



# STANSTEAD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Stanstead Abbots ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting

Held in person on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall

(Also live streamed via the Stanstead Abbots Parish Council Facebook Page)

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Mike Dormon (Chairman), Paul Breach, George Cassidy, Julia Davies, Mariesa Howlett.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Neighbour (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Davies announced she was stepping down from the role of Chairman after over 8 years. She thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work.

### 1/21 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

**RESOLVED** Cllr Michael Dormon was appointed Chairman of the Parish Council on a unanimous vote.

### 2/21 PUBLIC FORUM

1. There was one member of the public present who did not wish to speak and attended remotely via Zoom.

### 3/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman explained that due to current government social distancing regulations which do not allow more than 6 people in a room, Councillors were asked to volunteer to stand down from this meeting to enable 5 Councillors and the Clerk to attend in person.

Cllr Sarah Chapman, Cllr John Hickford, Cllr Chris Poulton, Cllr Julia Witting

### 4/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

### 5/21 DISPENSATIONS

None needed.

### 6/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 were agreed by the Council and will be signed when by the Chair when it is safe to do so.

**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.**

### 7/21 VICE CHAIR AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL 2021/22

It was agreed that the appointment of Vice Chair would be postponed until such time when all Councillors could legally attend a meeting.



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1. **RESOLVED:** to postpone the appointment of the Vice Chairman of the Council to the next full Council meeting in the hope that social distancing restrictions will be lifted, and all Councillors can attend and vote in person.
2. **RESOLVED:** the 2021/22 membership of the Finance and Policy Committee, Maintenance and Traffic Committee and Planning committee was approved.

### 8/21 APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEES

There has been a proposal to amend the Councils policy on appointments to Trusts which will be considered by the Finance and Policy Committee prior to going to the next Council meeting. Therefore, these appointments will be considered temporary until confirmed or otherwise following the review of our policy.

**RESOLVED:** the following appointments were agreed:

1. Parish Hall - Cllr Mike Dormon
2. St Margaretsbury Trust – Cllr Mike Dormon and Cllr John Hickford
3. Beash Almshouses Trust - Dr Tessa Dormon and Pam Harris

### 9/21 21/22 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

A draft calendar of Council and Committee meetings for 2021/22 was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** the calendar of meetings was approved.

**10/21** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 24th June at 7.45pm in the Ashlea Room. Items to be sent to the Clerk by e-mail by Thursday 17th June at the latest.

The Chairman officially closed the meeting and explained that the meeting was kept as brief as possible since not all Councillors could attend and to minimise social contact due to the risk of Covid-19.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Julia Davies for the tireless work she has done for the community of Stanstead Abbots during her ten years as Chair of the Council. He praised her energy and support of the many projects and local causes she has been involved in including the installation of the CCTV, new lampposts in the High Street, the new playground equipment, the setting up of a food bank in the village, a project to restart the village magazine and her ongoing hard work on the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

In recognition of her hard work, the Clerk presented her with some flowers and a painting of the New River by local artist Linda Gifford.

**The meeting ended at 7.58pm**

Signed ..... Chair Date.....



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### **Dates of next committee meetings and events to be agreed.**

1. Maintenance and Traffic Committee 25<sup>th</sup> June 12 noon tbc
2. Planning Committee meeting to be arranged.
3. Finance and Policy – Working Group Meeting Wednesday 2nd June 7.30pm via Zoom

### **Dates of meetings of Stanstead Abbots Parish Council 2021-22:**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022