



STANSTEAD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Stanstead Abbots Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.45pm
at St Margaretsbury Sports and Social Club**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Dormon (Chairman) Paul Breach, George Cassidy, Julia Davies, Sarah Chapman, John Hickford, Julia Witting

OTHERS PRESENT: Terry Morris - Neighbourhood Watch
Gaby Wilde – 3 Villages Magazine
Cllr Eric Buckmaster (Hertfordshire County Council)
Sarah Neighbour (Parish Clerk)

31/21 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

32/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mo Howlett, Cllr Chris Poulton
Cllr Joe Dumont (East Herts District Council)

33/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

34/21 DISPENSATIONS

None needed.

35/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 24th of June 2021 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

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.

36/21 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A monthly report from Cllr Buckmaster was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the M and T committee would look at tree planting for the Queens canopy in 2022. Cllrs requested a monthly report from Cllr Dumont for East Herts Council, the clerk will request this.

37/21 CRIME AND POLICING IN STANSTEAD ABBOTTS

Terry Morris from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme stressed the importance of reporting crime and will ask Sgt Tom Pryor for monthly crime statistics for Stanstead Abbots.

There is a new Owl APP that Hertfordshire residents can download to receive alerts and appeals regarding local incidents, plus crime prevention advice, directly from their local police, council and watch adviser. The clerk will promote the APP on social media to try and increase awareness.

38/21 Parish Magazine – Update

Gaby Wilde updated the parish council on the new 3 villages magazine:

- Funding is needed from all 3 parish councils to get the magazine started
- Expecting to get more advertisers once the magazine is in print
- Aim is to be a community resource that anyone can contribute to that will include nice local news, updates from church, scouts etc.
- Printed copies will be £1 electronic copies free
- First printed copy will get delivered then will put into shops in village
- Soft launch planned for 11th September main launch 25th September

39/21 BUDGET AND PAYMENTS

1. The payments and bank reconciliation for June were approved.
2. The budget report will be postponed to the next meeting in September.

40/21 EVENT PLANNING

1. It was agreed that the Clerk could set up an event working group to look at events for next year
2. It was agreed that the playground opening event should be postponed to September as Covid cases are still high.

41/21 PLANNING

The planning applications submitted where the deadline had passed, and the planning decisions were noted.

Planning Applications received prior to the Parish Council meeting:

- (1) **3/21/1522/FUL PROPOSAL:** Redevelopment of the site to provide new community leisure and sports hub, comprising: removal of the existing speedway track and installation of new artificial grass football pitch with perimeter ball stop fencing, pitch divider net system and floodlights; conversion of existing spectator stand to provide new changing room block and clubhouse facilities; change of use of existing buildings to Class E for use as gymnasium, dance studio and sports and fitness centre; construction of new hospitality building; retrospective extension to the existing gymnastics club; and associated parking for all facilities.**AT:** Rye House Stadium Rye Road Hoddesdon Hertfordshire- no objection.

42/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

At the mediation session on 29th June, it was recommended that the Parish Council should move directly to a Regulation 14 Public Consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan and policies which will include a slightly amended list of proposed housing sites, the reasons for the variation are fully set out in the attached papers.

1. Approve list of housing sites for inclusion in the formal regulation 14 consultation

Councillors discussed the proposed housing sites and Cllr Witting asked why an alternative plan for housing sites presented by Nicholas Cox and sent to the Neighbourhood Plan group earlier this year by a member of the public, which attempted to prove that the quota of 94 homes could be reached without building on the greenfield part of the Netherfield Lane site had not been considered.

The alternative plan was submitted as part of the consultation around the Neighbourhood Plan webinar in March 2021 but missed originally; a member of the public resubmitted it and it was answered on 18th April 2021. A copy of the answer was posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website and Facebook page on 19th April 2021, which showed that the alternative figures did not constitute a viable plan, largely due to some incorrect assumptions and in particular to the complex situation as regards the brownfield part of the Netherfield Lane site.

The decision to approve the housing sites was decided on a vote with 4 votes for, 3 against and 1 Councillor abstained from voting. The Chairman used his casting vote.

APPROVED: the list of housing sites for inclusion in the formal Regulation 14 Consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Paul Breach, Cllr George Cassidy and Cllr Julia Witting would like it noted that they all voted **AGAINST** the proposed housing sites.

2. Review and approve Community Asset Register

APPROVED: the Community Asset Register was approved on the condition that the Scout Hut in Marsh Lane and land adjacent be included and that the amended Community Asset Register comes back to the September council meeting along with any other potential additions.

43/21 CCTV UPDATE

The Chairman will present the monthly CCTV incident reports to the council meetings going forward.

44/21 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Buckmaster advised some speed and volume studies have been carried out in the village and are currently being analysed. There should be potential to create a 20mph area in the High Street and adjacent roads. Cllr Breach volunteered to help get resident support and public engagement. Cllrs did not feel joining the 20's plenty campaign would be appropriate at this time as the focus is for certain areas to become 20mph not a blanket limit for the whole of the village.

45/21 VILLAGE PLAYGROUND UPDATE

APPROVED: expenditure of £300 for tree cutting to take place in the village playground to remove fallen Willow tree.

46/21 LITTER, FLY-TIPPING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION

Cllr Witting commented that EHDC bin in high street is not always being emptied. Cllr Buckmaster advised that a letter is being sent to the sentencing committee for fly tipping to request more consistent in the value of fines imposed.

47/21 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.45pm to be held in the Ashlea Room at the Parish Hall Roydon Road.

The meeting ended at 10.06pm

Signed Chairman Date.....