

**STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**UNAPPROVED**



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2021.

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PRESENT: Cllr Stuart Bridges - Chair  
Cllr Mary Briggs – Vice Chair  
Cllr Bernard West  
Cllr John Geary  
Cllr Alan Ramsay  
Borough Councillor Matthew Lay – left at 7.22pm.  
Borough Cllr Andy Furlong – arrived at 7.31pm and left at 7.32pm.

Minutes were taken by Parish Clerk - Eliza Hill

Minute	Item	Action
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
169/2020-21	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were accepted from County Councillor Peter Bedford.	
170/2020-21	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> There were no pecuniary interests to declare.	
171/2020-21	<u>Minutes of the last meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</u> It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true account of the meeting. <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the motion be carried.	
172/2020-21	<u>Clerk's report</u> The report was received by members.	
173/2020-21	<u>County Council Matters</u> CCllr Bedford's written report was received by members.	
174/2020-21	<u>Borough Council Matters</u> BCllr Lay explained about the preliminary estimates for the council's budget. It is proposed that there will be a £5 increase in the Council Tax for the next financial year. HBBC will still remain in the 15 lowest Council Tax rate setters in the country. There will also be a £6 increase for garden waste service. The Borough Council has to find savings of approximately £1.5 million between	

now and 2024 largely as a result of reduction in central government support and the phasing out of the new homes bonus. The council are reporting a 32% reduction in real spending power overall.

BCllr went on to say that he has been chasing the planting at the Solar Farm and the developer has committed to completing the works before the end of February – however, there does not seem to be a strict time limit in this case. Cllr Briggs confirmed that there has been some planting but it is only three rows of whips so it will take time for those to hide the panels.

The final point BCllr Lay wished to raise was that the leader of the council had been approached by the Bardon 3 developer, Mount Park about the fact that they are not planning to appeal but do want to engage with members presumably to discuss bringing about some alternative proposition. BCllr Lay stated that he had a meeting with the head of planning and that they must maintain the principle of no development beyond the boundary of the B585 because if that boundary is not protected then eventually more and more land would become available. BCllr Lay feels it is prudent to meet with the developers to keep lines of communication open. The reality is that the developers could still appeal.

A member of the public shared their views at this point regarding how the developers seem to adjust their plans regularly.

Cllr Briggs discussed with BCllr Lay the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan at this point and how there are delays with HBBC. BCllr Lay agreed to speak with Cllr Briggs separately from the meeting to see if he could assist with progression of the plan.

Cllr Greary questioned whether BCllr Lay had any updates regarding the growth corridor along the A511. BCllr Lay said the growth corridor is a frightening prospect as it will be to the detriment of Stanton and Markfield. There were no formal updates at this time.

BCllr Lay left the meeting at this point.

BCllr Furlong submitted a written report reiterating many of BCllr Lay's comments. He joined the meeting briefly to check members were happy with the information and whether there were any questions. There were not.

175/2020-21

Public Participation

There were two members of the public present – neither wished to speak at this point.

176/2020-21

Police Update

Cllr Briggs had a phone update with PCSO Emma Rikatson-Roe who confirmed that they do cover a large area but do visit the village. PCSO Rikatson-Roe emphasised that if a crime is not reported, they can not act and that it is a statistic based system so reporting is vital. The Fix My Street app was suggested as fly tipping can be reported through that system as well as Neighbourhood Link.

PCSO Rikatson-Roe said they will try to have more of a presence in the village but are operating on limited resources. There will be a monthly phone call from now on to maintain regular updates.

- 177/2020-21      Grounds Works  
An update was received from M&BG regarding the progress of the pump track and path works and how it has delayed due to the weather conditions. It was decided a site meeting should take place and will be arranged. The prices quoted were also questioned and this will be clarified for the next meeting. Clerk
- 178/2020-21      Bollard Report  
It was proposal to ring fence £25,000 for the installation of bollards behind Main Street.  
**RESOLVED** – that the motion be carried.
- 179/2020-21      Children's Play Area Resurfacing Report  
It was proposed that a commitment be made by Council to resurface the children's play area with an aim to start the works by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. Works to go out to tender. Clerk  
**RESOLVED** – That the motion be carried.
- 180/2020-21      Locks for HBBC Waste Bins  
To consider the introduction of locks to the HBBC trade waste bins due to paint tins being dumped etc. To discuss further with the litter picker and to consider combinations locks. Clerk
- 181/2020-21      Quote for Fence Repairs and Tree Works  
A quotation received was discussed but a suggestion was made of someone who may be able to carry out the works quicker and for less. The alternative will be investigated. Clerk
- 182/2020-21      Review of Internal Controls  
For members to review and update if required the Fixed Asset Register and Risk Assessments. Members were happy with the documents.
- 183/2020-21      Review of the Code of Conduct  
For members to review and update if required the Code of Conduct. Members were happy with the documents.
- 184/2020-21      Draft Payments List and Invoices  
It was proposed that the payments be approved.  
**RESOLVED** – That the motion be carried.
- 185/2020-21      Bank Statement and Reconciliation  
It was proposed that the documents be approved.  
**RESOLVED** – That the motion be carried.
- 186/2020-21      Environment Impact Grant  
To be brought back to the next meeting to enable members further time to consider.
- 187/2020-21      Community Initiative Fund – Without Walls Christian Fellowship  
Council received the application and supported fully.
- 188/2020-21      Date of next meeting  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Meeting Concluded 8.05pm

