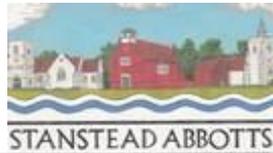


Stanstead Abbots Parish Council

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**Minutes of the on-line Council meeting held at 7.45pm
on 4th February 2021 via Zoom**

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<p><i>Councillors present</i> Julia Davies – Chair Mike Dormon – Vice Chair Paul Breach George Cassidy Sarah Chapman John Hickford Mariesa Howlett Chris Poulton Julia Witting</p> <p>HCC Cllr Eric Buckmaster EHDC Cllr Jo Dumont</p> <p><i>Apologies</i> None</p> <p><i>Also present</i> Sarah Neighbour – Clerk Kristine Ward - PCSO– Herts Police Jonathon Trower – Baesh Alms Trust</p>	
<p>138/21 Public Forum – Members of the public were invited to speak by the Chairman.. Jonathon Trower spoke about the history of the Baesh Alms Trust which is a charity that was set up to provide housing for those in need in Stanstead Abbots. With support from the right developer 6 more affordable housing properties could be built.</p> <p>There were eight members of the public present, three members of the public spoke on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Comments on the NP included concerns over the consultation going ahead during the COVID-19 pandemic, who paid for the AECOM report and the site assessment criteria. One member of the public felt the promotion of the Websters site at Netherfield Lane on Facebook by the NP group was biased and felt that Councillors should be impartial. One member of the public accused councillors on the NP steering group of not disclosing pecuniary (financial) interests, this was withdrawn by the member of the public due to a misunderstanding of what pecuniary interests are.</p>	
<p>139/21 Apologies – none received</p>	
<p>140/21 Declarations of Pecuniary interests 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>141/21 To grant dispensations on matters to be discussed – none needed</p>	
<p>142/21 Minutes of the meetings of Stanstead Abbots Parish Council The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th January 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>	



143/21 Reports from District and County Councillors

HCC Cllr Eric Buckmaster presented the following updates from HCC:

All adult residents in the EN10 area of Broxbourne are being encouraged to get a COVID-19 test over the next two weeks, whether they have symptoms or not. This follows confirmation that there is an isolated number of cases of the South African variant in the local area. Extra mobile testing capacity has been set up at the Broxbourne Lido site & Paradise Wildlife Park (in EN10, Broxbourne) and home testing kits will be available to pick up from Wormley Community Centre and Hoddesdon Library.

HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (HSCP) ARE WORKING WITH NSPCC TO LAUNCH A COUNTYWIDE NEGLECT Survey CAMPAIGN IN EARLY 2021 - SURVEY LAUNCHED TO GAUGE UNDERSTANDING OF NEGLECT ACROSS COUNTY

The campaign is being launched in early 2021 alongside Hertfordshire's new neglect strategy, which will focus on intervening at the earliest opportunity to help prevent neglect and reduce the impact it has on children. The campaign will run in three phases; the first phases will look to work with professionals, the second phase will target work with parents and carers and the third phase will be led by young people themselves.

The survey link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DZYWMGQ>

Cllr Eric Buckmaster detailed the Locality Grant awards he has made in the last year.

Cllr Joe Dumont acknowledged that the Gilston planning documents were very confusing and difficult to view and will take these concerns forward.

EHDC Cllrs voted for charging residents £49 a year for the collection of brown bins (garden waste only) from 1st April 2021 and food waste is no longer allowed to be placed in brown bins. Residents can still place food waste in black bins but are encouraged to compost s much as possible. Cllrs felt that this decision would lead to more fly-tipping

144/21 Budget and Payments

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Payments and the bank reconciliation was approved ;and
2. A budget meeting to be held on 17th February 2021 to look over contractual commitments for the coming year.

145/21 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

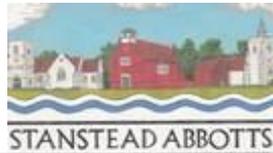
Applications-

3/20/2287/ADV PROPOSAL: 1 fascia sign; 1 hanging sign and one "A" Board sign **AT:** 14A High Street (Below Katemon Court) Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire. Please send any comments **BY:** 8th February 2021

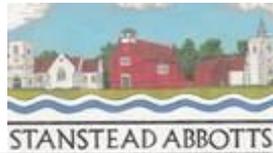
It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that A Boards cause obstruction on the pavement in the High Street.

