

STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021.

PRESENT: Cllr Bridges - Chair
Cllr Briggs
Cllr Geary
Cllr Ramsay

MEETING ALSO ATTENDED BY: Borough Councillor Furlong

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Eliza Hill – Parish Clerk

Minute	Item	Action
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
115/2021-22	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr West, Borough Councillor Lay and County Councillor Bedford.	
116/2021-22	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> There were no pecuniary interests to declare.	
117/2021-22	<u>Minutes of the last meeting – 3rd November 2021</u> It was proposed that the minutes be approved as a true account of the meeting. RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.	
118/2021-22	<u>Clerk's report</u> The report was received by members.	
119/2021-22	<u>County Council Matters</u> Member's received the written report submitted by CCllr Bedford.	
120/2021-22	<u>Borough Council Matters</u> Borough Councillor Furlong had four items to report on. Firstly he addressed the Bardon 3 appeal and how he wished it was better news. One small positive is that it is situated higher up the hill than originally planned but it is still an incursion into open countryside. The inspector stated that the economic gain outweighed the incursion but BCllr Furlong stated that it remains to be seen. He continued that there are 56 conditions to the application and these must be vigorously enforced. Borough Councillor Furlong confirmed that the Borough Council's Draft Local Plan included one site in Stanton Under Bardon for development. Development of the site can still be opposed but it will be more difficult if it is in the plan. Access to the site was deemed to be a problem previously which has not be resolved. It was also mentioned at this point that because the site is so far from the village it does allow for "infill" in the future.	

BCllr Furlong did state that there is no planning application currently and also there is an opportunity for further debate to be had as this is not the final draft. There is a notional idea of how many houses could be fit into this area. This is the new development challenge for the village. Sewage is a hot topic and BCllr Furlong has applied for a FOI against Severn Trent to find out how often sewage has been discharged into streams and rivers. Experts will need to provide confirmation that the current infrastructure can cope.

BCllr Furlong stated that the A511 growth corridor has gone quiet recently and that there is no update at the moment but he will ask County Councillor Bedford for an update in January.

Finally the suspension of the brown bin collection was addressed. This service has been suspended due to covid leading to shortages of staff and HGV drivers. The Borough Council are now hoping to recruit 2 new HGV drivers and increase other staff by 4 and offer additional training to help cover the current shortages.

121/2021-22 Police Report

Members received the written report submitted by PCSO Thomas Vaughan.

122/2021-22 Public Participation

There were three members of the public in attendance.

One member wish to speak at this point regarding the planning application that he submitted and it has now gone through to the Borough's Planning Committee. The resident was unhappy that the Parish Council had submitted comments regarding the planned access for the application.as claimed they had misunderstood the plan. It was emphasised that it was not clear on the plan and that the PC can only submit comments, not make any decision.

123/2021-22 Installation of barriers to the rear of Main Street

It was felt that electric gates were too expensive and manual gates will be left open.

It was proposed that this project should not be moved forward at this time.

RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.

124/2021-22 Planting of a tree for the Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Bridges suggested an alternative location to the recreation ground – Main Street Extension. To be planted end of February/early March.

RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.

125/2021-22 Primary School New Fencing

There was a request to contribute towards the Primary School's new fencing costs with the fence having to be replaced due to vandalism. Councillors felt that improvements to the CCTV to include the perimeters may be more beneficial.

PM

126/2021-22 Right of Access

It was suggested that new licenses be issued at next renewal to all addresses.

It was proposed that legal advice be sought.

PM

RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.

127/2021-22 Recreation Ground Inspection Report

To investigate removal of items and bins that have been fire damaged.

PM

128/2021-22 Allotment Inspection Reports
The next course of action was considered after warning letters have been sent out to allotment holders who are not maintaining their plot. It was agreed that termination letters be sent out to relevant holders.

129/2021-22 Finance
Draft Payment List – to approve payments.

Invoice and Number	Details	Amount
Sutcliffe Play	Replacement Swing Seat	192.24

RESOLVED: That the motion be carried.

130/2021-22 Bank Statements and Reconciliation
To be approved as an accurate record of accounts.
Resolved: That the motion be carried.

131/2021-22 Solar Farm
An update was provided to members. It was suggested that a total of amount available be requested. PM

132/2021-22 Defibrillator
Council agreed that they would not refund the trustees for parts as these parts are available for free and council should have been approached before the purchase not afterwards

133/2021-22 Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th January 2022

Meeting Concluded at 8.15pm