



Minutes of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 starting at 7:00pm at Stanton Under Bardon Village Hall, St John Cole Crescent, Stanton Under Bardon, LE67 9AE

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr John Geary (Chairman) Cllr Alan Ramsay (Vice Chair) Cllr Anthony Johnston, Cllr Zoe Howard and Cllr Neil Barratt

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public, Borough Councillor Harris, County Councillor Peter Bedford, Parish Clerk Joanne Lowe

The Meeting opened at 19:00

168/2023-24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None received
169/2023-24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None received. The Council NOTED apologies from Borough Councillor Chris Lambert.
170/2023-24	DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS TO ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA AND TO CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS None received
171/2023-24	PREVIOUS MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS It was RESOLVED to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 th December with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting. It was RESOLVED to adopt the draft minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting held by the Parish Council on 20 th December with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
172/2023-24	
173/2023-24	REPORTS FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS The Council NOTED the following report from County Councillor Bedford: Cllr Bedford confirmed with Council that the VAS project on Main Street was going ahead and to liaise with LCC Highways Officers to progress the project. Flooding has been a big issue across the County, with numerous work trying and localise flooding and to mitigate problems in future, e.g. dredging, improving drainage, working closely with the agricultural sector. Cllr Bedford attended a HBBC planning meeting on 16 th January that discussed the Beech Drive

174/2023-24	<p>development in Thornton where residents and Cllrs successfully objected against the developer reducing the number of affordable houses proposed, stating that the development was no longer financially viable. Cllr Bedford is due to meet 6 Leicestershire MP's to discuss how the County Council can receive more financial support and be better supported with the rising costs of adult and child social care.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the following report from Borough Councillor Harris:</p> <p>Cllr Harris also mentioned the Beech Drive development in Thornton, commenting that any new development may attempt the same tactic to reduce the number of affordable homes. The Parish and Community Initiative fund is also open. She also mentioned that she has supported an initiative to stop residents from damaging grass verges outside of Council properties by installing No Parking signs. She welcomed any suggestions of problem areas in Stanton under Bardon and urged Cllrs to get in touch. Cllr Harris also mentioned that Markfield were employing their own enforcement officer as there are ongoing problems with school parking etc.</p>
175/2023-24	<p>A NEW COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AT STANTON UNDER BARDON VILLAGE HALL</p> <p>The Clerk presented four quotes to replace the defibrillator and cabinet and three quotes for a contractor to install the defibrillator cabinet to mains power at the village hall.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to purchase a Zoll AED3 Fully Automatic Defibrillator, Carry case and Defibstore 4000 Code lock metal cabinet from Defib Warehouse at a cost of £2082 including VAT.</p>
176/2023-24	<p>The Council RESOLVED to accept the offer from Hiskins Electrical who offered to install the defibrillator cabinet to mains power at the village hall as a goodwill gesture.</p>
177/2023-24	<p>The Council DISCUSSED hosting a free community first aid training event at the village hall and requested the Clerk to get quotes from suppliers. It was requested that regular hirers using the village hall should be invited alongside the local community , as well as staff from the Old Thatched Inn where the second community defibrillator is located.</p>
178/2023-24	<p>DRAFT RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME AND DRAFT FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT</p> <p>The Clerk presented to Council the draft risk management scheme and the draft financial risk assessment for consideration.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt the draft risk management scheme for Stanton under Bardon Parish Council</p>



179/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED to adopt the draft financial risk assessment for Stanton under Bardon Parish Council
	COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2024 – 25
	The Clerk presented to Council the final draft budget and the precept demand for financial year 2024 – 2025.
180/2023-24	This item was DEFERRED .
	INSTALLATION OF LITTER BIN OFF MAIN STREET, STANTON UNDER BARDON
181/2023-24	The Council DISCUSSED the purchase and installation of a new litter waste bin along the footpath near to Main Street allotments. The Council requested for this item to be considered during next financial year and that an extra bin is installed on the other side of village. The parish warden will be asked to add the emptying of these bins to their schedule.
	IT EQUIPMENT
182/2023-24	The Council DISCUSSED the requirements of purchasing new IT equipment for the Clerk using ringfenced monies following the closure of the Melton Mowbray Building Society account.
183/2023-24	It was RESOLVED to purchase a HP 470 G10 at a cost of £863.99 (inc VAT) and a HP Laserjet M283FDW printer at a cost of £374.99 for the Clerk's Office.
	CLERKS REPORT
184/2023-24	The Council RECEIVED all bank statements for November and December 2023. These were duly checked and signed by the Chairman.
185/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED the financial statement for November and December 2023
186/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED the bank reconciliation for November and December 2023
187/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED the budgeting monitoring sheet for the end of Q3 to 31st December 2023
188/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED the draft payment list for January 2024



189/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED to support an application by the Without Walls Christian Fellowship to the Parish and Community Initiative Fund
190/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED to adopt the draft procurement policy for Stanton under Bardon Parish Council
191/2023-24	The Council NOTED the report on the status of the Council's investments. The Clerk was asked to research suitable investments available to local authorities to discuss at a future meeting.
	PLANNING
192/2023-24	23/01220/HOU - Single storey side and rear extension; LOCATION : 25 Preston Close Stanton Under Bardon Markfield Leicestershire LE67 9TX NO COMMENT
	CLOSED SESSION
193/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED to enter closed session for the reason that matters appertain to staff employment and staff appraisals that are of a confidential nature.
194/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED changes to contracts of employment for members of staff
195/2023-24	The Council NOTED the Clerks appraisal
196/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED changes to the Clerk's working hours
197/2023-24	The Council RESOLVED changes to the Clerk's pay grade

Meeting closed at 20.55

Signed by

Chair



Date 29/01/24