

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH

HELD AT PEAR TREE SCHOOL, PEAR TREE FIELD, STAPELEY, NANTWICH
ON 3 MAY 2012

PRESIDING:	Councillor S Gwinn-Freemantle Chairman of the Parish Council
PARISH COUNCILLORS:	M Docker J Hillman R Samra
BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:	Peter Groves Andrew Martin
PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GROUP:	Val Ingram – Chairman of Stapeley Parish Action Group

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2011

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12 May 2011 were approved as a correct record.

3 ACCOUNTS – 2011-2012 (UNAUDITED)

The unaudited accounts for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 were submitted. There were no comments or questions.

4 ANNUAL REPROT – 2011-2012

The Annual Report of the Parish Council was submitted. The report was a means of improving communication between the Parish Council and its residents. It outlined the activities over the previous year and the aims for the forthcoming year.

A copy had been added to the website.

5 COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

The meeting was informed of the current situation regarding the community hall. The final lease had now been received from Cheshire East Council via the Parish Council's Legal Advisers. However, the Parish Council had identified a number of issues in the lease which were not acceptable to the Parish Council and these were to be referred back to Cheshire East Council.

6 PUBLIC DEBATE – 17 MAY 2012

The first Public Debate was to be held at Pear Tree School on 17 May at 7.30 pm. It was expected that Borough Council Cabinet Member, Michael Jones, would address the meeting on planning issues. A draft agenda was tabled for information.

7 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

Stapeley Parish Action Group

Mrs Ingram, the Chairman of Stapeley Parish Action Group reported on the Group's activities over the previous year.

- Membership had increased to nine members. There was still a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

The Playground Working Group had made great progress with the Children's Playground with the opening of Phase 1 on 16 July 2011 by Edward Timpson and Phase 2 on 11 November 2011 by television actor Ben Miller. The scheme had been made possible by funding from central government, Community Spaces, WREN, the Parish Council and Cheshire East Council.

The boundary fence was currently being replaced with a better grade of fencing which was slightly higher on the road boundaries.

- SPAG had been allocated £15,000 for further development of the playground to be paid by the developer of a site at Hastings Road, Nantwich. There was insufficient space on that site for a children's playground and in accordance with changes to the S.106 rules, the money could be spent in an area other than where the development was situated. It was expected that this funding would become available in the next year and the children at Brine Leas School who lived in Stapeley Parish, would be asked for their preferred use of this money.
- A Parish Plan questionnaire had been distributed in late 2011 and the results had recently been analysed. A report was currently being drafted for circulation to the community.
- SPAG was involved with partner organisations such as CVS Cheshire East and the Nantwich LAP. One of the SPAG members was a member of the LAP Health Committee; one was on the LAP Youth action Committee; one on the Low Carbon Communities Group of Community Action Cheshire East; and one on the Nantwich Town Council Litter Volunteers Co-ordination Group.
- SPAGs other activities included:
 - Continued support for Homewatch
 - Involvement in the "dog-stencilling" day arranged by the Parish Council
 - Litter-bin survey of Cronkinson estate
 - Litter-pick

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm and concluded at 7.35 pm