3/21/0183/HH PROPOSAL: Removal of garden store and construction of flat roof outbuilding. **AT:** 1 Thele Avenue Stanstead Abbots Ware Hertfordshire SG12 8JB **CONSULTATION DEADLINE:** Please send any comments **BY:** 17th February 2021



<p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. The Parish Council has no objection to this application.</p> <p>Decisions – the planning decisions were noted.</p>	
<p>146/21 Proposed Briggens Estate Quarry Update HCC are asking more questions about transportation, and will have to wait 3 to 4 months, need to get more support from residents and Cllr Hickford is looking into the possibility of establishing 'cherished view' status.</p>	
<p>147/21 Update on Neighbourhood Plan (NP) It was commented that recent communications regarding the NP on the Stanstead Abbots Community News Facebook page between some councillors have caused distress and upset and this behaviour needed to stop. Other Councillors felt that as the Parish Council are currently divided in opinion on the NP proposed sites it was inappropriate to promote proposed housing sites on the Community News Facebook page. The Chairman requested that disagreements on Facebook stop and agreed that Facebook posts on the NP should only be made on the NP Facebook page. Cllr Witting requested a communications plan for the NP Group.</p> <p>Responses to Questions in the Public Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs on the NP Steering group don't feel it is inappropriate to support the site selections as the sole purpose of the NP steering group is to identify sites suitable for housing development. • The cost of the AECOM report was funded by a grant from central government which the NP Steering group qualified for. • Members of the NP Steering group acknowledged that holding a consultations process during the COVID-19 pandemic is not ideal however, it is an informal consultation and if the process is delayed until lockdown is over the NP group risk losing all the work they have put in to the process over the last few years. 	
<p>148/21 Update on CCTV Councillors were advised of the annual monitoring costs for the CCTV which would need approval to move forward with the project.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>1. The annual cost of monitoring the CCTV from 1st April of £4515.70 be approved on a vote of 7 for and 2 against.</p> <p>As this is a new cost that isn't in the budget for 21/22 it will be discussed in the upcoming budget meeting on 17th February.</p>	
<p>149/21 Crime and Policing in Stanstead Abbots PCSO Kristine Ward assured Cllrs that a recent violent incident in the village was an isolated incident and was not a random attack. Cllr Witting requested some public reassurance from the police on this incident as residents are genuinely concerned. Kristine will feed this back to her Sergeant and get a press release and statement for Facebook.</p>	
<p>150/21 Speed Limits in the village Cllr Poulton informed Cllrs of the 20s plenty for Herts campaign which aims to impose more 20mph limits across the county to reduce speeding and reduce fatalities. HCC Cllr Buckmaster is in favour of the campaign in certain areas and has introduced it in Sawbridgeworth.</p> <p>One of the police priorities in the village is speeding, and speed checks have recently been carried out in parts of the village, if Cllrs have specific areas they wish the speeding checks to focus on please let PCSO Kristine Ward know. On the DriveSafe section of the police commissioner's website www.hertscommissioner.org there are speed check community projects that residents can get involved with. Cllr Hickford reported that the PCSO carrying out</p>	



speed checks in Roydon Road said there were a considerable number of vehicles exceeding 30mph.	
<p>151/21 Litter, fly tipping and rubbish collection. EHDC Cllr Dumont is aware of the concerns about litter in the village and had a meeting with the Chief Executive and Head of Operations at EHDC who advised more data is needed from the local community to build a picture of the extent of the problem so a remedy can be found. Cllr Dumont is going to engage with individuals to form a structured way of providing evidence to EHDC. Cllr Chapman will circulate a document she received as a result of an FOI request.</p>	
<p>152/21 Village Playground update An update on the delay in works caused by the wet weather has been posted on Facebook and the parish council website. The mound of earth that needed removing to flatten the surface for the outdoor gym equipment area has now been removed.</p>	
<p>153/21 Zoom Policy Cllrs supported the recording of council meetings going forward but would like a policy to be brought to the next council meeting for agreement on rules such as who keeps the recordings and how long for and no editing of the recordings. The clerk will bring a revised zoom policy to the next meeting.</p>	
<p>154/21 Parish Magazine A survey is going to be put online to gauge interest in a parish magazine. There will be another meeting in a few weeks.</p>	
<p>155/21 Rectory Hall Update One family has been housed in Rectory Hall so far, Cllr Chapman will continue to act as a point of contact. We also have a food bank that needs further promotion as its not currently being used.</p>	
<p>156/21 Councillor Training The Chairman urged Cllrs to be aware of training opportunities offered by HAPTC and has recently had some very useful training on Planning. Cllrs should contact the clerk if they wish to attend any training.</p>	
<p>157/21 To suggest items for the agenda for the next online meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 please send any agenda items to the clerk by 26th February 2021.</p>	
The meeting finished at 22.06	

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. Maintenance and Traffic Committee Friday 12th February 2021
2. Budget Meeting 17th February 2021
3. Planning Committee to be arranged
4. Finance and Policy Meeting 23rd March 2021t5r4=-04

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

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.