

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 10 January 2023

Present: Cllr Cat Horn (Chair), Cllr Jerry Brown, Cllr Tracy Dove, Cllr Chris Norwood and Cllr Nina Williams; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk)

Also present were Ward Member David Simmons and one member of the public.

Cllr Horn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann: apology noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 29 September 2022

Cllr Horn read the minutes.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

All matters covered on the agenda.

5. Public Time

Nothing was raised.

6. Planning Matters

Ref: 22/500556/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for the change of use of stables into 4no. holiday-lets, with erection of single storey extensions and insertion of rooflights.

Ref: 21/503842/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of disused stables into 4no. holiday-lets with erection of single storey extensions and insertion of rooflights. Installation of 2 freestanding EV chargers on mounting post to the rear of the stables. Installation of PV array on roof slope of agricultural barn. Creation of wildlife pond.

Address: Former Stables And Wagon Lodge Woodsell Farm Hillside Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0JF

Application permitted.

Ref: 22/500550/FULL

Proposal: Change of use of grazing/agricultural land to a natural burial ground, including creation of associated access and car park

Address: Land West Of Church Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0JG

Awaiting decision.

7. Community Transport

Cllr Horn reported that she had completed the Faversham Town Council Passenger Transport Needs survey on behalf of the Parish Council, the survey was also shared on the village WhatsApp group. There has been no feedback from the community. The village bus is not

being cut and there are four services a day, however the last bus is too early for people finishing work although the right time for school children.

Cllr Dove said the bus is being used and is not in danger of being cut.

Cllr Norwood said that if there are problems it could be possible to work with KCC School Transport.

8. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £30.00 in respect of hall hire (cheque no 306).

iii. To consider request from St Mary's Church Stalisfield for a grant towards churchyard maintenance

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to make a grant of £250.00 to Stalisfield Church towards the maintenance of the churchyard (cheque no 307).

iv. To consider budget for 2023-24

Councillors considered the budget for 2023-24 and **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the budget at £4890.

v. To set precept for 2023-24

Councillors considered the precept for 2023-24, noted that the Council had healthy reserves and were mindful of the current cost-of-living crisis. It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to set the precept at £2925 being no increase for a Band D property.

9. Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Horn said the Parish Highways Improvement Plan had been submitted and that she was unable to find a suitable sites for village gateways.

It was agreed to have a virtual meeting with Lezanne Cesar, KCC Highways, on 6 February 2023 at 2pm, Cllr Horn, Cllr Brown, Cllr Dove and Cllr Williams to attend.

10. Any Other Business

Cllr Dove reported that there was no funding available to install electric charging points at the village hall.

11. Date of next meeting

To been confirmed by email.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting