



# STILTON PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting that took place on Wednesday 16 March 2022 - held at the Church Meeting Room, Stilton at 7pm.**

**Present:**

Councillors: O Leonard (Chair,) Angus, Ayres, J Leonard and Shailer.

Clerk: Lawrence

Others: 2 members of the public were present.

**PC218/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Bull (personal reasons), Dorling (work commitments) and Sutcliffe (personal reasons) sent apologies – accepted. Cllr Lockyer was also absent.

**PC219/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Shailer declared a non-pecuniary interest in PC221/21 and Cllr O Leonard a non-pecuniary interest in PC229/21 although the agenda item is to be withdrawn.

**PC220/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

\* A member of the public highlighted concerns with the wording in the business case regarding the purchase of Gala Close – **to be addressed in PC221/21.**

**PC221/21 PURCHASE OF GALA CLOSE OPEN LAND**

Cllr O Leonard drew attention to the updated business plan (following on from PC202/21) and members voted on approving the covenant wording (Cllr Shailer decided not to vote given his non pecuniary interest).

**Resolved**

Members agreed that the business plan to be revised and to reflect the covenant proposed by Roger Taylor (solicitor) to ensure the land remains an open green space for a specific duration of time – 20 or 25 years (to be finalised after feedback from Jelson's) – **all in favour.**

**PC223/21 MAINTENANCE**

Cllr Shailer outlined the need for bus shelter maintenance, reported on the Church wall and highlighted tree grids rising in the village centre.

**Resolved**

**PC223/21.1** Clerk to contact the bus company re a rotting bus post on the High Street at the junction with Church Close

**PC223/21.2** Cllr Shailer to ascertain indicative bus shelter replacement costs and feed back to the AMC meeting

**PC223/21.3** Village walk to check maintenance needs of bus shelters and bins

**PC223/21.4** Cllr Shailer to send information to the clerk re the Church wall

**PC223/21.5** Clerk to speak to Highways re the rising tree grids and report to the AMC.

**PC224/21 FOOTBALL CLUB FEES**

Cllr Angus reported on current football club fees and members considered if and how

to make amend current charges.

**Resolved**

Clerk to research current football fees, circulate the figures to all members and report to the April PC meeting in order for the decision to be considered.

**PC225/21 VILLAGE SEATING**

Cllr Shailer raised a concern regarding seating in the village.

**Resolved**

Seating in the village to be considered as part of the village walk.

**PC226/21 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Cllr Ayres updated members on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee meeting held on 12/03/22 including the purchasing/placing of the bench. Cllr Shailer outlined the cost of Jubilee flags for the flagpole/lamp post signs. Jubilee souvenirs for school children were discussed – in progress.

**Resolved**

**PC226/21.1** A member of the public offered to donate £500 in order for the PC to provide 2 Jubilee benches in the village centre and replace the smaller metal benches

**PC226/21.2** Clerk to place an order for 2 Jubilee benches with Darke's (paid for from CIL funds and donation)

**PC226/21.3** Members agreed to spend £400 on flags and lamppost signs to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee – **all in favour**.

**PC227/21 MARQUES FORMALLY BELONGING TO THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Members discussed ownership, storage, use and maintenance of the marques.

**Resolved**

**PC227/21.1** Parish Council to take ownership and responsibility for the 2 marques from the Community Association

**PC227/21.2** A marque usage sheet to be created for safe use (disclaimer).

**PC228/21 PAVILION**

Council considered a request from a member of the public to place road markings for use by children on the tarmac area in front of the new play area and discussed how to charge for Pavilion use when funds are to be raised for village facilities. The field gate was detailed as needing work. Members discussed how to move forward re the Pavilion alarm contract (current contract ended on 21/02/22) and revisited the need for maintenance equipment at the Pavilion (PC113/21.10). Cllr Angus informed the new village maintenance contract to cover grass cutting in the Pavilion garden and banks - council to see how suitable scheduled cuttings are before considering the need for extra works (a volunteer to do an initial cut before the new maintenance contract takes effect).

**Resolved**

**PC228/21.1** Road markings for use by children on the tarmac are in front of the new play area was approved – **all in favour** (funds to be raised by a member of the public)

**PC228/21.2** Form to be created for any complimentary Pavilion use, deposit to be taken and all cases to be considered on a case by case basis (clerk to liaise with Pavilion Administrator to draw up form)

**PC228/21.3** Cllr Shailer to get prices to repair the Pavilion gate – report to next PC mtg

**PC228/21.4** Clerk to draw up tender invitations for alarm, fire and CCTV at the Pavilion now the PC are on a rolling contract with the current provider and send to 4 suppliers

**PC228/21.5** A £500 budget to buy a hedge trimmer and pressure washer for Pavilion

maintenance was authorised – **all in favour** (clerk to buy).

**PC229/21 GRANT APPLICATION**

This item was withdrawn.

**2 members of the public left the meeting**

**PC230/21 PLANNING**

The Planning Committee highlighted and council responded to ...

**Ref: 22/00554/HHFUL** – 42 Manor Road, Stilton – Proposed single storey side extension – **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (ensure able to park a vehicle on the property).

**PC231/21 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of this item's business the press and public were excluded from the meeting.

**PC232/21 TENDERS FOR VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

The clerk provided feedback regarding PC215/21 and members decided further action.

**Resolved**

**PC232/21.1** Clerk to contract Ferguson's re purchase of hanging basket plants

**PC232/21.2** Clerk to inform successful tenderer and confirm contract start date of 11/04/22.

**PC233/21 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public were re-admitted to the meeting.

**Meeting ended at 8.32pm**

**Next meeting – Tuesday 13 April at 7.30pm**