

**STANTON UNDER BARDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**UNAPPROVED**



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021.**

**PRESENT:**

- Cllr Stuart Bridges – Chair
- Cllr Mary Briggs – Vice Chair
- Cllr Bernard West
- Cllr John Geary
- Cllr Alan Ramsay
- County Councillor Peter Bedford
- Borough Councillor Andy Furlong

Minutes were taken by Parish Clerk – Eliza Hill

Minute	Item
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
207/2020-21	<u>Apologies</u> There were no apologies.
208/2020-21	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> There were no pecuniary interests to declare.
209/2020-21	<u>Minutes of the last meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.
210/2020-21	<u>Clerk's report</u> The report was received by members.
211/2020-21	<u>County Council Matters</u> CClIr Bedford opened by saying that depending on election results, this may be his last meeting with the Parish Council and that he had enjoyed working with the Parish Council over the last 5 years. CClIr Bedford chaired the Bardon Hill Community Fund meeting a couple of weeks ago where a grant was approved for Bagworth, Stanton and Thornton for outdoor equipment for community groups as well as the memorial garden in Markfield. CClIr Bedford conducted a beat tour with the new local Police Officer and they drove around the whole area looking at hotspots for anti-social behaviour and parking enforcement issues. Since then he has continued to work with alongside the Police Officer with regards to parking problems in Stanton that have been raised by residents.

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There have also been meetings regarding the A511 and the strategic proposals made by the County Council. The bid has now gone in to central Government. It would also offer additional support to residents of Shaw Lane regarding speedy concerns and safety.

CCllr Bedford has also attended meeting in Bagworth regarding a contentious planning issue relating to residential lodges on Bagworth Heath. The Parish Council there called an extra-ordinary meeting last week which resulted in good discussions and the application has now come back down and will have to be resubmitted due to inaccuracies in the initial application. It will be resubmitted but the Parish Councillors, Borough Councillors and County Councillors are all on board with their concerns regarding that application.

CCllr Bedford left the meeting at 7.03pm.

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#### Borough Council Matters

BCllr Furlong started by discussing a planning application that was approved at the planning committee last week regarding the building of 282 houses in Markfield. BCllr Furlong went on to say that despite being outside of the Parish it is an important strategic development because firstly this is a reduced application as it was originally planned for 450 houses which would have taken Markfield right up to the M1. It also moves the Borough as whole significantly closer to having a sustainable 5 year land supply. All the villages are susceptible to speculative applications but the area in question in Markfield is in the evolving Parish plan. It has taken the pressure off of Stanton and will allow the Borough Council to defend against future speculative applications that are outside of village boundaries.

There is a very large amount of section 106 monies available due to this application, in the region of £4 million, of which around £800,000 is earmarked for South Charnwood School and an amount will also benefit the A511 upgrade. In 2019 residents of Thornton, Stanton and Markfield raised concerns about the reconfiguration of the new road layout particularly roundabouts and BCllr Furlong stated that he sees the money coming into this scheme from this development and others as an opportunity as well as a threat. If there is to be development, it has to be sustainable and be of benefit to the growth as well as to those who already reside and work in the area.

Finally BCllr Furlong spoke about Bardon 3 and that he stills believes the plans are a serious breach of DM4, an industrial development in open countryside which is also the view of the Parish Council as stated in their meeting with the developers. A judgement has to be made by the Parish as to whether they feel the compensations such as the nature area are sufficient to justify the development. BCllr Furlong reiterated that it is just a case now of waiting to see what happens next as no application has been formally submitted yet.

BCllr Furlong left the meeting at 7.15pm.

#### Public Participation

There were four members of the public present, none of which wished to speak at this point.

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#### Change of Meeting Date

It was proposed that the monthly meeting date change from the first Tuesday off the month to the first Wednesday.

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.



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- 214/2020-21 Oxalis/Wood Farm Consultation Clerk  
 Members discussed the best way to gather the views of residents ready for the upcoming submission of plans to ensure comments reflect said views. It was suggested that due to current restrictions, a letter through doors with a tear off strip would work well.  
**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.
- 215/2020-21 Vandalism in the Recreation Area Clerk  
 Cllr Briggs reported that there have been reports of low level vandalism in the recreation ground as well as anti-social behaviour. The police are aware and will be making a more visible presence in the village. It was decided that a camera may not be suitable due to lack of locations and the short range of view.  
 Cllr Geary reported that the mirror situated on the road behind Main Street has been broken and requested it be replaced.  
**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.
- 216/2020-21 Barriers Rear of Main Street – Update Clerk  
 Both the County Council and Western Power require plans of the site before they can grant permission and organise quotes for the electricity supply. A plan will be created and submitted. Cllr Geary
- 217/2020-21 Mole Removal Quotes Clerk  
 Members considered the three quotes provided and decided to proceed with the selected contractor.  
**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.
- 218/2020-21 Regular Payments  
 It was proposed that the regular payments for the next year be approved.

BT	Telephone and Broadband	Monthly
Waterplus	Water Supply VH	Quarterly
Eon	Electricity	Quarterly
Zoom	Virtual Meetings	Monthly
HBBC	Waste Disposal	Quarterly
E Hill/I Smith	Salaries	Monthly
HMRC	Tax	Monthly
M&BG	Grounds Maintenance	Monthly

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.

- 219/2020-21 Draft Payments List and Invoices  
 It was proposed that the payments be approved.

M&BG Inv 74727	Pump track and additional grounds works	£12,240.00
M&BG Inv 74785	Drainage Works	£892.90
LRALC	Councillor Training	£40.00
AA PAT Testing Ltd	Fire Alarm Service	£153.60

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**RESOLVED** – That the motion be carried.

- 220/2020-21 Bank Statement and Reconciliation  
It was proposed that the documents be approved.  
**RESOLVED** – That the motion be carried.
- 221/2020-21 Defibrillator Clerk  
Members discussed the installation of a second defibrillator in the village as raised by a resident and the possible locations that have access for all. It was suggested that Marstons be contacted to see if they would consider installing one on the outside of the village pub.
- 222/2020-21 South Charnwood High Consultation Clerk  
Members considered the plans and agreed to submit a letter of support.
- 223/2020-21 Internal Audit Appointment Letter  
Received by members.
- 224/2020-21 Parish Initiative Fund Update  
Received by members.
- 225/2020-21 Public Liability Insurance Renewal Documents Clerk  
Received by members. It was suggested that the schedule be checked to see if the MUGA is included.
- 226/2020-21 Date of next meeting  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Meeting Concluded 8.10pm



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