

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 18 MARCH 2019 IN STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL, PEAR TREE FIELD,
STAPELEY, NANTWICH**

PRESENT:	Councillor M Theobald	Chairman
	Councillor E Boughey	Councillor J Davenport
	Councillor M Docker	Councillor G Gwinn
	Councillor S Ford	Councillor P Groves
	Councillor J Hillman	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Two members of the public	
APOLOGIES:	Councillors S Gwinn-Freemantle and K Nord	

129 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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.

130 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

131 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.

There were two members of the public in attendance and they raised the following issues:

- The barrier at the Cronkinson Farm pub (this appeared later on the agenda)
- Noise from Pear Tree School.
As this was not a Parish Council matter, the residents were asked to raise this direct with the school.

132 FINANCIAL MATTERS –

132.1 Authorisation of Payments

RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved:

£243.90	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary and employer's NI (£190.60 tax and £37.66 employer's NI cont.)
£774.00	Crystal Clean South Cheshire	Cleaning community hall. (£645.00 net and £129.00 VAT)
£20.00	Target Windows	Cleaning of community hall windows.
£174.00	Johnsons the Printers	Printing of A5 flyer – Connected Communities Open Day

132.2 Grant Request – Stapeley Parish Action Group

Stapeley Parish Action Group had requested a grant towards the cost of its next 'Walk Stapeley' leaflet. The total amount requested was £546.80. The grant application was submitted.

The Parish Council was reminded that as this was the last month in the financial year and revised year-end estimates had been made at the meeting in December 2018, the grant requested would need to be funded from the £500 'reserves' in the current financial year. The remaining £46.80 would come from slippage across all budgets as there was no remaining grant budget for the current financial year.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £546.80 be made to Stapeley Parish Action Group to assist in the funding of its next 'Walk Stapeley' leaflet.

133 PLANNING MATTERS

133.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council was invited to submit observations on the following planning applications.

19/0888N Cronkinsons Farm Public House, Pear Tree Field
Installation of car park barrier.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be made on planning application No. 19/0888N:

- Whilst the car park is on privately owned land, it has been used as a community asset for many years through a 'gentleman's agreement' and the barrier will cause a loss of this facility which will be detrimental to the whole community. The concern is also related to the fragility of the 'gentleman's agreement' as it could be ignored at will, or rescinded unilaterally by the publican, with a resultant impact on, for example, road safety for children and parents during school drop-off and collection times, owing to the consequent increase in on-road parking on a busy road junction.
- There are health and safety concerns in respect of the design of the barrier which does not appear to be fit-for-purpose as it is understood that it was installed to prevent anti-social behaviour. It has already been blown down across a public footway during recent moderate winds [photos included in representations from members of the public (1 Beechwood Close)].
- There is no reference in the application to conformity with BS EN standards relating to raised arm barrier design, construction and use.
- There is an inaccuracy on the application as the barrier was installed on 19 December 2018 and not 2 January 2019 as indicated on the application form.

19/0899N 32 Winterberry Way, Stapeley CW5 7NZ
Erection of single-storey conservatory at the rear of the property.

RESOLVED: That no observations be made on planning application No. 19/0899N.

19/0992N 83 Broad Lane, Stapeley, CW5 7QL
Proposed extension and internal alterations.

RESOLVED: That no observations be made on planning application No. 19/0992N.

133.2 Planning Appeal – 17/2781N – 78 Broad Lane, Stapeley

Following refusal of planning permission, an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State. The appeal was to be dealt with by means of written evidence and a site visit by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate.

Comments previously made would be provided to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the Borough Council's documents.

When the planning application had been considered previously by the Parish Council, Members had objected on the basis of concern about access and highway safety requirements. The situation had worsened since then and it was –

RESOLVED: That the following additional comments be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate on planning application 17/2781N:

Subsequent to the Parish Council's consideration of planning application No. 17/2781N in June 2017, the situation regarding road safety has worsened as a consequence of increased traffic for school 'drop-offs' and collection.

