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| **Stanford** **on** **Soar Parish** **Council**  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  **held in Normanton on Soar Village Hall**  **on 27 February 2025 at 19:00** | Stanford sign.jpg |

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**Present**

Cllr Frances McKim (Chair) Cllr Wendy Butler

Cllr Sachin Jain Cllr Wendy Salmon

Cllr Steve Waters Cllr Matt Barney (NCC & RBC)

Rebecca Hague - Clerk to the Parish Council No members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Craig Leggett and Cllr Sarah Poole.

1. **Declarations of Interests**None.
2. **Open Session**No public present.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024 were accepted by the Council as a true and accurate account of the meeting and signed by the Chair. The recent defibrillator training sessions held by Norton House had been well attended, Cllr McKim will ask if they can do a couple of extra sessions for those who missed the last ones.

1. **Borough and County Council Matters**

Cllr Barney gave an update on Borough and County Matters as outlined below:

**Segro phase 2** – Consultation currently open until 17th March, this massive site on the edge of Diseworth will be part of the Freeport.

**Uniper/LDO Site** – Decommissioning work is taking place but the power station won’t be demolished for another 4-5years. Some of the companies who were interested in the power station site are now investing in America due to tax incentives. The Labour government has changed the rules on Green Belt to allow for more building. Rule changes include removing the condition to prevent urban sprawl. This will likely affect what is built on the south side of the site, which is currently classified as Green Belt.

**M1 Junction 24** – Upgrades to the junction will be required for Segro phase 2 and the LDO. The East Midlands Mayor will be responsible for overseeing this.

**Flooding** – Properties in Zouch were particularly badly affected.

**Car Cruising** – A consultation is currently taking place regarding implementing a red route along the A453 near East Midlands Parkway to prevent car cruising. The Parish Council agreed to write in support of the proposals.

**Sutton Bonington Speed Limit** – There is currently a petition open to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph on Trowell Lane and Hungary Lane.

**East Midlands Airport** – The liaison group is trying to get the training flights to go slightly higher, this would significantly reduce the noise for residents under the flight path.

**Barton in Fabis Quarry** – The proposed application is waiting to go before the planning committee.

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**British Gypsum** – British Gypsum wants to extract gypsum under the LDO site, the Environment Agency has raised a number of concerns which are currently being looked into.

**Devolution** – The Government is proposing creating unitary authorities. This would see the removal of city, borough, district and county councils and instead one authority would be created. Councils are working together to put together proposals of how this may look. Whilst the intention that such a move will result in efficiency savings, concerns have been expressed locally that Rushcliffe Borough Council is in a good financial position unlike for example Nottingham City Council and it is not clear how debts may affect the area. A local petition has been created which residents are able to sign.

**Zouch Bridge** – Phase 1 is now complete and work will commence on phase 2 in the near future.

**Bridge Works** – Eight bridges between Normanton on Soar and Sutton Bonington are due to be rebuilt/raised to allow for electrification of the railway line, at present the work is planned to start in April and this will lead to a number of road closures. Full details are yet to be confirmed.

Cllr Butler asked if there was any updates on the lack of broadband for Stanford Hills residents which she had raised at the last meeting. Cllr Barney suggested the Parish Council get in touch with James Naish MP who has worked with neighbouring villages to achieve the roll out of high speed broadband.

1. **Traffic and Highway Maintenance**

(a) Flooding in the Village

The flooding situation in the village is much improved with the drains on the corner by the church being redone, all gullies in the village being cleaned out and landowners are working on solutions to stop surface water running off the fields and down Normanton Lane.

The flashing street light towards Loughborough was reported and has now been repaired.

(b) Leake Lane Speed Limit

An update following consultation is expected on the 10th March. Cllr Butler noted that another vehicle had crashed off the road on the 11th February and had to be pulled out of the ditch. Cllr Barney asked if there were any photos of the incident which could be sent to him as supporting evidence.

(c) Bus Stop at Old School House  
Work to the new bus stop is now complete.

(d) Condition and Replacement of Village Entry Sign – Meadow Lane

The graffiti had been cleaned off the sign but the sign was in a very worn condition. The Clerk had contacted the County Council about a replacement. This had been ordered and will be fitted when it is ready.

1. **Planning**

• 25/00241/FUL – DMRC Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford On Soar - The redistribution of material excavated during the construction of the National Rehabilitation Centre, within the Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Estate, in a designated area west of the Stanford Hall and Pleasure Grounds – PC no objections.

