



Stanton under Bardon Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council held at Stanton under Bardon Village Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 19:00

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Mary Briggs (Chairman) Cllr John Geary (Vice Chair) Cllr Anthony Johnston, Cllr Alan Ramsay

Parish Clerk: Joanne Lowe

Members of the Public Present: 8

The Meeting opened at 19:00

APM01/2023-24	WELCOME BY THE CHAIR The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present
APM02/2023-24	TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None received
APM03/2023-24	ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 25TH MAY 2022 It was RESOLVED to sign the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 th May with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
APM04/2023-24	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING None received
APM05/2023-24	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT A report was received by the Chairman. Work of the Parish Council has continued, despite having a councillor vacancy for much of the year. Last September saw the death of Queen Elizabeth II. A Book of Condolence was opened at the Village Hall. This has now been submitted to Leicestershire County Records to be kept for posterity. As part of the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III, the Council was pleased to support the newly formed Stanton under Bardon Village Fete Committee who worked tirelessly to make the event held on 7 May a resounding success. On behalf of the Council, would like to thank the members of the Committee and hope they will continue to organise future village events. During the year our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Eliza Hall, resigned, having been appointed as a full time clerk elsewhere. As legislation surrounding Parish Councils becomes ever more detailed and complex, the work of a Parish Clerk is more varied and specialised. We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Jo Lowe, who is a qualified and experienced Parish Clerk. I am pleased to welcome Jo to the Parish and am confident that she will continue to offer wise, professional and pertinent advice to Councillors. The Parish Council elections were scheduled for 7 May 2023. Unfortunately, despite advertising the need for Councillors, only 3 nominations were received, thereby no

	<p>election was necessary and the 3 were duly returned uncontested. The elections saw the retirement of Borough Councillors Lay and Furlong. wish to express my deep appreciation for their hard work over the years. Neither Councillor ever forgot Stanton and worked hard for the village. In a similar vein I wish to welcome the two new Councillors, Claire Harris and Chris Lambert with whom I am sure we will build good working relationships.</p>
APM06/2023-24	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>Borough Councillor Harris introduced herself to the Council as the newly elected Councillor for Markfield, Stanton and Field Head ward.</p>
APM07/2023-24	<p>Peter from the Luke Jackson Charity gave an update. The charity issued 119 payments out of 230 applications helping 10 couples and 7 pensioners across the area they serve. The Charity are looking for another trustee and the positions will be advertised locally.</p>
APM08/2023-24	<p>A representative from St John Cole Charity gave an update and presented the balance sheet for 2022/23 for approval. There are now 107 claimants on their database with last year continuing to payout once each year rather than twice each year with services delivered rather than collected.</p>
APM09/2023-24	<p>A representative from the Coronation Fete gave an update. The group had set up a bank account With Lloyds with Cllr Briggs being the signatory. Thanks was given to Stanton under Bardon Parish Council who gave a donation of £2,000 pounds, along with income of £90 from stakeholders and £650 pounds from Bardon Quarry, the group will carry forward £648 for a future event. Council of Briggs thanked fundraisers and the parish council for their generous donations.</p>
APM10/2023-24	<p>Leicestershire Police gave an update. Stanton under Bardon remains good in terms of crime with the core crime being burglary and assaults. There is also the odd issue with antisocial behavior which calmed down recently when perpetrators moved out of the village. There have also been some road traffic accidents recently but this is seen by the police as one off incidents. Leicestershire Police urged people to join Neighborhood Link that sends you latest information via email to the local community. The Police also have a Facebook page and people are urged to drop a message and get in touch. The police highlighted how they rely on people to inform the police of local crime and this leads to policing prioritizes across the local area.</p>
APM11/2023-24	<p>UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>An update was received from Cllr Briggs. it was 2017 when Stanton under Bardon Parish Council agreed to work with Bagworth and Thornton Parish Council to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. The years have been marked with hard work by the Steering Group and unrelenting frustration. The Steering Group membership has changed over the years due to illness and resignations.</p>

	<p>Latterly, it has only been due to the tenacity of the Chairman of Bagworth and Thornton and myself that the Plan has been kept alive and I wish to thank him for this. In addition, the Clerk of Bagworth and Thornton PC, Ann Murray, has been of enormous help and my thanks go to her. Over the years the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has worked hard to progress the Neighbourhood Plan but has been met with obfuscation, delays and unreasonable requests by the machinations of HBBC's Planning Department. It is appreciated that HBBC have had problems with their Planning Department but their attitude towards neighbourhood planning is such that our planning consultant now refuses to take on work if HBBC are involved.</p> <p>It has previously been reported that the Draft Plan contained no housing allocation, which is a major issue. This is because HBBC would not confirm the number of units required in each Village (which they are obliged to do) and meant that any allocation made within the Plan could be challenged and the Plan turned down by the Examiner. As a result, the Steering Group decided not to put housing in the Plan.</p> <p>Covid played a significant part in changing the way in which the Plan was presented to the residents, in that rather than Open Days, an insert was placed in The Herald which is circulated to properties within the Village. The Plan was subsequently submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and their comments have been analysed and changes made to the Draft Plan as appropriate. The final Plan was submitted to HBBC under Regulation 15/16 in April. Correspondence has now been received from HBBC seeking confirmation on the housing allocation numbers and do we really want to proceed due to significant parts of the evidence being out of date.</p> <p>A meeting of the Steering Group is to be held tomorrow with HBBC to discuss their issues and hopefully to build new bridges with the Planning Department.</p>
APM12/2023-24	<p>REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER PARISH REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT MEETING</p> <p>None received</p>
APM13/2023-24	<p>QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS</p> <p>None received</p>

Meeting closed at 19:29

Signed by

Chair

Date