



Stanstead Abbots Parish Council

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Minutes of the Maintenance and Traffic Committee meeting held at 12.00 NOON 14th March 2022 at the Lock Up in the Village Playground, High Street, Stanstead Abbots

Committee Members present Cllr John Hickford (Chairman), Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Julia Davies, Cllr Mike Dormon, Gini Trower

Apologies: Cllr Paul Breach

Others Present: Sarah Neighbour - Clerk
Robert Kiff – Handyman for Playground

75/22 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

76/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Paul Breach

77/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

78/22 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2022 were approved 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.

79/22 PLAYGROUND

- 1 **Noticeboards** – the recent storms knocked down both the noticeboards and they are both very old, the clerk is hoping to get funding through the Welcome Back fund to purchase 2 new noticeboards, will update at the next Committee meeting.
- 2 **Update from handyman** – the area under the entrance gate to the playground gathers water when it rains so could do with some corrugated matting there and under the chiming bells. The planters need weed killer and collapsed one needs replacing. The wooden fence surrounding the playground still needs repairing, the clerk will ask Robert Pulford if his son in law will provide a quote as he is fitting new fence around the outdoor gym.

80/22 MEADOW

- 1 **Quotes for grass cutting** - The chairman and the clerk got a second quote from A J Landscaping to cut the grass in the Meadow and reported back to the committee that



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the cost would be £60 per cut including grass removal. The committee agreed to use A J Landscaping for the Meadow cutting.

81/22 CCTV

This can be removed as a regular item from the agenda.

82/22 HIGH STREET

- 1 **Quote for painting bollards and railings** – the clerk circulated a quote from Ringway to repaint the 90 bollards in the High Street and all the railings. The clerk will seek 2 further quotes if possible but as the bollards are roadside the contractors need to be HCC approved. Cllr Dormon advised that if his grant application is successful, it will cover the cost of this quote.

83/22 STREETSIDE FLOWER BEDS MAINTENANCE

The committee discussed the maintenance of the flower beds in Roydon Road. These are maintained by H Simmons although some residents add flowers to the ones outside their houses.

84/22 LITTER AND FLY-TIPPING

Fly tipping seems to have reduced although there was a recent incident in the village car park where crates of bread and rolls were dumped, the clerk reported it and it got removed.

85/22 SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Cassidy and the clerk will try and find out when the SIDS are getting installed.

86/22 DEFIBRILLATOR

All councillors and the local police now have the code to the defibrillator. The clerk is booking a public training session for some time in May.

87/22 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee reviewed the current Terms of Reference for the M and T Committee and made the following changes:

- Committee to meet minimum of 4 times a year
- Add Flower Beds and Planters
- Remove Parish Paths and Footways

The Clerk will update the Terms of Reference and circulate with the minutes for information.



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88/22 MEETING DATES

It was agreed that the M and T committee will meet on 11th April and 16th May.

**89/22 The next meeting of the M and T committee will be on Monday 11th April at 12noon at
the Lock Up in The Village Playground.**

The meeting ended at 12.57pm

Chairman.....

Date.....