

MINUTES OF  
STAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2015

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Tony Glover (Chairman), District Councillor Jo Gilford, District Councillor Bob Patchett, Mrs S Foster (Clerk), 3 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Robin Brown, District Councillor Liz Griffin, Shirley Frost, Ian Weaver.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014

The draft minutes had been circulated.

Proposal 'That the Minutes should be approved' by J Gilford; seconded by B Patchett; carried.

3. UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013

Matters are covered on the agenda.

4. ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR TONY GLOVER

The Chairman summarised activities of the Parish Council over the last 12 months including works to street lamps, the barn currently being tenanted, the installation of three sets of kissing gates on various footpaths, the production of a Parish Planning Policy and various repair works to the playing field. The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and welcomed new Parish Councillors as well as announcing the resignation of the current Clerk.

Comment was made with regards to the Neighbourhood Plan, whether assistance could be provided by ACRE and what the relationship is between the NHP and the Village Design Statement. The Chairman reported that he has a number of residents interested in helping put the NHP together and N Godden offered various materials which he had in preparation of the Village Design Statement.

Comment was also made in relation to the application for removal of the leaning beech tree on The Green. It was noted that the Parish Council has deliberated the matter and, on the

grounds that it is unable to guarantee the stability of the tree, took the decision to have the tree removed.

## 5. PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015

Attached.

### 6a. STAVERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report received.

### 6b. STAVERTON RELIEF IN NEED

A report was received stating that no applications for assistance had been received during the financial year, the Poor-lands field has been let for grazing and income had exceeded outgoings although the hedges and verges still have to be cut. An advert will be placed in the Parish News for applications for assistance.

### 6c. STAVERTON READING ROOM TRUST

It was reported that there had been no applications for funds received and all previously held Treasury Stock is due to be reinvested. Anyone wishing to make a request should contact one of the trustees, details of whom are listed on the [stavertonparish.com](http://stavertonparish.com) website.

A request was made that the criteria for applications for any of the village charities should be listed on the website.

### 6d. STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL REPORT

A report was given summarising the many activities which have taken place in the village hall over the last year. Mrs Shackleton and the Committee were congratulated on the revitalisation of the village hall as well as the welcome addition of a dishwasher.

### 6e. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

It was noted that no progress has been made over the last 12 months. The .draft document had been returned by DDC with a request for substantial re-working. It was noted that this work needs to be completed by a group of residents, rather than one individual.

## 7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillors reported the commencement of the second phase of building rental properties under the umbrella of Daventry Estate Company Limited which will effectively produce a 9% return per year. They also gave an update on the proposed construction of the Flore bypass which, it is believed, should begin in October 2015.

## 8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN BROWN

In the absence of County Councillor Brown, a report was read out summarising the last 12 months. It was noted particularly that £1,000 had been granted to Staverton Parish Council for the replacement of street lights.

### 1. LOCAL POLICE REPORT PRESENTATION – PCSO Carl Barton

PCSO Jane Coaley had sent a report of crime figures for the year 01.04.14 to 31.03.15. It was noted that there is very little crime in the village.

### 1. UPDATE REGARDING STAVERTON WEBSITE

T Glover reported that he updates the website regularly, contributors are welcome and a link should be added to the Village Hall website.

### 1. REPRESENTATIONS FROM STAVERTON VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

None in attendance.

## 12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

12a. It was reported that the current Clerk has resigned (effective 1<sup>st</sup> June). Two applications have been received and will be considered after the closing date at the end of the month.

12b. Discussion took place with regards to a proposed development by Home Close. The Parish Council was requested to be more pro-active in gathering information although it was recognised that this can be difficult to get. A suggestion of a questionnaire encompassing information on the Neighbourhood Plan should be considered.

## 13. SETTING OF 2016 MEETING DATE

The proposed date of the next meeting was 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those who had attended and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.