

STALISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Stalisfield Village Hall on 14 August 2023

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

Also present was Police Officer Gary Morris

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Richard Vant (work) and Cllr Nina Williams (personal); apologies accepted.

2. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting Held on 18 May 2023

Cllr Horn read the minutes.

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Horn reported that the wood for the memorial bench has been sourced, it is anticipated that two benches and a table will be made from it.

The gateways were to be installed on 19 July, but KCC Highways have informed the Council of a new date for the installation on 22 August.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Lehmann had informed the Council that the Local Authority will not pay for EV points.

5. Public Time

No members of the public were present.

6. Planning Matters

i. Ref: 23/503121/LBC

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Councillors considered the applications and noted the Conservation Officer's report which requested further information on some aspects and also some amendments. The report also raised concern that the bull sheds, which are an important element of the original farmstead

and important to the setting of the adjacent farmhouse in reinforcing an understanding of its function, were being ignored again. Councillors agreed that there were no objections on the understanding that the Conservation Officer's comments are implemented.

ii. Proposed Telecommunications Installation for EE UK Ltd

Councillors considered the proposals and noted that this was a preliminary enquiry. It was considered that further information be requested: Will the mast will be visible from the nearby houses? What is the nature of the generator? What cable laying will be required? Will it be solely for blue light services? Some areas of Stalisfield are in a black spot with no mobile reception.

7. Finance

i. Councillor expenses

There were none.

ii. Invoices

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to pay Stalisfield Village Hall £11.25 for hall hire (cheque no 319)

iii. CPRE- Review of Membership

It was **AGREED UNANIMOUSLY** to renew the membership at £48.00 (cheque no 320).

8. Highways

Cllr Vant has reported pot holes to KCC Highways.

9. Any Other Business

No other matters were raised.

PC Gary Morris introduced himself as the new Kent Police neighbourhood beat officer for Boughton and Courtenay, East Downs and Watling wards. Kent Police have re-introduced beat officers which has brought back neighbourhood policing and there will eventually be one officer per ward. Since the Council's last meeting there has been no crime reported in the parish. My Community Voice is a good way for the beat officers to communicate with residents.

Cllr Horn thanked PC Morris for attending.

10. Date of next meeting Wednesday 18 October 2023 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.12pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chair

Date: 18 October 2023