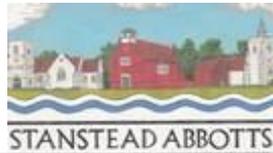


Stanstead Abbots Parish Council

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Minutes of the on-line Council meeting held at 7.45pm
on 7th January 2021

	Action
<p>Councillors present Julia Davies – Chair Mike Dormon – Vice Chair Paul Breach George Cassidy Sarah Chapman Mariesa Howlett Chris Poulton Julia Witting</p> <p>HCC Cllr Eric Buckmaster</p> <p>Apologies Cllr John Hickford EHDC Cllr Jo Dumont</p> <p>Also present Sarah Neighbour – Clerk</p>	
<p>115/21 Public Forum – Members of the public were invited to speak by the Chairman. There were fourteen members of the public present, four members of the public spoke on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and two about the Parish Magazine. Comments on the NP included concerns over the scoring system used for site selection, over supply of number of houses planned, lack of communication to residents without access to computers, concern of the use of greenbelt land for housing development. Two members of the public spoke about the possibility of re-establishing the Parish magazine with financial support from the 3 parishes.</p>	
<p>116/21 Apologies – Cllr John Hickford, EHDC Cllr Jo Dumont</p>	
<p>117/21 Declarations of Pecuniary interests Cllr Julia Davies is a member of St Margaretsbury Tennis Club (grant applications item 123/21)</p> <p>Cllrs are required to complete a declaration of interests form to be published on the website and forwarded to East Herts Council. It is the responsibility of each councillor to ensure that their register of interests is kept up to date. New forms are available from the Clerk.</p>	
<p>118/21 To grant dispensations on matters to be discussed – none needed</p>	
<p>119/21 Minutes of the meetings of Stanstead Abbots Parish Council The Minutes of the additional Parish Council meeting held on the 10th December 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Cllrs are reminded that minutes circulated are taken as read at the next meeting. If they have any comments, they should contact the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>120/21 Reports from District and County Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Buckmaster advised that HCC have produced a briefing note on Covid-19 vaccines. The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. It is important not to contact the NHS for the vaccination before then.</p>	



How you can help

Hertfordshire people have an important part to play to help with the vaccine rollout:

- please don't contact the NHS to seek a vaccine, they will contact you.
- when they do contact you, please attend your booked appointments.
- please continue to follow all the guidance to control the virus and save lives.

The vaccine is our best defence against the virus alongside effective social distancing, wearing a mask and washing our hands.

The recent rise in cases and emergence of a new variant of the virus also shows that we cannot let our guard down now.

All Hertfordshire County Council Consultations can be found at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/About-the-council/Consultations/Consultations.aspx/%20title=>

HCC Cllr Eric Buckmaster advised of the following major consultations:

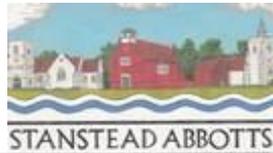
- **Planning Gilston Villages 1-6** Local residents now have the period up to 21 Jan 2021 (at 5pm) to submit comments.
- **East Hertfordshire Growth and Transport Plan Opening date:** 31 October 2020
Closing date: 28 February 2021
- **Sustainable Hertfordshire** - Last year the County Council declared a climate emergency. **This public engagement closes on 24 January 2021**
- **Diversity & inclusion Strategy** - This consultation opened on **21 October 2020, will close on 12th February 2021.**

A clearer approach to setting speed limits on Hertfordshire's roads has been agreed, paving the way for more 20mph zones across the county. Over the summer, Hertfordshire County Council consulted on an updated strategy for setting speed limits on the county's roads, including clearer guidance on the introduction of 20mph areas that aim to improve conditions for people walking and cycling. The strategy includes a framework for setting speed limits so that they are more consistently applied across the road network, reflecting the design of the road and the way it is used. It also provides clearer guidelines on the measures (such as traffic calming, signing and technology) that can be used to help reinforce those limits.

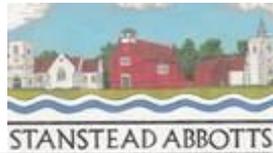
Commissioner plans for Hertfordshire's largest ever police force Hertfordshire is set for its largest ever police force, funded by a planned a £1.25 a month Council Tax increase.(£15) Police and Crime Commissioner David Lloyd is aiming to fund extra frontline officers as part of a £14.1m budget increase, on top of the number provided by the government national uplift programme. The Commissioner's budget proposal would increase the total number in the ranks to 2,267 in the next financial year, with a total of 167 new officers joining. The government is funding 90 officers to be in post by April 2022, while the Commissioner's planned precept rise would pay for another 77 officers. If you would like to give comments, please send them to your.views@herts.pcc.pnn.gov.uk or by completing a short survey bit.ly/Hertsprecept21 by midnight on Friday 15th January 2021.

Cllr Joe Dumont (EHDC) was unable to attend but circulated an update report which included information that Covid-19 marshals would be visiting local villages to offer help and advice to residents.

Councillors raised concerns about litter in the village, Cllr Dumont had a meeting on behalf of the parish council and Cllrs need to keep raising the issues. Cllr Chapman has made a Freedom of Information request for the service agreement with the waste contractors.



