

**MINUTES OF THE A MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2018 IN STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL, PEAR TREE FIELD, STAPELEY**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor M Theobald Councillor S Gwinn-Freemantle Councillor K Nord	Chairman Councillor J Hillman Councillor J Putt
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Andrew Thomson	Planning Consultant
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillors E Boughey, J Davenport, M Docker and P Groves	

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**132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

**133 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items owing to the confidential nature of the business to transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

**134 PUBLIC INQUIRY – REFERENCE APP/R0660/A/13/2197532  
(LINKED CASE: APP/R0660/A/13/2197529) – MULLER PROPERTY GROUP  
LAND BETWEEN AUDLEM ROAD/BROAD LANE, PETER de STAPLEIGH WAY  
STAPELEY, NANTWICH, CW5 7DS: 20 FEBRUARY 2018**

(Reason for exclusion: The matters to be dealt with relate to a quasi-legal challenge and it is not appropriate for members of the press and public to be in attendance.)

The Parish Council was invited to consider its strategy for representation at the Public Inquiry to be held on 20 February 2018.

Andrew Thomson, Planning Consultant, was in attendance and offered advice.

It was considered important that, if possible, a Parish Council Member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group attend the Inquiry, as the completed Plan featured as one of the Parish Council's reasons why the appeal should not be allowed; however, owing to Members' personal commitments, there was doubt about whether any Parish Councillor would be available to attend. Councillor Nord agreed to be the 'fall-back' Councillor in the event of neither Councillor Theobald nor Councillor Hillman being available on 20 February 2018.

Following a full discussion, Members agreed the approach to be adopted and appropriate responses to any potential challenges to the Parish Council's evidence.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That Councillors M Theobald and J Hillman prepare a draft statement to be issued to the Planning Inspectorate;

(b) That Andrew Thomson review the statement and, if appropriate, amend it;

(c) That the Clerk contact the Planning Inspectorate to ask if a written statement could be issued in advance of 20 February 2018 in the event of there being no Parish Councillor available to attend the Inquiry; and to seek permission for the submitted statement to be read out at the Inquiry if a Parish Councillor became available to attend; and

(d) That, in the event of Councillors Theobald and Hillman being unavailable, Councillor Nord attend the Public Inquiry on behalf of the Parish Council.

.....Chairman