



STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING 27TH APRIL 2026 MINUTES

PUBLIC FORUM

No residents asked any questions.

Present: Cllrs Sharp, Arger, Farragher, Melville, Alesi, Mclaughlin, Castro, Riordan, Perry, Hotson, Wakeford and Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Ash, Rhodes and Pett
2. **COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS regarding items on the Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Declarations of Lobbying - NA
 - 2.2. Changes to the Register of Interests - NA
 - 2.3. Interests in Items on the Agenda - NA
 - 2.4. Requests for Dispensation - NA

3 PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION and DECISION

3.1 3G Multi Sport pitch Report

Resolution: To consider the following

- i. Construction cost shortfall = £19,267.13
Use £9,267.13 of CIL funding, leaving £79,284.07 in CIL for further projects in line with CIL Policy
Use £10,000 from General reserves leaving £121,601 (over 40% of the Council precept, within national guideline)
- ii. To approve the Letter of Intent – **Appendix A**
- iii. Delegate Authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to sign the contract

Following a debate which highlighted that the additional cost was due to the delay caused by MBC planning the general sentiment was of frustration but need to proceed. That the Council is also covering professional fees such as the BNG Monitoring Fees.

Signed by Chairman.....Date.....

Cllr Sharp proposed, Cllr Arger seconded to recommend the resolution below – agreed majority 9 for, 0 against and 2 abstained.

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Following a debate, which noted the version emailed to Cllrs would be sent, Cllr Arger proposed, Cllr Sharp seconded to recommend the resolution below – agreed majority 9 for, 0 against and 2 abstained.

Resolution To approve the Letter of Intent attached

Following a debate, which highlighted the construction contract will be circulated to all Cllrs but to avoid any delays the aim was to delegate authority, Cllr Arger proposed, Cllr Sharp seconded to recommend the resolution below – agreed majority 9 for, 0 against and 2 abstained.

Resolution: Delegate Authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to sign the construction contract

3.2 letters to residents

Following a debate that emphasised the letters will go to the residents of the two areas affected, not everyone in Staplehurst, Cllr Sharp proposed, Cllr Alesi seconded to recommend the resolution below – agreed majority 10 for, 1 against and 0 abstained

Resolution: To approve the following;

- Wimpey Field letter – **Appendix A**
- Bell Lane letter – **Appendix B**

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Meeting closed7.35pm.....

Signed by Chairman.....Date.....