



Minutes of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 starting at 7:00pm at Stanton Under Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Stanton Under Bardon, LE67 9AE

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Alan Ramsay (Chairman) Cllr Anthony Johnston (Vice Chairman), Cllr Zoe Howard, Cllr Kevin Underdown and Cllr Neil Barrett

In Attendance: Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk and RFO), Borough Councillor Chris Lambert

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Lambert gave an update. A review of the housing service at the Borough Council, chaired by Councillor Lambert, has resulted in three key recommendations being presented to the Executive Committee: 1 - Increased efforts to address empty homes and bring them back into use. 2 - Work on S106 properties to ensure they are not lost. 3 – Lobbying for an exemption on rural units from the Right to Buy scheme, which is currently under consultation by Central Government.

In relation to the ongoing local government reorganisation, there is a proposal for councils to serve populations of approximately 500,000. Leicester City, with a population of around 1million, and Leicestershire County Council, with around 300,000 residents are likely to be re-organised to meet this target. It has been suggested that Leicester City could expand its boundaries into the county, potentially affecting areas such as Glenfield, Oadby, Wigston, and Braunstone.

Leicestershire County Council has expressed a preference for abolishing district councils altogether, however reaching an agreement has historically been challenging due to significant political differences. Another possible model under consideration involves dividing the county into North and South regions. Councils have until March to submit their proposals to the Government, after which further consultation will take place.

Council Meeting started at 19:15

144/24-25	<p><u>To receive apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given</u></p> <p>NOTED: None received.</p>
145/24-25	<p><u>To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council received no interests or requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda</p>

146/24-25	<p><u>To consider the adoption of the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th December 2024</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council resolved to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th December with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>
147/24-25	<p><u>To receive updates from the Clerk relevant to the Parish Council activities during December 2024</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted the Clerks Report for December 2024.</p>
148/24-25	<p><u>To consider whether the Council should celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025</u></p> <p>The Council discussed ways in which the village may already be planning to celebrate this event. The Council discussed how the village hall could be decorated with bunting and a flag to commemorate this event.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To contact the Church to see how the Council can help with any planned events on 8th May.</p>
149/24-25	<p><u>To consider supporting the PCIF application submitted by the Without Walls Charity for £8,875</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to support the application of £8,875</p>
150/24-25	<p><u>To consider a Community Speedwatch scheme in Stanton under Bardon for 2025</u></p> <p>Council discussed how the scheme could be delivered when a minimum of 12 volunteers were required but only 1 resident had volunteered to help.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to not apply for a Community Speedwatch scheme for 2025.</p>
151/24-25	<p><u>To consider pictures for Stanton under Bardon Village Sign</u></p> <p>The Council discussed the results from the local public consultation, as well as the research undertaken by the Clerk using local history books of the village. The Council noted that a draft design sent to the designers could be further altered until the final design was agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed for images of Quarry (or reference via machinery), a running fox and images of the countryside, the Old Thatched Inn, the School steeple, the church and the pump near the pub to be used on the sign.</p>

152/24-25	<p><u>To note the latest minutes from the MQP Liaison Committee Meeting held on 26th September 2024</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted the minutes.</p>
153/24-25	<p><u>To consider the request to install a shed and greenhouse on plot number 22 on St John Cole Crescent</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed the request.</p>
154/24-25	<p><u>To consider and respond to the government’s consultation on the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed not to respond to this consultation.</p>
155/24-25	<p><u>To consider the request to rescind minute 136/24-25 due to the discovery of further information from Moss Solicitors</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to rescind minute 136/2024-25.</p>
156/24-25	<p><u>In line with minute reference 155/24-25, to consider retrospectively agreeing that the transfer of land at 45 St John Cole Crescent was made by the authority of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council and has been duly and properly executed in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to retrospectively transfer the land at 45 St John Cole Crescent using proper procedures under the Council’s Standing Orders.</p>
157/24-25	<p><u>To note the draft minutes from the Stanton under Bardon Village Hall Management Committee Meeting held on 18th December 2024</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted the draft minutes.</p>
158/24-25	<p><u>To consider the quotation from Freethought to give Parish Councillors gov.uk email addresses and Cloud backup for the Clerk at an annual cost of £333.94 per year</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to accept the quotation.</p>
159/24-25	<p><u>To discuss and consider the final draft budget for financial year 2025 – 2026</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council discussed the draft budget and after one alteration, resolved to adopt the draft budget for 2025 – 26.</p>

160/24-25	<p><u>To consider the precept demand for financial year 2025 – 2026</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to demand a precept of £19,956.53 from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for financial year 2025 – 26. This will equate to a Band D Council Tax of £68.53 (£63.64 in 2024/25) and a 7.7% increase from the 2024/25 Band D Council Tax.</p>
161/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the financial statement for December 2024</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council approved the financial statement for December 2024</p>
162/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve bank statements and bank reconciliations for December 2024</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council approved bank statements and bank reconciliations for December 2024</p>
163/24-25	<p><u>To review and approve the list of payments scheduled for January 2025</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council approved the list of payments scheduled for January 2025</p>
164/24-25	<p><u>To consider switching the Council’ reserves account to the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society Savings Account</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to switch the Council’s reserves account to the Hinckley and Rugby Building Society Savings Account.</p>
165/24-25	<p><u>To consider the planning application 24/00828/REM (Re-consultation) - Approval of reserved matters (layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access other than vehicular access) of outline planning permission (ref: 22/00527/OUT) for residential development of 50 dwellings. LOCATION : <u>Land South Of 295 Main Street Stanton Under Bardon Leicestershire</u></u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to submit an objection to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, highlighting issues with settlement boundaries, school capacity, public transport, drainage and sewerage, access and public safety.</p>
166/24-25	<p><u>To consider any other planning applications submitted following the publication of the agenda</u></p> <p>NOTED: None received</p>

167/24-25	<p><u>To discuss the organisation of the planning open meeting with local residents</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council discussed the organisation of the meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact HBBC representatives as well as charities such as the CPRE Leicestershire branch for availability to attend the open meeting. Cllr Ramsay suggested that Cllrs speak on a particular topic. The Clerk was asked to draft an agenda to discuss topics such as how the process works, SHEELA awareness, future developments, what people can do about planning and how they can work with the Parish Council.</p>
168/24-25	<p><u>In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1 paragraph 2, to consider excluding the public and press for reasons that matters appertain to staff employment and staff appraisals.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to move into closed session.</p>
169/24-25	<p><u>To note the Clerks appraisal for 2024-25</u></p> <p>NOTED: The Council noted the Clerk’s appraisal for 2024 – 2025.</p>
170/24-25	<p><u>To DISCUSS and CONSIDER changes to the Clerks working hours</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed changes to the Clerk’s working hours</p>
171/24-25	<p><u>To CONSIDER updating the Clerk’s job description</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: The Council agreed to update the Clerk’s job description</p>

Council Meeting finished at 21:12

Signed by

Chair

Date