

MINUTES OF
STAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 28th APRIL 2016

PRESENT: Parish Councillor Jo Gilford (Chairman), Mrs Sue Porter (Clerk), 30 members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Councillor Robin Brown, District Councillors Liz Griffin & Bob Patchett, Parish Councillor Ian Weaver.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24th APRIL 2015

The draft minutes had been circulated.

Proposal 'That the Minutes should be approved' by S Frost; seconded by J Gilford; carried.

3. UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD 24th APRIL 2015

Matters are covered on the agenda.

4. ANNUAL REPORT BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN – COUNCILLOR JO GILFORD

The Chairman summarised the activities of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

Many thanks were given to the new Parish Council who started in May 2015, the election was not contested. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing Parish Councillors, Steve Taylor and Liz Kenworthy Brown and also to Ian Nightingale. Throughout the year Margaret Nighingale was co-opted on to the Parish Council. Sharon Foster resigned as Clerk and the appointment was given to Sue Porter, who is also Clerk to 3 other Parish Councils. There has been an archiving of old files. The budget has been tight, but workable. Items which have been addressed are planning applications, The Loop modification order, which was a success after many years, the neighbourhood plan, parking on the grass verges, traffic calming, The Barn has a new tenant, the playing field grant, pocket park winter pruning, Clean for the Queen litter pick, Drayton Grange taking over the old cricket pitch, adoption of the telephone box; many thanks to John Golding for the refurbishment and maintenance, the beech tree removal and subsequent bird bath in the stump, transparency act; a requirement for all Parish Councils with a precept under £25,000. Many thanks to Tony Glover for securing grant funding for many projects. The question was asked "Will a replacement tree be planted on The Green?"

5. PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016

These were read out by the Parish Council Chairman.

6a. STAVERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION – Report read out by Gwen Proudlock. The charity provides grant support to the under 25's. Bibles were presented to the School last year. Money is received from the rent of a piece of farm land on the edge of the village, along with various investments. Meetings are held every 3 months. During the last year, 7 applications were made to a total of £1554.02

6b. STAVERTON RELIEF IN NEED – Report read out by Ann Ward. The charity receives rent from sheep grazing field. Mr Reeve is committed to renting for a further year. The charity has 2 meetings a year. There has been no application for funds this year. There is a current bank balance of £4,170.95

6c. STAVERTON READING ROOM TRUST – Report read out by David Tunbridge. The charity was formed to provide financial assistance for the benefit of the community. 5 meetings have been held throughout the past year. One grant has been made, which was £80, to the Staverton Neighbourhood Development plan. The bank balance is currently £3,461.59. The majority of this will be invested into long term Treasury Stocks.

6d. STAVERTON VILLAGE HALL REPORT – Report read out by Judith Hurst, this was prepared by Isy Shackelton. Many events have taken place over the past year, the Flower & Produce Show, Village Walks, Beetle Drive and Pizza evening, Annual Egg Rolling event, Barn Dance, and with musical evenings, curry and quiz nights planned for 2016. The Hall is regularly hired out. The main spend this year was the replacement of the electricity meters. A new website is up and running, along with a Facebook page. Thanks were given to Marina, the cleaner who has recently left.

6e. VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP – Many thanks were given to the responses received to the village questionnaire, an outstanding 66% return rate. The data analysis is underway and this will be posted on the Staverton Parish website.

7. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – JO GILFORD (WOODFORD WARD)

Jo represents 11 villages within the Ward, and looks after the Environment portfolio for DDC.

The Flore/Weedon by-pass is underway, which will be 3.5 miles long. The recycling centre has had its opening hours reduced, and this is under review. The waste contract with Enterprise/Amey is due to end in 2018 and is currently out for consultation with cost savings needed. Neighbourhood Plans are being produced by many villages to aid development. DDC can now demonstrate a 5 year land supply. There is now the introduction of CIL (roof tax) on all developments over 4 dwellings. Big plans are underway for Daventry Town Centre, including a cinema, 2 small supermarkets, restaurants, hotel, parking and a retirement housing complex. The canal arm project is dependent on commercial funding. The Clean for the Queen weekend was a great success. Unemployment remains low in the District. The way forward in future years will be unitary councils (merging)

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN BROWN

In the absence of County Councillor Brown, a report was read out summarising the last 12 months.

1. LOCAL POLICE REPORT PRESENTATION – None received.

1. STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS – John Golding spoke of the upgrading the street lights programme on the A425, which will be Phase 2. Phase 1 consisted of replacing 2 in Braunston Lane, and 1 in Croft Lane. The old columns from Phase 1 will be used in Phase 2.

11. STAVERTON PLAYING FIELD CONSULTATION – Tony Glover applied for the grant, on behalf of the Parish Council, via the Tesco’s 5p bags scheme, and of the three projects shortlisted, Staverton won, and was awarded £12,000. The working group is now being formed and now looking for volunteers. There are plans to replace the wooden tower, slide, swings, gates, flooring and picnic tables.

12. SETTING OF 2017 MEETING DATE

The proposed date of the next meeting was Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7pm

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all those who had attended and closed the meeting at 8:45pm