

STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022 AT 8 pm
AT FAIRSEAT VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Cllr Harry Bott Chairman
 Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer Vice-chairman /clerk
 Cllr Tom Brooker
 Cllr Daren Sefer
 Cllr Kevin Sparks
 Cllr Jack Saunders
 Cllr Yvonne Tisson

One member of the public

Item*Action point*

Minute no

A minute's silence was held on behalf of Marco Gandolfo.

1 APOLOGIES

323 Apologies for absence were received from the clerk, Mrs Melita Gandolfo, and from Cllr Harry Rayner and Cllr Martin Coffin,

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER

324 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2022

325 It was proposed by Cllr Sefer, seconded by Cllr Sparkes and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

326 There were no matters arising.

5 HIGHWAYS**327 Traffic Plan, Highway Improvement Plan, Signage – Further actions**

The fingerposts have been ordered. Leander Architectural has requested the final payment of £6,165.00. It was proposed by Cllr Bott and seconded by Cllr Brooker and agreed that this payment be made.

328 The original Stansted village sign at the junction of Tumblefield Road and Plaxdale Green Road has been stolen. The meeting requested that the clerk report this to the police.

329 Cllr Brooker has approached Whitehead and Moncton (solicitors) to draw up an agreement to be used with landowners for the new gateways. Cllr Falconer to arrange a meeting with KCC Highways.

330 The email received from the Nelsons was read out to the council. Note was taken about ensuring that any road changes are not over suburbanised. The Parish Council will arrange to taken to Fairseat Village Hall committee about on-site parking in Fairseat Recreation Ground

6. PROPOSED MOTO LORRY PARK AT WROTHAM HEATH

331 Cllr Bott gave a brief update. Cllr Tisson reported that KALC estimated that 1000 lorries a day would be using the roads leading to a new lorry park. While sympathy was expressed for the need for much improved lorry parking facilities, the majority of councillors felt that the impact on local roads will be so great, that a better site needs to be found.

332 Stansted Parish Council has been approached by Wrotham Parish Council regarding support in opposing the new lorry park. A majority of councillors supported contributing to the Wrotham campaign, and the clerk will write to confirm our support in principle, however, we would like to know which other parishes are also supportive and what level of contribution is required.

7. PLANNING

a Applications

333 **i 22/00229/FL – The Anchor and Hope, South Ash Road, Stansted TN15 7ER**
Conversion to offices on the ground floor and with 2 flats on the first floor.

It was agreed to object to this application due to insufficient parking provision for the 24 desks, plus reception, plus two flats. If TMBC is minded to approve this application, can they stipulate a non-intrusive lighting plan.

334 **ii 22/00228/FL – Woodview, Vigo Road, Fairseat TN15 7LT**
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

It was agreed to object to this application due to the intrusive lighting from the side elevations of the new extension, which will have an adverse impact on the neighbours.

335 **iii 22/00192/FL – Oaktree Farm, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted, TN15 7PL.**
Demolition of existing stable block with extant planning consent for alterations, including new roof and change of use to 4 no.2 bed dwellings and erection of a replacement building comprising 4 no.2 bed dwellings

It was agreed to object to this application due to insufficient parking provision (only one per house). The council would like to refer TMBC to Plaxdale Green Farm, where two parking spaces per dwelling were provided.

336 **iv 22/00087/FL – Manager's House, Thriftwood Caravan and Camping Park, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted TN15 7PB**

It was agreed to object to this application due to the inaccuracies in the planning application that was submitted and the impact of the proposal on the landscape. The existing habitable building is 129.76m² and the proposed habitable space is 222.57m², making a 71.5% increase, considerably more than the 58.32% stated in the application. The trees indicated on the plan do not provide screening for the current house which is highly visible from the road both day and night. The proposed building almost doubles the aspect of the house to the road, with considerable fenestration, thus significantly increasing the environmental impact.

337 **V 22/00276/FL – Threipmuir, Vigo Road, Fairseat, TN15 7LR .**

Partial conversion of double garage, single storey rear extension with new continuous roof to side garage. Alterations to roofline from hip to gable and conversion of loft to habitable rooms

No objections were raised.

