



Stanstead Abbots Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.45pm
In the Ashlea Room, Parish Hall, Roydon Road**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Dormon (Chairman), Sarah Chapman,
John Hickford, Mariesa Howlett, Julia Witting

APOLOGIES: Paul Breach, George Cassidy Julia Davies,
Cllr Joseph Dumont (East Herts District Council)
Cllr Eric Buckmaster (Hertfordshire County Council)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Neighbour (Parish Clerk)

70/21 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

71/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Paul Breach, Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Julia Davies, Cllr Joseph Dumont (East Herts District Council),
and Cllr Eric Buckmaster (Hertfordshire County Council)

72/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mike Dormon and Cllr John Hickford both declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 78/21 as they are trustees for St Margaretsbury Sports and Social Club.

73/21 DISPENSATIONS

None needed.

74/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th of September 2021 were agreed by the Council and will be signed by the Chairman after the Clerk corrects some typos.

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.

75/21 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Monthly reports from Cllr Buckmaster and Cllr Dumont were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

76/21 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Cllr Chris Poulton resigned with immediate effect on 13th September 2021. East Herts Democratic Services advised that we can now advertise for a vacancy as no request for an election has been made. An advert will be placed on the website, notice boards and Facebook page asking for applications to be in by 2nd November and be considered at the next Council meeting on 11th November.

77/21 CRIME AND POLICING IN STANSTEAD ABBOTTS

PC Jordan Critchely and PC Hayley Woodward attended and gave the following update:

The priorities for Stanstead Abbots and Ware have recently been reset and are:

- Speeding
- Illegal use of E-Scooters – initial approach is to educate users and schools that it is illegal to use e-scooters on pavements as many are not aware, police will issue a press release re this
- Ware – night-time economy

Update on recent stabbing incident in Stanstead Abbots:

Perpetrator and victim were known to each other and had both been drinking alcohol all day, Both are ok and were asked to move their boats.

Update on playground fire:

CCTV captured images of the youths who started the fire and images will Be sent round to local secondary school, if an identification can be made those responsible will be questioned by the police.

PC Critchely commented that the CCTV in the village is fantastic and gives a very clear view even in the dark.

78/21 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following grants were **APPROVED:**

St Margaretsbury Tennis Club - £500

This grant payment relies on the 'Power to provide Recreation Grounds' Local Govt (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976s19

St Margaretsbury Trust - £2000

This grant payment relies on the 'Power to provide Recreation Grounds' Local Govt (Miscellaneous provisions)Act 1976s19

Red Kite Charity - £250

This grant payment relies on the 'Power to provide Crime Prevention' Local Govt and Ratings Act 1997s31

79/21 BUDGET AND PAYMENTS

1. **APPROVED:** the payments and bank reconciliation for September 2021.
2. Councillors were reminded that the Finance and Policy Committee are meeting on 27th October to set the draft budget for 22/23 and they should contact the clerk by the 20th of October if they have specific projects, they would like included.

80/21 PLANNING

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

The following planning application was discussed and it was noted that any Section 106 monies should be earmarked for specific projects.

3/20/0502/OUT PROPOSAL: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except from access for redevelopment of vacant employment site with a mixed-use development comprised of B1 (business) floorspace and 20 dwellings, together with associated access, parking and landscaping. **AT:** Land and Buildings To The East Of Netherfield Lane Stanstead Abbots Hertfordshire SG12 8HE **FOR:** Webster Estates Ltd

81/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) UPDATE

Cllr Dormon advised that the Regulation 14 Consultation is behind schedule as the NP Steering Group are waiting for AECOM reports which will delay progress to December or January 2022.Cllr Witting asked how consultancy fees were being funded going forward and Cllr Dormon advised that he has applied for a grant for £4000.

82/21 CCTV UPDATE

The Chairman presented the monthly CCTV incident reports to the council, and it was noted that the police are finding the CCTV very useful.

83/21 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE – UPDATE

Cllr Cassidy has secured a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for the village. Cllr Buckmaster (HCC) has offered the use of a speeding van to record speeding vehicles, the clerk will contact him to arrange this.

84/21 PLAYGROUND AND MEADOW

- 1. Cllr Breach gave an update on the launch event held on 18th September. The event went very well, and the local businesses have been formally thanked on Facebook and in an article posted on the front page of the Council website.
- 2. The Chairman advised that we some wet pour repairs that need to be made in the playground, we have received a quote for £5,812 and the clerk will get two more quotes for consideration. The council will investigate securing a grant for these works.

85/21 LITTER, FLY-TIPPING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION

- 1. The clerk will ask East Herts District Council for two new public bins, one on the entrance to the village playground and another near the new seating in the Meadow.
- 2. Issues with the bins not being emptied regularly and the High Street not being swept are ongoing. Cllr Dumont to report back on the possibility of the Parish Council managing and running litter collection and street sweeping going forward.
- 3. The clerk to organise a volunteer High Street Clean Up Volunteer event on Sunday 31st October.

86/21 HIGH STREET

APPROVED: the Chairman to draft a letter with the Clerk reminding businesses in the High Street to allow sufficient space on the pavement when placing A-boards outside.

87/21 LIVE STREAMING/RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chairman suggested live streaming Council meetings to make the community more aware of what we are doing and to get more local people involved. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will discuss next steps.

88/21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk to contact Lamps and Tubes who are highly recommended by other councils who use them.

89/21 Cllr Hickford requested to discuss an item at the next meeting on the possible creation of Stanstead Abbots Woodland Trust. The next of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 7.45pm to be held in the Ashlea Room at the Parish Hall Roydon Road.

The meeting ended at 21.57pm

Signed Chairman Date.....