<p>121/21 Co-option Vacancy RESOLVED on a vote that Chris Poulton be co-opted on to the Parish Council with immediate effect. An acceptance of office form was signed and witnessed by the clerk during the meeting.</p>	
<p>122/21 Budget and Payments The Vice Chairman requested that the clerk passes all the invoices for signing to himself and the Chairman and he will scan the signed copies and send via email.</p>	
<p>123/21 Grant Applications were approved. The clerk advised that there was £974 left in the grants budget for 2020/2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RESOLVED that £645 be awarded to The New River Line Rail Partnership for 2 new large planters at St Margarets train station. 2. RESOLVED that £329 be awarded to St Margaretsbury Tennis Club for a contribution towards new energy efficient flood lighting. <p>The Chairman abstained from the vote on St Margaretsbury Tennis Club (see declaration of interest agenda item 117/21)</p>	
<p>124/21 Update on Village Playground Improvements Work will start on the village playground on 18th January , the playground will remain open to the public during the works. A large mound of earth needs removing prior to the outdoor fitness equipment installation. RESOLVED the Vice Chairman will circulate a quote for this work.</p>	
<p>125/21 Planning Planning applications can be viewed on the East Herts District Council website at: https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk Please enter the application reference, keyword or address and then Search</p> <p>Applications-</p> <p>3/20/2563/FUL PROPOSAL: Retrospective planning for the removal of speedway track and the formation of grassed football pitches. AT: Rye House Speedway Track Rye Road Hoddesdon Ware Hertfordshire CONSULTATION Deadline: Please send me your comments BY: 11th JANUARY 2021</p> <p>Decisions –</p> <p>3/20/1836/FUL PROPOSAL: Demolition of front extension. Change of use and extension of barn to create one, three bedroomed dwelling AT: Barn F At Halfway House Farm Stanstead Road Hunsdon Hertfordshire SG12 8PU FOR: T Findlay & Sons Ltd Further to my earlier consultation regarding this proposal, I write to inform you that this matter was considered by the Council on the 30th December 2020 and it was decided to Refuse Planning Permission subject to conditions.</p>	
<p>126/21 Proposed Briggens Estate Quarry Update Cllr Buckmaster advised that a meeting had taken place with MP Julie Marson who fully supports the Parish Councils opposition to the quarry. He urged residents to respond to the public engagement which is the next stage in the process.</p>	
<p>127/21 Update on Neighbourhood Plan The latest list of sites has been agreed by Stanstead St Margarets Parish Council and Great Amwell Parish Council. Stanstead Abbots Parish Council voted against the sites on 8th December 2020. Agreement on the sites is needed by all 3 parish councils for the NP process to progress.</p> <p>Cllr Chapman responded to the questions in the public forum, the NP group put forward 118 houses even though the requirement was for 94 as they were aware of issues with some of the sites, so they had to oversupply. The NP group feel the Netherfield Lane site is a suitable site as the landowner is willing to develop the land and keen to work with landowners. This site also passes the RAG rating.</p>	



<p>Cllr Witting requested answers to a series of questions she had raised on the NP. Cllr Breach felt that the NP group should not start a public consultation on the NP during the current national lockdown.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested running an online workshop event for SA Parish Cllrs with the consultant for the NP to work through the site selection process.</p> <p>RESOLVED to hold a workshop for SA Parish Councillors run by the consultant of the NP on Thursday 21st January 2021.</p>	
<p>128/21 Update on CCTV Cllr Cassidy is getting weekly updates from Mike Bourne at Hertfordshire CCTV to resolve the current issues. Cllr Poulton offered his assistance in getting the CCTV working.</p>	
<p>129/21 Crime and Policing in Stanstead Abbots Cllrs Chapman and Howlett attended the Police Priority Setting Forum in December. There were no reports of any vehicle theft or damage in the previous 3 months despite several incidents being communicated on the Stanstead Abbots Community Page on Facebook. Cllr Chapman urged residents to report all crimes. Cllrs would like to see more police presence in the village and attendance from a PCSO at Parish Council meetings.</p>	
<p>130/21 South East Hertfordshire Growth and Transport Plan Cllr Witting presented a draft response to the Growth and Transport Plan. RESOLVED to submit the response on behalf of SA Parish Council including a request for 20mph speed limits in the village.</p>	
<p>131/21 To consider Parish Councillors email addresses. The clerk advised that the cost of setting up new Cllr email accounts to the new provider including the transfer of existing data would cost £340. 1. APPROVED to pay the set up costs of £340 .</p>	
<p>132/21 Litter, fly tipping and rubbish collection This was discussed under agenda item 120/21</p>	
<p>133/21 Village Playground update This was discussed under agenda item 124/21.</p>	
<p>134/21 Parish Magazine The Chairman advised that SAPC used to help fund the parish magazine and asked for volunteers for a working group to investigate setting up the magazine again. Cllr Chapman and Cllr Howlett volunteered.</p>	
<p>135/21 Councillor Training All parish councillors are required to attend the Basic Councillor Training course provided by HAPTC. The clerk will send out details of training courses.</p>	
<p>136/21 Post Office Provision at the Co-op in the High Street Cllr Witting presented a report to Cllrs detailing issues with the current Post Office provision at the Co-Op in the High Street. RESOLVED Cllr Witting to draft a letter to the Post Office expressing local concerns.</p>	
<p>137/21 To suggest items for the agenda for the next online meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 4th February 2021 please send any agenda items to the clerk by 29th January 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">The meeting finished at 22.25</p>	

Further information on any items above can be obtained from the Chair of the Parish Council Cllr Julia Davies on tel 01920 877633 or from the Clerk on 07943 602877.

Signed.....Chair. Dated



Dates of next committee meetings and events to be agreed.

1. Neighbourhood Plan Scoring Sites Workshop 21st January.
2. Maintenance and Traffic Committee Friday 12th February 2021
3. Planning Committee to be arranged
4. Finance and Policy Meeting to be arranged.

Dates of Future Meetings 2020/21 - Please note these will be on-line meetings until further notice.

Thursday 4th February 2021

Thursday 4th March 2021

Thursday 6th May 2021 – Annual Council meeting - please note change of date

Thursday 13th May 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting in the village hall subject to Covid 19 guidelines in place at the time.