

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2023  
AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Polly Falconer Vice Chair  
Cllr Tom Brooker  
Cllr Daren Sefer  
Cllr Kevin Sparkes  
Cllr Yvonne Tisson

Mrs Melita Gandolfo Clerk  
Mr David Rice Assistant Clerk  
KCC Cllr Harry Rayner  
TMBC Cllr Martin Coffin  
Four members of the public

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Bott and Cllr Saunders and were accepted.

**2 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MEETING HELD ON 4 MAY 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Falconer, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be signed as a true record.

**3 AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The audited accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 were received.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

In the Chairman's absence, Cllr Falconer read the Chairman's report:

It gives me pleasure to present my 15th and final annual report of the Stansted Parish Council for 2022/23. This report has been kindly read by our vice chair Polly Falconer as I am sadly unavailable.

**Planning**

During the year we have had 21 applications which was down from our usual amount which runs at about 30 per year. 4 were still waiting approval, 15 agreed and 2 refused. Thankfully we have not had any majorly contentious planning applications.

**Traffic Strategy**

The traffic strategy has now started to be implemented and during the year smart finer posts have appeared in the village to universal acclaim.

**The village magazine**

The decision to provide a copy of the village magazine to the whole parish has been a resounding success and is fulfilling its aim of keeping the community abreast of what is happening.

**Finances**

Due to the surplus provided by the school rental, the finances of the parish continue to be in rude good health. This has allowed us to not put up the precept this year to

help with the cost of living crisis.

### **Ash die back**

Ash die back is going to become a significant issue across the country. This year we have identified all of the ash trees on parish land that could cause a risk. These have sadly been removed but it means our liability and future costs have also been removed.

### **Parish land and maintenance**

The shaw next to Browns field has been coppiced. This year we have appointed a handy person to keep on top of the boring but important maintenance work that traditionally has been kicked into the long grass.

### **Coronation and death of the Queen**

Last year was bitter sweet, as a community we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a wonderful party on the Stansted recreation ground complete with live music and fireworks. The bitter part was the sad death of the Queen as well.

### **All change**

The end of 2023 sees change in the Parish council as we bid farewell to myself, our vice chair Polly Falconer and our clerk Melita Gandolfo.

The best part of the annual report is to give thanks to everyone for helping the parish run smoothly. I have loved every minute of the last 15 years of chair and we would not be such a successful and thriving village without all the help given for free across the parish. As every it is difficult to name everyone but I would particularly like to highlight and thank Polly for her 15 years of support as vice chair and all my fellow councillors during the last 15 years. Hilly does a wonderful job producing the parish magazine. Many thanks should also go to our Borough Councillors Martin Coffin and Robin Betts and County Councillor Harry Rayner.

Last and by no means least a massive thanks to our two clerks, Melita who has been wonderful at keeping us on the straight and narrow and David who is already showing that he is more than capable of filling some big shoes!

## **5 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

No reports were given.

## **6 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

No reports were given.

## **7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No matters were raised.

Cllr Tisson and proposed and Cllr Brooker seconded a vote of thanks for both the Chairman and Cllr Falconer as Vice-Chair for the service they had given to the Parish Council during their tenure.

**TB**

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

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Signed .....Chairman

Dated.....