

MINUTES OF STANTON-ON-THE-WOLDS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN STANTON-ON-THE-WOLDS PARISH CHURCH ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

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| Chair: | Cllr Day. |
| Parish Councillors: | Cllrs Browett, Danielson, Healy and Watson. |
| Other Councillors: | Borough/County Councillor Wells |
| Council Staff: | Michelle Law (Clerk), who minuted the meeting Emma Goodman (RFO) |
| Members of the Public: | 9 |

1. Chair's Welcome

Cllr Robert Day welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received and accepted from Borough/County Councillors Cottee and Inglis.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023 were **APPROVED** and signed by Cllr Day as a true record.

4. Chair's Report on Parish Council Activities 2022/23

Good evening and welcome to the meeting, the principal positive news that has impacted on the lives of members of the Parish has been our new King Charles III being crowned.

Internationally, the war in Ukraine continues and the Israel/Gaza conflict have tended to exacerbate the national political uncertainty and the general cost-of-living crisis. Funding for infrastructure remains hard to obtain and the state of the local roads is now at a crisis level. We urge all parishioners to report potholes to the Council to help prioritise repairs in our locality.

On a local level, the parish Council has for the first time in many years been in receipt of substantial funds as a result of the residential housing development in the village which attracts a levy (CIL) and which this year amounted to £7523.55 As a result, the PC finances are the strongest they have ever been. You will have noticed several new faces at PC meetings – firstly Margaret Healy has re-joined the Council just as we sadly received the resignations of Julie Spillane and Gill Rahman – both of whom we thank for their service to our community. We welcome Margaret's energy and experience back on the Council.

A further significant development was the recruitment last year of Michelle Law as our new Parish Clerk and Emma Goodman as our new Responsible Financial Officer. The impact that their professional expertise brings to our meetings and the background administration is most welcome, and we have now benefitted from a full 12 months of their contribution.

For the first time we are able to consider expenditure outside simply covering the admin costs of holding and recording our meetings.

Planters, landscaping, a new memorial bench and improved village signage as well as 2 village information signs are either complete or in the process of being delivered.

We have successfully lobbied for various Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) to be registered to preserve the rural nature of the village alongside sympathetic development.

I would also like to thank those people in the village who have given their time to help and support the village in the last 12 months, Stanton-on-the-Wolds is developing a lovely community spirit about it and that is down to the people who live here and make it a place to be proud of.

Finally, I was also delighted to be able to represent the Parish Council at the annual Remembrance Service, allowing us to show our respect for those that have given their lives in war and the Parish Council were pleased to again this year be able to lay a wreath at the war memorial.

Plans and Priorities for 2024/25

In my view, the Parish Council's most important priorities in 2024/25 will be, to continue to look to future sustainable investment in the parish and to support and grow the positive sense of community within the village. Greater engagement within the Parish remains a priority I believe, and as a Council we trust that the Parishioners will join with us to continue these improvements.

Thank you.



Cllr Robert Day, Chairman.

5. Questions from residents

The following questions were asked during the meeting from members of the public:

- 1. Is there anything the Parish Council can do about the potholes and uneven pavements on Stanton Lane** – The member of public was thanked for bringing this to attention of the Parish Council but was also reminded that unfortunately potholes and pavements do not fall under the remit of the Parish Council. All members of the public present were encouraged to use the Nottinghamshire County Council website to report potholes and uneven pavements to the highways department, who will come out and assess the situation and make any repairs they deem necessary.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at approximately 7.15pm

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