

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 23 October 2024

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

1. Apologies

All Members were present.

Apologies had been received from County Councillor Rich Lehmann (at another meeting): apology noted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on 16 May 2024

Cllr Horn read the minutes and noted that the meeting scheduled for 25 July did not take place as the meeting was inquorate.

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to accept the minutes as a true record, Cllr Horn duly signed the minutes.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

All items on the agenda.

5. Public Time

No member of the public was in attendance.

6. Planning Matters

24/500882/FULL Land At Otterden Wood Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Kent ME13 0HW

Proposed ESN telecommunications installation, comprising of erection of a 30m high Swann 5SH Lattice tower, generator, and 3no. cabinets, with ancillary development, associated site works and access.

Awaiting decision.

The Plough Inn Stalisfield Road Stalisfield Faversham Kent ME13 0HY

24/500058/FULL Demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of single storey side extension to provide additional restaurant area.

24/500059/LBC Listed Building Consent for demolition of single storey side extension. Erection of single storey side extension to provide additional restaurant area.

Awaiting decision.

7. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none

ii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £18.75 for hall hire (cheque no 337)

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Newington Parish Council £87.60 being share of SLCC fees and Clerk training (cheque no 338).

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Doddington Parish Council £14.00 being share of Clerk training (cheque no 339).

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to renew the membership of CPRE £48.00 (cheque no 340).

Councillors considered the finance report and agreed the half-year bank reconciliation.

8. Highways

Cllr Vant reported that KCC Highways has carried out work to the drain at the bottom of Gravel Hill, however it now needs to be cleaned out. All pot holes are reported online. KCC Highways does not have a budget for resurfacing, there are currently a lot of roads in the parish which need maintenance.

Cllr Horn thanked Cllr Vant for his report.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Vant reported that he had attended Otterden Parish Meeting. They do not have a Parish Council and they are in a different Borough to Stalisfield. They would like to sit in on Stalisfield Parish Council meetings and they would welcome Councillors to their meeting. It has been suggested that the ground adjacent to the Village Hall could become a Memorial Garden for Rev Granville Wheler; this would improve the middle of the village and be a benefit for residents.

Cllr Horn said there could be a cross parish sub-committee although this would not work at Borough levels as the parishes are in different Wards. Cllr Horn thanked Cllr Vant for engaging in the project.

Cllr Horn reported that there had been a cross-parish subcommittee to look at the issues with the bin collections. There was a meeting with Ward Member Terry Thompson who explained what was happening. KCCLLr Lehmann set up a WhatsApp group so he could be kept informed directly. It was only in the last month since the issues in the towns have been resolved, that the problems the parishes have are being dealt with. The main thing is that communication has been improved.

Cllr Horn informed Members that, in a private capacity, she had tried to resolve problems caused by a fly and dine service which has caused concern from livestock farmers. This has been referred to the County Councillor and Ward Councillor.

Cllr Brown said he would like to attend the NALC course Navigating Rural Realities.

ACTION: Clerk to book.

10. Date of next meeting Thursday 9 January 2025

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 7.45pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

Date: 9 January 2025