134 CONNECTED COMMUNITIES – WI-FI IN COMMUNITY HALL

134.1 Promotional Event – 28 March 2019

Members were invited to consider any outstanding issues regarding the Open Day on 28 March 2019.

The 'Connected Communities' plaque needed to be fixed to the outside wall of the community hall. The Clerk was asked to contact Carol Hill at CEC and suggest that she contact Orbitas which would be able to provide a 'handyman' who could affix this to the wall.

134.2 Wi-Fi – Community Hall

The Parish Council considered four quotations for the provision of Wi-Fi in the Community Hall.

RESOLVED: (a) That the quotation submitted by Vodafone be accepted; and

(b) That the service offered be noted as 60GB at £25.75 per month.

Members noted that Carol Hill (Cheshire East Council) had expressed a wish for the Parish Council to pursue a landline option; however, following further enquiries by the Clerk, Royal Mail and BT were unable to provide a landline for the reasons previously given, i.e. a landline could only be installed at a building with a postcode and Royal Mail would not provide a postcode for a building which was not occupied.

135 THE GREAT GET TOGETHER – 21-23 JUNE 2019

The Parish Council was invited to consider the detailed arrangements for 'The Great Get Together' which nationally was to be held between 21-23 June 2019.

The event in 2018 was held on the Sunday 24 June between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

The following matters would need to be considered and it was suggested that a small working group be set up to discuss the detailed arrangements and report to the April meeting.

- Food - type.
- Invitations to be targeted at specific groups.
- Musicians?
- List of groups to be targeted for invitations.

- Setting up of tables on the day.
- Publicity generally (flyer to each household?)
- Publicity banner for display on school railings.
- First aid cover?

Members noted that the lease did not allow for activities to take place on the car park. If the car park was used, the public liability insurance for any injuries would be invalidated.

RESOLVED: (a) That a working group comprising Councillors M Docker, E Boughey, S Ford, P Groves and J Hillman be set up to discuss the detailed arrangements for The Great Get Together;

(b) That the working group report progress to the April meeting; and

[(c) That the Parish Council approve final arrangements at the Annual Council meeting.]

136 UPDATE ON PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF SEATS

A quotation from ANSA (on behalf of CEC) was submitted. It was reported that the Cheshire East Council Property Team was in the process of checking the sites where each seat was to be located, i.e. Highways, Assets/FM and to check on any lease implications on the land to be used and to consider on-going repairs which might be required.

RESOLVED: (a) That the quotation from ANSA in the sum of £1,84.99 (£987.50 net and £197.50 VAT) be accepted for the following work –

- i. Install six benches within the parish of Stapeley;
- ii. Transport from ANSA depot to site.
- iii. On-site building of flat-packed benches;
- iv. Purchase and laying of 2 x 2 flags where the installation was on grassed areas.
- v. Securely fitting the benches to either surface.

(b) That the Clerk contact Amberol Ltd. (the supplier of the benches) to request that they liaise with ANSA regarding delivery of the benches, and to discuss requirements regarding specific fittings required.

137 MAP FOR THE PARISH

The Clerk had received a speculative e-mail from a company which provided parish maps for local councils. The cost of a map showing Stapeley and Batherton would be approximately £500.

The company had provided images of maps of other parishes.

Members took the view that purchase of a map at this time was not appropriate but might be of benefit once the next 'Walk Stapeley' leaflet had been produced as it could be used to show the walks in the parish.

RESOLVED: That this matter be deferred for the time being, to be discussed at a later date when the 'Walk Stapeley' leaflets had been published.

138 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council was invited to suggest articles for the next newsletter which could not be issued until after the elections on 2 May 2019.

The following would be included:

- Chairman's message.
- Parish Council election results 2 May 2019

- Contact details for all councillors
- The Great Get Together: The back page to be reserved as a whole-page advertisement for The Great Get Together

139 INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were reported for information.

- (a) Stapeley Parish Action Group - copy of its accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2018. Copy enclosed for Members.
- (b) Town and Parish Council Conference – 6 March 2019. Copy of presentation slides from the meeting.

140 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 April 2019

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 8.40 pm