338 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on the Agenda were received.

c Appeals

339 **I 20/01665/FL – Oak Tree Stable, Vigo Road, Fairseat – Appeal ref 21/00002/REF**
Appeal in progress

340 **21/00785/FL - Lucy's Barn, Hatham Green Lane, Stansted TN15 P7L**
Retrospective application for the change of use of agricultural land to formation of hard-standing and erection of dog kennels and shed for a temporary 2 years. Appeal in progress

341 **21/00033/ENFNOT – Appeal against Enforcement Notice – 7 Oakwood Farm, Fairseat, TN15 7LT**
Appeal in progress

d. Enforcement

Holly Place, Stansted.
342 Enforcement visited Holly Place and have determined that no further action will be taken as it was considered permitted development

Littlefields, Stansted
343 Advised that TMBC is pursuing enforcement action

Cobtrees, Stansted
344 Obtain an update from TMBC on enforcement action

Malt House, Stansted
345 Refer new treehouse to Enforcement

e. Other Planning Matters

346 None reported

8. FINANCE – Appendix A

a Bank Balances

347 The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted.

b Accounts for Payment

348 It was proposed by Cllr Bott and seconded by Cllr Brooker that the accounts for payment listed on Appendix A be paid, with the addition of £6,165 for Leander Architectural

c Other Finance Issues

349 None reported

9. FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

350 Cllr Bott laid out the plan for informing parishioners of the workings of the Parish Council in the Parish Magazine over the next several months.

10. MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND PROPERTY

351 **i Recreation Field**

A walking group has asked to use the SVH car park on the 6th April. This was approved.

It was agreed that Cllr Bott will spray the lights orange, and that they should turn off by 8pm.

352 **ii Play park**

No issues

353 **iii Brown's Field**

The Council is waiting for the felling licence

354 **iv Other issues**

No other issues were raised.

11. VILLAGE HALLS

355 **i. Stansted Village Hall**

No issues raised

ii. Fairseat Village Hall

356 No issues raised.

12. PARISH MAGAZINE

357 The March magazine was very timely. It was agreed that we should include more secular information in the Magazine, such as the TMBC bin rota.

358 Cllr Tisson raised the issue of emergency planning which was much debated at KALC (and therefore publicising in the Magazine). Cllr Bott reported that KCC have advised on flood prevention measures on Court Lodge Farm, which was the main cause of flooding on Malthouse Road, and preventative measures have been put in place.

13. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

359 Cllr Brooker reported that he has booked a band, Cllr Saunders will provide a pig and Cllr Bott has sourced the fireworks.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

- 360 **Re: Matt's BBQ:** A request was received from St Clere to amend the wording of Minute item 7/169 from 4th October 2021. Councillors agreed new wording as follows: Cllr Bott had written to a St Clere trustee requesting a meeting to discuss the event. The St Clere trustee had refused to meet him.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 361 **Kent buses.** Mrs Pam Sheldon advised that she has received a consultation document from KCC on rural transport. It appears that KCC are trying to save £3M by stopping rural bus transport. Cllr Tisson reported that KALC advises that it is highly unlikely that the small local buses will survive. Cllr Falconer to include the consultation links in the Parish Magazine.

362 School Involvement:

Cllr Tisson suggested more school involvement, with proposals to ask the children to write an article to go into the parish magazine on harm to the environment from rubbish, and to design a poster about speeding. The later could be sent to offices in the parish. Cllrs Bott and Tisson to discuss with the school.

Ask the school for help in addressing taxi behaviour (speed and abusive language).

- 363 **General Maintenance:** Cllr Saunders proposed that the council considers self-employing someone to do general maintenance (e.g. rubbish collection, cleaning telephone boxes, cleaning the signs, war memorial maintenance etc) on a 1 to 2 days a month basis. Cllr Brooker to discuss with potential candidate, and get an indication of cost.

- 364 **Bins:** Brown bin collection is starting again in March

- 365 **KALC:** Cllr Tisson reported back from a KALC meeting. The most prevalent crime in our area is domestic abuse. The biggest problem in TMBC was a drug ring, with 5 people having been sent to jail. A recent problem is scammers pretending to be the local policeman. Cllr Tisson will include this in the Parish Magazine. Use of Zoom for parish council meetings is being debated. The Waste department reported very low complaint levels. If you have issues you do need to report them. CCTV cameras can be requested from the TMBC team doing this. Changes are expected at TMBC planning department, perhaps to be similar to Maidstone Planning Dept. is being taken over by someone from Maidstone.

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No issues were raised.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10.30 pm

SignedChairman

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