

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 18 APRIL 2016 AT STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL, PEAR TREE FIELD, STAPELEY**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor S Gwinn-Freemantle	Chairman
	Councillor M Theobald	Vice-Chairman
	Councillor E Boughey	
	Councillor S Clough	
	Councillor M Docker	
	Councillor P Groves	
	Councillor J Hillman	
	Councillor K Nord	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councillor J Davenport	
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Councillor M Malbon	

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**160 DECLARATION 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.

**161 MINUTES – 21 MARCH 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**162 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public who was in attendance read his statement to the meeting. He was concerned about litter in the parish, and various incidences of anti-social activity.

He had been in contact with the Chairman of the Stapeley Parish Action Group and had volunteered to become part of the litter-pick group.

**163 CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Peter Groves reported as follows:

- 144 Audlem Road, Nantwich – Wain Homes, the applicant, was due to submit a fresh application for this site, and would be including the provision of a pedestrian crossing.
- Nantwich Town Council: the request by one of the Nantwich Town Councillors for a Community Governance Review, had failed to be approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of the Town Council and there were no plans for this to be re-considered. Councillor Groves would keep Members apprised if the situation changed.

(Note: Councillor Groves withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

**164 STAPELEY GARDENS**

The Clerk had re-issued the invitation to Andrew Taylor of David Wilson Homes to attend this meeting to discuss his concerns about the following condition which had been placed on the permission for application 12/1381N when it was considered by the Strategic Planning Board on 1 August 2012.

*'Prior to the commencement of development a scheme for improvements to off-site footpath access to Broad Lane School, at Broad Lane, Stapeley shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing. This scheme shall be carried out in consultation with the Chairman and Parish Council. The improvements shall be provided in full on completion of 50% of the housing.'*

Mr Taylor had responded to the effect that he was continuing to conduct an investigation and was not in a position to attend a meeting of the Parish Council at this time.

Members were of the view that this was an enforcement matter.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That the Clerk write to the Head of Planning Strategy, Cheshire East Council, to ask if enforcement action was to be taken given that the development was now in excess of 50% of the proposed housing for the site; and

(b) That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## 165 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

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

£282.00	Trentham Fencing	Provision of sign for community hall gates: £235.00 net and £47.00 VAT
£692.16	Andrew Thomson Planning Partnership	Consultant on Neighbourhood Plan £576.80 net and £115.36 VAT
£207.10	HMRC	Tax on Clerk's salary (£177.80 plus £29.30 employer's NI contribution)
£2,315.40	Johnsons Printers	£2,289.00 Printing 500 copies of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan £158.40 Printing 500 copies of the consultation questionnaire £132.00 net and £26.40 VAT
£427.50	Crystal Clean South Cheshire Ltd	Community Hall Cleaning
£848.75	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Affiliation fee
£30.00	Dame Hygiene Services	Outstanding amount from previous invoice.

## 166 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP – REGULATION 14 CONSULTATION

The consultation period for the Draft Neighbourhood Plan commenced on 29 March 2016 with a concluding date of 9 May 2016.

On the 18 April, Members of the Steering Group had met with CEC Neighbourhood Plan Officers who had commented, as part of the consultation, that there was a need to include the appendices which had been referenced in the Draft Plan itself, but did not form part of the consultation document. For this reason, the consultation period was to be extended by three weeks, taking the end of consultation to 1 June 2016.

## 167 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN

Formal consultation on the Local Plan Strategy, entitled *Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes 'Clean Version' Consultation Supporting Document March 2016* commenced on 4 March 2016 and concluded on 19 April 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council comment on the Local Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes ‘Clean Version’ Consultation Supporting Document March 2016’ as follows:

- The Council strongly supports the extension of the Strategic Green Gaps area in accordance with Policy PG4a to protect Stapeley.
- The Council supports the strategic sites identified in and around Nantwich, in the LPS (changes approved 26 February 2016) as being the only housing required for Stapeley residents for the Plan period.

#### **168 DRAFT CHESHIRE EAST RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDE**

Cheshire East Council hosted a meeting on 14 April 2016 to enable Town and Parish Councils to provide feedback on the Draft Design Guide.

**RESOLVED:** (a) That Members review the Power Point presentation which the Clerk had forwarded by e-mail; and

(b) That the item be scheduled for discussion at the meeting to be held on 16 May 2016 to allow comments to be submitted to Cheshire East Council by the deadline date of 27 May 2016.

#### **169 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was noted that there were no planning applications for consultation.

#### **170 LITTER IN THE PARISH**

The Parish Council was invited to consider if any action should be taken to clean-up the parish. The issue had been raised earlier in the meeting during the Public Question Time slot, by a local resident who suggested that there should be a concerted effort under the banner of ‘Clean for the Queen’.

Members discussed a number of options which included asking the schools to participate and working in partnership with the Co-Op which was keen to become involved in community activities.

A Member suggested that the Parish Council could consider adopting a ‘Civic Pride’ theme for the next municipal year.

(Note: Councillor S Clough withdrew from the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

#### **171 THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Members were invited to consider if the Parish Council should mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which would be formally celebrated in June 2016 and **agreed that no action be taken.**

#### **172 POLICE CLUSTER MEETING – 25 APRIL 2016**

Members were invited to consider if there are any matters which should be raised by Councillor Docker at the Police Cluster Meeting on 25 April 2016. No issues were raised.

#### **173 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16 May 2016**

#### **174 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, in accordance with Paragraph 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 196, owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, and the public interest would not be served in disclosing the information.

**175 QUOTATIONS FOR NOTICE-BOARDS**  
(Reason for exclusion: commercial sensitivity)

The Parish Council considered information from two companies which supplied notice-boards. Members were asked to decide on an appropriate style.

The Manager of the Co-op Store on the Cronkinson Parade was concerned that the current notice-board was unsafe and would be removing it. As the Co-op wished to become more involved in the community it was planning to fix its own notice-board to the wall.

Members discussed the type of notice-board which would be appropriate and agreed that a new notice-board could be located in the grounds of the Community Hall, on the opposite side to the 'Community Hall' sign.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk seek three quotations for a notice-board.

.....Chairman