

**Minutes of Staverton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th December 2014 at 7.00pm in Staverton Village Hall**

Present: Parish Councillors: T Glover (Chair) (TG), J Golding (Vice Chair) (JFG),
S Frost (SF), J Gilford (JMG).

Others: No members of the public, S Foster (Clerk).

1. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence

E Kenworthy-Browne (EK-B) – attending another engagement.

S Taylor (STa) – arrived at 7.30pm.

I Weaver (IW) – ill.

S Thomas (STh) - working.

2.1 Declaration and Nature of Interests

None.

2.2 Consideration of any dispensation requests received

None.

3. Open forum

No members of the public in attendance.

4. Planning Applications - Full Plans available 15 minutes prior to meeting

Application : DA/2014/1023

Description: Works to trees in a Conservation Area

Location: The Beeches, The Green, Staverton

Comment: The setting of Well Lane is in the conservation area, a significant part of which is the canopy formed overhead which is effected by the trees on both sides. It is well valued within the parish. The Parish Council has no objection to the removal of the elder, shrubs and ground cover. However, the two sycamore trees are considered strengthening and supporting the wall as well as stabilising the ground behind. This is evidenced by the collapse of the wall where no trees are present. The Parish Council therefore does not consider the trees to be a threat to the wall itself. It was noted that replanting would take a number of decades to reach maturity and re-establish the unspoilt nature of the area. Well Lane is recorded in the book of Northamptonshire Ancient Monuments as a natural holloway evidencing that the lane has historical significance. A copy of the publication is available at the Northamptonshire Records Office. The Parish Council was concerned that it was not consulted on the removal of the pine as it believes that it should have been. It considers the pine to be some distance from the wall and in good order although the removal of ivy may improve its appearance. Proposal: To object on the above grounds. Proposed by JFG, seconded by SF. All in favour. Carried.

5. Date of next Ordinary Meeting and close

Tuesday 6th January 2015.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.