.

The cost for defibrillator awareness sessions was £175.00 – The sessions last up to 2 hours with max 50 attendees.

Advertise on Facebook.

(h) Speedwatch

Process had now changed.

- Need 4 people for a group
- One volunteer to act as coordinator and undergo the vetting process. They will be responsible for the collection of equipment, booking activity, liaising with the group and submitting the activity data.
- Training now done online.
- Once complete there would be a roadside demonstration of the equipment at the roadside.
- Risk Assessment carried out before starting.

Cllr Hodson and Dickson to organise group.

28/22 **PLANNING**

(a) To Consider Planning Applications

Town &
Country
Planning Act
1990

Previously agreed

22/01900/TPO 6 St Leonards Close, Stagsden
T1 Walnut Fell – OBJECTION

2/01817/FUL, West End Farm West End, Stagsden
Erection of agricultural building with access track – NO
OBJECTION

22/01932/REM Land West of Village Farm Spring Lane, Outline permission for erection of 6 dwellings and associated works.

RESOLVED

No objection

(b) Report of Planning Applications:

Report of planning applications attached at Appendix A.

29/22 **FINANCE**

(a) Schedule of Receipts and Payments – August/Sept 2022, Appendix C

The Council received the schedule of receipts and payments made during Aug/Sept 2022.

LGA 1972,
s150 (6)

RESOLVED

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

(b) **Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021-2022**

The AGAR for 2021-2022 had been returned from the Auditors with no issues.

Note

30/22 **Amenities**

(a) Play Areas

Play areas were looking good.

Consider a sign to signpost location of play area.

Community Flower/Herb Box

Cllr Dickson suggested a community flower/herb box could be installed near the Stagsden sign in the centre of the village.

Quotations would be sought locally for the wooden planter box.

Clerk to ask Bedford Borough Council about permissions etc.

(b) Rights of Way/Footpaths

Cllr Brown had agreed to meet with Alison Nelson from Bedford Borough Council to rebuild the bridge near Church Lane Bridleway.

(c) Highways

Report weeds.

31/22 **NEW MATTERS FROM COUNCILLORS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Royal George
Village Electric Charging Points

32/22 **CORRESPONDENCE, APPENDIX F**

See Correspondence List attached.

- Request for 20mph speed limit Wick End/Bury End. Request information from Bedford Borough Council
- Letter from resident objecting to Parish Council contributing to church wall.

33/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Meeting closed at 21.00pm

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21 November 2022 (7.30pm).**

MINUTES AGREED: _____ **Date:** _____ **2022**

January 2022

Signed (Chairman)

APPENDIX A**CRIME STATS JULY/AUGUST 2022**

Recorded Date	Committed From	Committed To	Offence	Street	Area
06/08/2022	05/08/2022 09:20	05/08/2022 09:30	ASSAULT WITH INJURY	Newport Pagnell Road	

APPENDIX B**Report on Planning Decisions**

Bedford Borough Granted			
22/00201/FUL	Southwell 41 High Street	1 & 2 Storey rear extension and single storey attached replacement garage to side	
21/03316/FUL	Beds Golf Club Spring Lane	Winter Storage Water Reservoir & Works	
22/01697/FUL	Ducksworth Farm West End	Erection of static wooden stable outbuilding for storage	
Bedford Borough Council Refused			
22/01697/FUL	30 High Street	Single Storey rear orangery extension	

APPENDIX C**Receipts & Payments June/July 2022**

Income	Expenditure		
	45.00	HMRC	Aug salaries
	179.47	Julie Betts	Aug payroll
	125.00	Stagsden Village Hall	room bookings
			defib training (cheque for £322.80 missed £112.80)
	210.00	Community Heartbeat	
2.56		Nat West interest	
	240.00	Mazars	Audit
	143.88	Zoom	renewal
		Bedford Borough Council	precept
5000.00			
	179.67	Salaries	September
	44.80	HMRC	September
2.85		Nat West interest	

Balance: 26 September 2022 £35233.55

APPENDIX D**CORRESPONDENCE LIST**

Received	Type	From	Subject
26.9.22	email	Mazars	AGAR
26.9.22	email	Juliette Wright	Speedwatch info
26.9.22	email	Central Beds	Stakeholder meeting Cranfield Airport

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Signed (Chairman)