



STANSTEAD ABBOTTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Stanstead Abbots Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 9th September 2021 at 7.45pm
In the Ashlea Room, Parish Hall, Roydon Road**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mike Dormon (Chairman) Paul Breach, Julia Davies, John Hickford, Maresa Howlett, Julia Witting

APOLOGIES: George Cassidy, Sarah Chapman, Chris Poulton

OTHERS PRESENT: Cllr Joseph Dumont (East Herts District Council)
Cllr Eric Buckmaster (Hertfordshire County Council)
Sarah Neighbour (Parish Clerk)

49/21 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

50/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Sarah Chapman, Cllr Chris Poulton

51/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

52/21 DISPENSATIONS

None needed.

53/21 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 22nd of July 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.

54/21 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Monthly reports from Cllr Buckmaster and Cllr Dumont were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting and Cllrs were updated as follows:

- Healthy hubs have reopened again. To find your local hub, simply visit [Healthy Hub East Herts | East Herts District Council](#) on line.
- Hertfordshire County Council is unveiling plans for a new waste and recycling transfer Station, near Ware.
- Hertfordshire businesses which have rubbish illegally dumped on their land can apply to have it removed for free. All contact details are available the PCC website <https://www.hertscommissioner.org/fly-tipping>
- Winter self—help salt scheme - The link to the page is <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/roadworks-and-road-closures/severe-weather/gritting-the-road/winter-self-help-gritting-your-road/winter-self-help-gritting-your-road.aspx>

- **Business Continuity Plan - Waste Services** - Waste services are actively operating under its business continuity plan. Over recent weeks we have seen disruption to services, this has predominantly meant that some scheduled collections have not occurred and been collected the following day and bin deliveries have been delayed. If residents experience missed collections, they can still report this online using the online form if they are unable to wait until the next collection. The report must be made within 48h of the due collection, but are fully trackable, unlike emails or phone calls. If the whole street has not received a collection, it should be scheduled for collection the next day regardless of whether this is reported.

55/21 UPDATE ON MINERALS PLAN

Cllr Buckmaster will keep the Council updated on any developments on the minerals plan.

56/21 CRIME AND POLICING IN STANSTEAD ABBOTTS

There was no representative from the police able to attend tonight's meeting.

57/21 GRANT APPLICATION – THREE VILLAGES MAGAZINE

A grant application for the new Three Villages magazine which was due to be considered at the Finance and Policy Committee on 29th September was brought forward to this meeting as agreed by the Council to enable the Magazine to finance their first print run of the magazine. Cllr Witting voiced the following concerns and requested them to be recorded; no annual budget and list of running costs was provided, no details were provided on where the money would be spent and who it would be paid to and if an individual is being paid, they should be treated as an employee.

APPROVED: a grant of £500 to the Three Villages Magazine

This grant payment relies on the 'Power to provide information relating to matters affecting Local Government' Local Govt Act 1972s.142

58/21 BUDGET AND PAYMENTS

1. The payments and bank reconciliation for July and August were **APPROVED**.

59/21 PLANNING

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

60/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) UPDATE

Cllr Davies advised that the policies for the Regulation 14 Consultation are currently being finalised and an exhibition on the Consultation will be held for residents when it is complete in the Parish Hall. The Chairman confirmed that the full plan once completed, will need to go to all three Parish Councils for approval before going to public consultation. The Chairman also agreed to bring a report to the Finance and Policy Committee on 29th September to discuss long term funding plan for the NP.

61/21 CCTV UPDATE

The Chairman presented the monthly CCTV incident reports to the council, two incidents had been called in by the police in August both concerning the welfare of individuals.

62/21 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE – UPDATE

Cllr Breach provided a written update on the plans for reducing the speed limit in the village and thanked Cllr Buckmaster for facilitating a recent meeting with Hertfordshire CC. Hertfordshire Highways are investigating a 20mph zone and early next year a data collection exercise will take place which will aim to trigger a public consultation which could lead to 20mph zones.

63/21 PLAYGROUND AND MEADOW

1. Cllr Breach ran through the plans for the outdoor gym and new playground equipment launch event on 18th September.
2. The Chairman advised that the new outdoor seating had arrived and was now in place at the village playground and Meadow.
3. A quote for new fencing and wet pour would be discussed at a later date.

64/21 LITTER, FLY-TIPPING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION

Cllrs raised the issue of the High Street not being swept regularly and the overflowing public bins which is making the village look very untidy. Cllr Dumont explained that the contractors who empty the bins have been short staffed which has led to bins not being emptied three times a week although they have been trying to catch up. The Council discussed taking the street sweeping and bin contract back, but it was agreed that a full assessment of costs would be needed, Cllr Dumont will get some figures and find out if any other parishes are doing it.

65/21 FLOODING AND DRAIN MAINTENANCE

Cllr Witting provided a report to the Council on the recent flooding in the village. Cllr Buckmaster will go on a walk around with Cllr Witting in the coming weeks to look at where the issues are occurring.

66/21 HIGH STREET

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

67/21 LIVE STREAMING/RECORDING OF MEETINGS

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

68/21 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This item will be discussed at the next Maintenance and Traffic Committee meeting.

69/21 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7.45pm to be held in the Ashlea Room at the Parish Hall Roydon Road.

The meeting ended at 10.05pm

Signed Chairman Date.....