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**Minutes of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th November 2024 starting at 7:00pm at Stanton Under Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Stanton Under Bardon, LE67 9AE**

**Parish Councillors Present**: Cllr Anthony Johnston (Vice Chairman), Cllr Zoe Howard and Cllr Neil Barrett

**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk Joanne Lowe, Borough Councillor Claire Harris, 2 Members of the Public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public attended the Quarry Liaison Meeting and wished to update Council with progress. Following complaints from residents about the siren, MQP have confirmed that they are waiting on engineers to fix the problem. MQP also plan to roll out a text message warning system for when blasting occurs. The Committee passed on thanks for the invite to the APM, regarding it as a great success. The extension will be determined on 21st November, after which time a budget will be in place to replace the mixing plant following complaints about tarmac fumes. The dates of the next meetings are 6th March 2025 4th September 2025.

Hollie from the National Forest gave an update. The project is now the point where funding has been approved with a date pending for planting. 1 or 2 sessions of planting will be organised, with 6 fruit trees and around 120 trees planted. Posters have been distributed in the pub, allotments, the shop and Primary School. A small group has already formed, but further recruitment is needed. Hollie confirmed that the National Forest will also be a long-term ongoing support, even when the overall project finishes in March.

Cllr Harris gave an update. There was a free tree scheme at HBBC and LCC on offer at the moment. There have been recent enforcement following fly tipping and a fine of £500 in Sutton Cheney. HBBC have set up working groups for the local plan, giving feedback and further consultation on Regulation 18. This includes various parishes, MPs and other stakeholders such as Severn Trent Water but some responses have been disapointing and lacking detail. The general general estimates for when the Local Plan will be adopted is estimated to be 2026.

*Council Meeting started at 19:18*

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| 86/24-25 | In the absence of the Chairman and owing to the vacant position of Vice Chairman, Council voted unanimously to elect Cllr Anthony Johnson to chair the Parish Council meeting. |

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| 86/24-25 | To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given  **NOTED**: The Council received and unanimously accepted apologies from Alan Ramsay who is working overseas. |
| 87/24-25 | To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda  **NOTED**: The Council received no interests or requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda |
| 88/24-25 | To consider the adoption of the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2024  **RESOLVED**: The Council resolved to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th September 2024 with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting. |
|  | To receive nominations and to elect the position of Vice Chairman  One nomination was received for the position of Vice Chairman.  **RESOLVED**: The Council unanimously voted to elect Cllr Johnston as Vice Chairman for Stanton under Bardon Parish Council for 2024-25. |
|  | To consider applications for the Councillor vacancy for Stanton under Bardon Parish Council  No applications were received.  **RESOLVED**: To defer this item to a later Parish Council meeting. |
|  | To note the draft minutes of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 30th October 2024  **NOTED**: The Council noted the draft minutes. |
|  | To consider accepting the quote of £250 + VAT from Burnt Oak Developments to prepare the area and sow a wildflower meadow on Stanton under Bardon Recreation Ground for 2025  **RESOLVED:** The Council accepted the quotation. |
|  | To authorise the purchase of a new defibrillator cabinet door for the defibrillator at the Old Thatched Inn at a cost of £198.58  **RESOLVED:** The Council accepted the quotation. |
|  | To note an update on electric vehicle charging points at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall  **NOTED**: The Council noted the update report from the Clerk on electric vehicle charging points at Stanton under Bardon. It was requested that the Clerk look into grant funding and bring to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss as a potential future project. |
|  | To nominate Councillors to attend the Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November at St Mary & All Saints Church, Stanton under Bardon  **RESOLVED:** The Council unanimously voted for Cllr Ramsay to attend the Remembrance Sunday service, with Cllr Howard in reserve. |
|  | To authorise the purchase of a Motorola G13 mobile phone for the caretaker as an emergency contact for hirers at Village Hall at a cost of £98.98  **RESOLVED:** The Council accepted the quotation. |
|  | To consider a 24 month SIM only contract at a cost of £6.95 / month for the caretaker as the emergency contact for hirers at Village Hall  **RESOLVED:** The Council accepted the quotation for Three SIM only deal at £7 per month for 24 months. |
|  | To receive updates from the Clerk relevant to the Parish Council activities  **NOTED**: The Council noted the Clerks Report for November 2024. |
|  | To note the external audit report for financial year 2023 – 2024  The Clerk read out the report to Council.  **NOTED**: The Council noted the external audit report for financial year 2023 – 2024. |
|  | To consider the application to the Parish Council’s Community Grant Scheme for £720  **RESOLVED:** The Council agreed to approve the grant application from LOROS for £720 to cover venue hire costs for bereavement sessions held at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall. |
|  | To consider the recommendation from the Village Hall Management Committee to apply to Hinckley and Bosworth’s Borough Council’s PCIF grant to refurbish the rear meeting room and install equipment to host a community cinema at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall  **RESOLVED:** The Council agreed to the recommendation.  To note signing of forms to approve the transfer of investments from HSBC current account into CCLA PSDF  **NOTED**: The Council noted the forms that were signed. |
|  | To approve the list of payments scheduled for November 2024  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil approved the list of payments scheduled for November 2024 |
|  | To review and approve the financial statement for September to October 2024  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil approved the financial statement for September to October 2024 |
|  | To review and approve bank statements and bank reconciliations for September to October 2024  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil approved bank statements and bank reconciliations for September and October 2024 |
|  | To review and approve the budget monitoring statement and budget forecast at the end of Q3  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil approved the budget monitoring statement and budget forecast |
|  | To consider adopting an appraisal process the Parish Clerk for 2024-25  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil agreed to adopt an appraisal process. |
|  | To consider hosting a public meeting for residents to discuss planning developments in Stanton under Bardon  **RESOLVED:** TheCouncil agreed to host a public meeting for residents to discuss planning developments in Stanton under Bardon.  The meeting will be held after January 2025 with the purpose to address residents' concerns with the planning process, to let people know what the PC have done as well as highlighting what residents can do in future as well as introducing the purpose of key documents such as the LP. The PC will explore the possibility of bringing in independent perspectives to assist with objections and offer guidance on what residents can do within the planning process. There’s a particular concern around potential SHEELA sites, so it’s essential to clarify the PC's impartial role and limited resources. HBBC may be able to offer support, with Borough Councillors and planning officers to attend and clarify the process, what can and cannot be opposed etc.  This meeting will also serve as an educational session, highlighting what the Parish Council does and explaining the S106 funding process in coordination with HBBC's S106 Officer. |
|  | To consider the submission of Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton under Bardon draft Neighbourhood Plan to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council  **RESOLVED**: The Council resolved to submit Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton under Bardon draft Neighbourhood Plan to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council |
|  | To consider any other planning applications submitted following the publication of the agenda  **NONE RECEIVED** |

*Council Meeting finished at 20:38*

Signed by

Chair ............................................................ Date ..................................................