

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2013 AT STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL, PEAR TREE FIELD,  
STAPELEY, NANTWICH**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Gwinn-Freemantle Chairman  
Councillor R Samra Vice-Chairman

Councillor M Docker Councillor P Groves  
Councillor J Hillman Councillor M Malbon  
Councillor K Nord Councillor D Willetts

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors S Clough and J Davenport

**87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to make any declarations of interest. No declarations were made.

In the interests of openness and transparency, Councillors M Malbon and R Samra declared a personal interest in planning application No. 13/2716N on the basis that their respective children attended Stapeley Broad Lane School, the applicant. Councillor K Nord also declared a personal interest in the same application on the basis that he lived in close proximity to the school.

No other declarations were made.

**88 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

In accordance with the Parish Council's Standing Order No.1, members of the public were able to submit a question, either in writing prior to the meeting, or orally at the meeting, or to make a statement.

A member of the public addressed the Parish Council in respect of the following matter:

- Vandalism and noise-nuisance at the community hall. The resident suggested that each user at the hall be provided with keys to the bollards which could be raised at the end of each working day, thereby preventing unauthorised parking of cars in the evening. This, in turn, would be likely to reduce the anti-social behaviour caused by the congregation of people and cars after hall usage.

**89 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the following Minutes be approved as correct records:

- 4 July 2013
- Annual Parish Meeting – 9 May 2013
- Extra-ordinary Meeting – 23 July 2013

Notes:

- (1) There was a minor typing error on the Minutes of 9 May 2013 which did not affect their accuracy; and
- (2) The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2013 were embargoed until the decisions had been put into effect.

**90 POLICE MATTERS**

**90.1** Mark Cotton, Crime Reduction Adviser, had been invited to attend the meeting. However, he was unavailable on this occasion, but was expected to be at the September meeting.

## **90.2 Police Commissioner's Crime Reduction Funding**

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer had launched a £100,000 fund for community groups and organisations to apply for funding for community safety and crime prevention projects in the local community.

Applications for funding to a maximum of £5,000 could be made via the Police Commissioner's website. Projects would need to support the objectives set out in his Police and Crime Plan including; the reduction of crime, anti-social behaviour, rural, heritage and business crime, improving road safety or reducing the effects of drug and alcohol misuse.

The Clerk would make further enquiries.

## **91 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Borough Councillor P Groves reported on Cheshire East matters of interest.

## **92 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to **RESOLVE** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

## **93 COMMUNITY HALL (Item 23 on the agenda)**

Members discussed arrangements for an informal meeting about continued use of the hall.

Note: At this point in the proceedings, Councillor R Samra withdrew from the meeting.

## **94 RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

## **95 PUBLIC INQUIRY (MULLER HOMES APPEAL)**

As requested at the extra-ordinary meeting held on 23 July 2013, the Clerk had invited the CEC Principal Planning Officer to meet with Members to discuss the presentation of evidence by Cheshire East Council and the Parish Council respectively. No response had yet been received. Members decided to review the situation at a later date, but in the meantime, agreed that no decision be taken at this time to authorise the Legal Adviser to instruct a barrister to act as advocate for the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Parish Council review the matter at a later date; and

(b) That, in the meantime, the decision to instruct a barrister (to act as advocate) be deferred.

Note: At this point in the proceedings, Councillors P Groves and D Willetts withdrew from the meeting.

## **96 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **96.1 Authorisation of Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be approved:

£105.40	HM Revenue and Customs – Tax on Clerk's salary
£600.00	TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd. – periodic re-siting of the two mobile vehicle speed display units (five sites) (£500 net and £100 vat)

£340.25 Mrs C M Jones – reimbursement for the cost of cleaning at the community hall. The invoice was presented to the last meeting, but as it had been triple the usual cost, the Clerk agreed to query the amount. The cost was related to additional cleaning for the daytime use. The Clerk had paid LJW Cleaning and was seeking reimbursement.

£18.75 Councillor M Docker – ink cartridges and paper

£30.00 MBE Electrics – emergency call-out 8 June to repair outside light at the community hall.

## 96.2 Budget Monitoring

The Parish Council received and noted a budget-monitoring report showing the position at 30 June 2013. Revised estimates to 31 March 2014 had also been included.

## 97 PLANNING

The Parish Council was invited to make observations on the following planning applications:

13/2716N – Extension to school hall – Stapeley Broad Lane School

13/2794N – Variation of Condition 2 on application 12/1574N – Detached house and annexe Land adjacent 59, 61 and 61A London Road, Stapeley  
Deadline for comments: 2 August 2013

**RESOLVED:** That no observations be made on planning applications Nos. 13/2716N and 13/2794N.

Note: Having declared a personal interest in planning application 13/2716N, Councillor Malbon declined to participate in the discussion and voting on this application.

## 98 LAND AT TALBOT WAY

Councillor Hillman reported on her inspection of Talbot Way.

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**NOTE:** Owing to the late start of the meeting, the following items were not discussed:

- 1 REPORT OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE BODIES
- 2 GRASS CUTTING OF OPEN AREAS
- 3 SPEED WATCH SCHEME
- 4 CORRESPONDENCE
- 5 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS
- 6 COMMUNITY CAROLS EVENT – 19 DECEMBER 2013
- 7 PUBLIC DEBATE – THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2013 – PEAR TREE SCHOOL

.....Chairman