



## Stanstead Abbots Parish Annual Council Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.45pm  
In the Ashlea Room, Parish Hall, Roydon Road

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Mike Dormon (Chairman), Julia Davies, Robert Pulford, Julia Witting

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Paul Breach, Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Sarah Chapman, Cllr John Hickford, Cllr Mariesa Howlett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sarah Neighbour (Parish Clerk)  
HCC County Cllr Eric Buckmaster  
Cllr Ruth Buckmaster

**23/22 PUBLIC FORUM**  
There were no members of the public present.

**24/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr Paul Breach, Cllr George Cassidy, Cllr Sarah Chapman, Cllr John Hickford, Cllr Howlett

**25/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

**26/22 DISPENSATIONS**  
None needed.

**27/22 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12th of May 2022 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.**

**28/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

1. Cllr Julia Witting had a good discussion with the manager at the Co-Op, there are various staffing issues which the manager is working to resolve.

**29/22 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Joseph Dumont sent his apologies. Cllr Buckmaster circulated his monthly report prior to the meeting and gave the following updates:

- There have been some drainage investigations in Stanstead Abbots, I have provided a link to the Environment Agency asset management so Cllrs can check what work is being done. Cllr Witting raised the issue of flooding and Cllr Buckmaster advised we can collectively write to the Environment Agency if the Council wants to put something formal together.
- Herts CC having a lot of difficulty recruiting staff, other authorities are in the same position.
- Speed and Volume studies should be done by the end of July, still need to do the studies for the SIDS but it is underway.
- Minerals and waste plan consultation coming to Council in July. Eric will arrange a meeting with minerals and waste planning officer. We need to look at mitigations, things like the buffer zone, phased usage, and restoration. Also looking at walking and cycling routes to Gilston village. Briggins is the main site now. We need to have a meeting with Hunsdon village.

- Cllr Davies asked about resource centres for children with special needs. There will be 4 for secondary schools and 11 for primary schools across the County.

### **30/22 CRIME AND POLICING IN STANSTEAD ABBOTTS**

The police sent their apologies. Only 2 incidents recorded on the CCTV which is very low compared to other areas in Hertfordshire.

### **31/22 BUDGET AND PAYMENTS**

1. **APPROVED:** the council payments for April and May 2022.
2. **APPROVED:** the handy man's pay increase.

### **32/22 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 21/22**

1. The Internal Audit Report 2021/22 and the recommendations were noted.
2. The signed Annual Internal Audit Report 21/22 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was noted.

### **33/22 THE ANNUAL RETURN 2021/22 AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

1. The Section 1 Governance Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
2. The Section 2 Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
3. The dates for the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights will be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 was approved and the relevant notice advising of such rights will therefore, be displayed on the Council website and on the noticeboards.

### **34/22 PROPOSED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FARM**

Cllr Dormon advised the consultants will come and answer questions on the farm, the Clerk will chase them to set up a meeting. Roydon Parish Council are opposed to it as will be on agricultural land. Planning Application may be in six weeks' time.

### **35/22 PLANNING**

The planning applications submitted where the deadline had passed, and the planning decisions were noted. The clerk will set up a meeting with Low Carbon (the operators) who are proposing a Solar Farm in Roydon. Cllr Robert Pulford will become the Chair of the Planning Committee. Julia Witting raised the issue of noise from the recent festivals. The Chairman and the Clerk will write to East Herts Council suggesting the stage is repositioned to lessen the volume of the noise in the village.

### **36/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) UPDATE**

Cllr Davies has heard from the consultant and hoping to receive back comments next week. The consultation will have to be in September .

### **37/22 CCTV UPDATE**

Covered earlier in agenda

### **38/22 PLAYGROUND AND MEADOW**

Wet pour will be replaced Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Edge of the wet pour in older climbing area quote for £830 **APPROVED**

### **39/22 PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENTS**

1. A Beacon Lighting Event was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Easneye estate. The Platinum Jubilee Party was held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, any volunteers on the day will be very welcome.

Village Club  
East Herts  
St Margarets Parish Council  
French and Jupps  
St Andrews School  
Co-op  
Sharon Burrows  
Parish Hall  
Thank those involved with Beacon  
Paul Stretch  
Buxtons  
Gini and Jonathon Trower

2. The clerk circulated a revised Operation London Bridge policy, the clerk will purchase a Book of Condolence which will be kept in the Ashlea Room.

**40/22 ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG UPDATE**

The dig will start on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

- 41/22** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45pm, please send any agenda items to the clerk by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**The meeting ended at 21.05pm.**

Signed ..... Chairman      Date.....