

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022
AT 8 pm AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Cllr Polly Falconer Vice Chairman
Cllr Tom Brooker
Cllr Jack Saunders
Cllr Daren Sefer
Cllr Yvonne Tisson
Mrs Melita Gandolfo Clerk

In attendance TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin
KCC Cllr Harry Rayner (for
part of meeting)

16 members of the public

Item**Action point**

Minute no 2021/22

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

294 Apology was received from Chairman Cllr Harry Bott (self-isolating) and was accepted. Vice-Chairman Cllr Polly Falconer took the Chair. Cllr Falconer welcomed the members of the public, most of whom had come for the Parish Highways Plan item.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

295 None.

3 TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2022

296 It was proposed by Cllr Sefer, seconded by Cllr Saunders and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of 10th January 2022 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

297 There were no matters arising.

Suspension of meeting for County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Falconer suspended the meeting to allow KCC Cllr Harry Rayner and TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin .

KCC Cllr Rayner said that he was working with Wrotham and neighbouring parishes to oppose the MOTO lorry park application. If granted the lorry park would have a serious impact on local highways, A20, A227 and A25 and on neighbouring parishes, especially Trottscliffe and Addington. He said that Wrotham Parish Council have appointed a barrister, town planner, and highways engineer to oppose the application. He thought that the application would be likely to go to the Planning Inspectorate.

Cllr Rayner also said that it was a difficult time for the KCC budget, with inflation issues.

TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin said that he was opposed to the MOTO application. He talked about the new initiative OpAssist, with KCC, Kent Police and TMBC all targeting rural crime and especially fly-tipping in the area. He said that the regular brown garden bin waste collection should be reinstated in March, but it was not known when the bulky waste collections would begin.

Cllr Falconer thanked Cllrs Coffin and Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

5 HIGHWAYS

a. Presentation of Parish Traffic Plan to members of the public

298 Cllr Falconer gave the presentation with slides and explained the objectives and methods of the Plan.

Cllr Falconer then suspended the meeting to take questions and comments from members of the public.

Comments and suggestions included:

Installation of “sleeping policemen”; installation of chicanes; introduction of speed limit through the villages.

These ideas had been considered during the development of the plan but were not appropriate for the Parish at present.

Installation of ANPR cameras

Additional village gateway on Malthouse Road, before VH car park (when approaching from Ash direction)

Decorative Parish sign

These proposals would be considered.

A large majority of the members of the public present were in favour of the Plan as presented, and nobody disagreed.

Cllr Falconer thanked the members of the public and reconvened the meeting.

b. Traffic Plan, signage – further actions

299 It was unanimously agreed that a village sign for Fairseat “island” with Invicta white horse symbol should be ordered.

It was agreed that discussion on road name signs be carried forward.

Cllr Brooker confirmed that he was happy to order the village gateways and was liaising with a solicitor re agreement with landowners.

Clerk to confirm number of gates to be ordered.

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6 PROPOSED MOTO LORRY PARK AT WROTHAM HEATH

300 This was already covered in KCC Cllr Harry Rayner's report.

7 PLANNING

a Applications

301 (i) **22/00077/FL** Extension and conversion of existing agricultural building to form a one bedroom dwelling. Additional work to include access improvements and a wider access track to the dwelling; provision of a parking space and garden land; and landscaping works | Barn West Of Dairy Cottages Manor Farm Land Vigo Road Fairseat Sevenoaks Kent

Following discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows.

Stansted Parish Council objects to this application. A Class Q permission already exists for conversion, however an extension to this building constitutes new development in the Green Belt, and there are no special circumstances to justify this.

302 (ii) **22/00044/FL** | Timber orangery to replace existing extension | Plaxdale Green Farmhouse Plaxdale Green Road Stansted Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7PB

No objections were raised.

b Decisions

303 The decision detailed on the Agenda was noted.

c Appeals

304 (i) **Oak Tree Stable, Vigo Road, Fairseat - TM20/01665/FL – Appeal 21/00002/REF**

Appeal in progress

305 (ii) **Janes Farm / Lucys Barn, Stansted – TM21/00785/FL - Appeal against Enforcement ref 20/00266WORKH**

Appeal in progress

306 (iii) **7 Oakwood Farm, Fairseat - 21/00033/ENFNOT – Appeal against Enforcement Notice**

Appeal in progress.

d Enforcement

307 There were no updates.

e Other planning matters

308 None.

8 FINANCE

a Bank Balances

309 The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted.

b Accounts for payment

310 It was proposed by Cllr Sparkes, seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed that the accounts for payment listed on Appendix A be paid; with the addition of £2,547.45 Zurich Insurance and £200 Fairseat Lunch Club.

Other Finance issues

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None.

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9 FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

312 Cllr Falconer said that Cllr Bott intended to write a piece for the Parish Notes inviting people to consider standing for election to the Parish Council.

10 MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND PROPERTY

i Recreation ground

313 The Clerk reported that the Hort Soc planned to plant their Jubilee tree on 3rd March.

ii Play park

314 Nothing to report

iii Brown's Field

315 An application for felling licence for coppicing had been acknowledged but the licence had not yet come through.

iv Other issues

316 None.

11 VILLAGE HALLS

i Stansted Village Hall

Nothing to report.

- 318 **ii** **Fairseat Village Hall**
The Lunch Club continues to be well supported. It was unanimously agreed that the £200 grant previously agreed to the Lunch Club should be paid into the Fairseat Village Hall bank account and earmarked accordingly as the Lunch Club does not have its own bank account.

12 PARISH MAGAZINE

- 319 It was reported that there were some delays in distribution; this was not due to the printer but to the local distribution network.

13 QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE

- 320 Plans to be discussed further in future meetings.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

- 321 None.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 322 None.

PUBLIC SESSION

It was reported that Japanese knotweed was re-growing adjacent to Wise’s Lane. The knotweed had been treated by KCC but was subsequently strimmed (incorrectly) by KCC resulting in regrowth. The Clerk will report this to KCC Highways.

It was reported that cars were being illegally driven (and getting stuck) in Wise’s Lane, which is now **not** a Byway open to all traffic (BOAT). Discussion followed on how to prevent this. The Clerk will ask KCC PROW department if bridle gates / posts could be installed at the entrance to Wise’s Lane.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.15 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2022