• 24/02078/FUL - Land West Of Leake Lane, Stanford On Soar - Proposed agricultural building, animal shelter & improved access – PC agreed to support the application subject to amendments which had been discussed with the applicant.

• 25/00185/PAQ - Five Oaks Farm. Main Street, Stanford On Soar - Prior approval application under Class Q to allow the Conversion of 3no. Agricultural Barns to 7 Dwelling houses (CLASS C3) – The PC agreed to a neutral response making several observations.

• 24/02045/FUL - Underhill Farm, Leake Lane, Stanford On Soar - Erection of a new dairy building, to house a new parlour and associated plant work, along with areas to facilitate cow management and treatment, associated hardstanding and access – PC no objections, pending RBC decision.

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• 24/02006/AGRIC - Underhill Farm, Leake Lane, Stanford On Soar - Livestock housing building – PC no objections, RBC prior approval not required.

• 24/01426/FUL - Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford On Soar - Erection of a ground mounted solar PV renewable energy generation system for a 40 year temporary period. – PC no objection, RBC permission granted.

• 24/00131/FUL - Five Oaks Farm, Main Street, Stanford On Soar - Application for the partial demolition of agricultural Barn 5 and canopy between Barns 1 and 6, sheeting to walls of agricultural Barns 5, 6 and 7 – PC neutral response, RBC permission granted.

• 23/00147/FUL - Plot Of Land North Of Meadow Lane, Stanford On Soar - Retention of summerhouse – Appeal dismissed.

Cllr Barney left the meeting.

1. **Village Sign**

(a) Replacement Village Sign – Updated quote

The Clerk had circulated an updated quote, it was agreed to proceed with ordering the sign subject to consent being given by the church whose land it is currently on.

1. **Environment**

(a) Conservation Area - Update

There had been eight responses to the recent village survey on this, with the majority being in favour of creating a Conservation Area. Having looked into the time and expertise required in putting the appraisal together the Parish Council agreed that this is not a viable option and will no longer pursue the proposal.

(b) Buildings to put forward for listing status

The Parish Council agreed not to pursue this any further.

(c) Trees and TPOs

Cllr Waters and a resident will undertake a review of the current trees with TPOs when they come into leaf. Following this an assessment will be carried out of which additional trees may benefit from TPOs.

1. **Finance**

(a) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation had been circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted by the Council.

(b) PaymentsThe following payments had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted by the Council.

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| Date | Payee | Reason | Amount |
| 29.11.2024 | R Hague + HMRC | Gross Salary - November | £244.86 |
| 04.12.2024 | HSBC | Monthly Banking Charges - 4 December | £5.00 |
| 18.12.2024 | Matt Moore Garden Services | Five Oaks Garden Maintenance | £147.38 |
| 31.12.2024 | R Hague + HMRC | Gross Salary - December | £244.86 |
| 04.01.2025 | HSBC | Monthly Banking Charges - 4 January | £5.00 |
| 31.01.2025 | R Hague + HMRC | Gross Salary - January | £244.86 |
| 31.01.2025 | Notts ALC | Notts ALC Membership | £79.57 |
| 04.02.2025 | HSBC | Monthly Banking Charges - 4 February | £5.00 |
| 05.02.2025 | Normanton on Soar Jubilee Field | February Meeting Room Hire | £15.00 |
| 20.02.2025 | R Hague (Amazon) | Printing Consumables | £47.21 |
| 28.02.2025 | R Hague + HMRC | Gross Salary - February | £244.86 |

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Additional payments due before the year end: Q4 Five Oaks Garden Maintenance, Clerk’s March Salary, March Banking Charge and the annual payroll costs.

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

The Council agreed to the appointment of David Dixon as Internal Auditor, a letter of engagement would be sent by the Clerk.

**11. Social Events**

There are currently no social events planned.

**12. Correspondence**

(a) Rushcliffe South Villages Community Safety Group (RSVCSG) Meeting – 4th March

Clerk is attending.

(b) Town and Parish Forum – 4th April

No attendees.

**13. Councillor Reports and Next Agenda Items**

Nothing further raised.

**14. Date of Next Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements**

Thursday 22nd May – St John the Baptist Church, Stanford on Soar

Cllr Butler will arrange the refreshments. The Council agreed to invite James Naish MP to the meeting. The Council also discussed inviting HighGround representatives as guest speakers to a future APM, the charity work with the military recovering at Stanford Hall through their Roots to Recovery programme.

Meeting closed 9.04pm