

STAPELEY AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

(Stapeley and Batherton)

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NOTICE OF A BUDGET MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

DATE: THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2011

TIME: 7.30 PM

**VENUE: BROAD LANE METHODIST CHAPEL,
AUDLEM ROAD, NANTWICH**

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To: Members of the Parish Council
Councillors Mike Docker, Sandy Gwinn-Freemantle (Chairman), Jo Hillman,
Maxine Galt, Keith Nord, Rob Morton, Raj Samra (Vice-Chairman)

Copies: Borough Councillors Peter Groves and Andrew Martin (Nantwich South and Stapeley)

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING
(see overleaf for notes for members of the public)**

NOTES:

1) **Members of the Public**

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. If you have Internet access, you are asked to print your own copy of the agenda from the Parish Council's website, if you plan to attend the meeting.

When the meeting is held at Broad Lane Methodist Chapel, car parking is available at the rear of the Chapel. Alternatively, you may wish to park in front of the Chapel.

There is an opportunity to ask questions during the two 10-minute Public Question Time slots at the beginning and end of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council (see website for contact details), and arrangements will be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature, for example, dealing with individual people, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

2) **Members of the Parish Council**

A Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is statutory authority to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B Planning Grounds The grounds on which comments can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects | 8 | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance (PPG) | 9 | Effect on highway safety and parking |
| 3 | Siting | 10 | Landscape |
| 4 | Design | 11 | Listed buildings |
| 5 | External appearance | 12 | Conservation areas |
| 6 | Compatibility with street-scene | 13 | Land contamination |
| 7 | Development affect on neighbouring properties, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding |

Non-Relevant Matters

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| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition |
| 2 | Effects on private rights | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds | 8 | Ownership |
| 4 | Effect on property values | 9 | Moral issues |
| 5 | Private opinions | | |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.

A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and, if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

Declarations are a personal matter for each Member to decide. Whilst the Clerk will advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare, or not, is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the particular circumstances.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Orders, members of the public are able to ask questions or address the Parish Council on any other matter. In the event of there being no members of the public present, the Parish Council will proceed to the next business.

4 BUDGET PROPOSALS – 2012-2013

The Parish Council is invited to give consideration to its budget proposals for 2012-2013.

The following documents are attached:

- (i) The Clerk's report
- (ii) Budget monitoring statement for 2011-2012
- (iii) Receipts and payments statement for the period to 30 September 2012 (as submitted to the meeting held on 3 November 2011).
- (iv) Budget proposals (Excel document) for 2012-2013

Attention is drawn to the following:

- The draft budget proposals amount to £52,260.
- There is currently a bank balance of £63,688.
- Taking into account the likely balance at 1 April 2012, the Parish Council's precept requirement, subject to any amendments to the proposals, is £6,600. This will cost £4.92 additional Council Tax per Band D equivalent property.

Amendments will be included in a revised document to be submitted to the December meeting for a final review. At its January 2012 meeting, the Parish Council will be asked to confirm its proposals and to request a precept from Cheshire East Council.

Members will find it helpful to bring their own copy of the Receipts and Payments statement for the period to 30 September 2011. A revised copy of the budget monitoring sheet, together with a revised report is attached.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BUDGET PROCESS

As noted in item 4 above, the Parish Council will finalise its budget proposals at its January 2012 meeting. In the meantime, there is an opportunity for members of the public to have an input to the Parish Council's proposed spending. At the ordinary meeting to be held on 1 December, Members may wish to include a "public participation/open forum" slot, similar to that held on 15 September during consideration of the Local Development Framework.

Members of the public could be provided with the list of proposals, and be invited to comment and even suggest additional items, or deletion of items. The Parish Council will be able to consider suggestions made at its January meeting.

6 PARISH NEWSLETTER

To finalise the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk will report on whether Johnsons the Printers can print in time for a pre-Christmas delivery.

7 DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

1 December 2011.