



## Stanstead Abbots Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Maintenance and Traffic Committee meeting held at 12.00noon on 12th February 2021 via Zoom

	Action
<p><b>Committee Members present</b>            Cllr John Hickford – Chair            Cllr George Cassidy            Cllr Julia Davies            Cllr Mike Dormon            Gini Trower - co-opted</p> <p><b>Others Present</b>            Sarah Neighbour - Clerk</p>	
<b>77/21 Public Forum</b> – there were no members of the public present.	
<b>78/21 Apologies</b> - none	
<b>79/21 Declaration of Pecuniary interests (DPI)</b> - None	
<b>80/21 Minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b> were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.	
<p><b>81/21 Playground</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new signs are now up in the playground. The clerk to look into the sign for the basketball net and a new net for the basketball equipment. The handyman now has 10 litres of hand sanitiser.</li> <li>2. The handyman is currently posting his playground inspection reports to the clerk.</li> </ol>	<b>SN</b>
<p><b>82/21 Playground improvements and fitness equipment</b>            Work has been progressing well, the new toddler unit is now up as is the seesaw, however as the ground is so wet, the installation of the wet-pour surface has been paused until the water level in the ground has gone down. The weather will also delay the outside gym area works for the time being. There is, yet no projected date for resumption of the works as this will depend on the weather.</p> <p>There may be an amendment to the angled climbing board on the toddler equipment due to some tree roots in that area, this is preferable to cutting the tree down, the new amended design will be circulated.</p> <p>Amwell Fisheries have moved the large mound of soil from the area for the outside gym equipment so work can progress once the weather improves. Part of the fence surrounding the outside gym area has been knocked down, Cllr Dormon to look into costing of new fencing</p>	
<p><b>83/21 CCTV Update</b>            The costs for the initial set up of the CCTV were agreed at the last council meeting so this should be happening in the next few weeks. Stanstead St Margarets Parish Council may be willing to contribute towards maintenance costs going forward.</p>	
<p><b>84/21 Rubbish Bin</b>            EHDC want the parish council to pay for the new bin as there is an issue over who's land it's on, Cllr Davies will chase up with EHDC Cllr Dumont.</p>	
<p><b>85/21 Update on painting red phone box and bollards</b>            A contractor has agreed to carry out the work as soon as the weather improves.</p>	



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<p><b>86/21 Christmas Lights Costs</b> Members of the committee looked at the costs of the current suppliers and agreed on looking for a new supplier before the contract with the current suppliers expires to reduce costs. Gini offered to help with storage of the Christmas lights going forward and the clerk will write to the current suppliers to request a replacement of 3 plugs which were lost. It was agreed to start looking at new suppliers from June 2021.</p>	
<p><b>87/21 To consider Litter and Fly-tipping</b> Residents in Cappell Lane have been collecting bags of rubbish and picked over 30 bags of litter and made posters asking people to not drop litter. The council thanked the residents on social media for their efforts and the litter issues in the village will be brought to the next council meeting.</p>	
<p><b>88/21 New Flower Beds for the Meadow</b> These have now been purchased and will be assembled once social distancing restrictions are lifted. The clerk will order 6 x additional stakes.</p>	SN
<p><b>89/21 Speeding in the village</b> Speeding continues to be an issue in and around the village, Cllr Cassidy suggested applying for a grant for an indicator sign.</p>	
<p><b>90/21 Weight Limits in the village</b> Cllr Hickford has been liaising with a local PCSO regarding the reporting of HGVs exceeding the weight limits driving through the High Street. The PCSO advised that although the police are obliged to deal with all traffic offences, they do not currently have the resources and advised that residents and councillors need to keep reporting it online via ECHO. Cllr Hickford asked Cllrs to send photos and forward to him for him to escalate.</p>	
<p><b>91/21 To agree a date for the next M and T meeting with agenda items.</b> The next M and T meeting to be held on Friday 12th March 2021 at 12 noon.</p>	

**Further information on any items above can be obtained from the from the Clerk Sarah Neighbour at [clerk@stansteadabbottsparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stansteadabbottsparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**Signed..... Chair      Date.....**