



Minutes of Stanton under Bardon Parish Council Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd April 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 (Chair) Cllr Alan Ramsay (Vice Chair) Cllr Anthony Johnston, Cllr Zoe Howard and Cllr Neil Barrett

In Attendance: Parish Clerk Joanne Lowe
Borough Councillor Chris Lambert
One member of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Lambert gave an update on matters concerning Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. He commented on there being numerous BC meetings, but lack of information from Council administration regarding decisions. He has an upcoming meeting with the Chief Executive and will report back to PC.

He has made inquiries regarding the Community Equipment Grant scheme and whether the Council would be eligible to apply for it to pay 50% of the defibrillator outside of the Village Hall. There is also a new initiative where office space is being offered by the Borough Council at the Atkins Building for £25/day. He has also responded to a couple of local cases, including one regarding the felling of trees at the end of Jackson Way. Cllr Lambert has been in touch with the National Forest and discovered that the landowner is felling trees as a woodchip crop and within his rights to do so.

Cllr Ramsay inquired about the issue between HBBC and the local Neighbourhood Plan group and requested an update for the next meeting.

Council Meeting started at 19:13

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| 236/2023-24 | <u>To RECEIVE apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given</u> None received. |
| 237/2023-24 | <u>To RECEIVE declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and requests for dispensations in respect of items on the agenda</u> Cllr Geary declared a non-registerable interest for item 9 on the agenda as he is a current allotment plot holder. |

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| 238/2023-24 | <p><u>To approve the adoption of draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2024</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on 6th March with no amendments made. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> |
| 239/2023-24 | <p><u>To RECEIVE the Clerk's report for April 2024</u></p> <p>The Council RECEIVED the Clerks Report</p> |
| 240/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER the draft investment strategy for financial year 2024-25</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt this strategy.</p> |
| 241/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER opening 1 year fixed term savings accounts with Redwood Bank and Charity Bank in line with the investment strategy</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to open a Redwood Bank 1 Year Business Savings Bond and Charity Bank Ethical 1-Year Fixed Rate Account in line with the Council's Investment Strategy</p> |
| 242/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER the draft reserves policy</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt this policy.</p> |
| 243/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER the draft internal financial controls policy</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt this policy.</p> |
| 244/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER the asset register for 2024-25</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to adopt the asset register for 2024-25 at a cost of £223,080 following the addition of the water trough at St John Cole Crecent allotments at the nominal cost of £1.</p> |
| 245/2023-24 | <p><u>To CONSIDER the request for Cllr Johnston to attend the Committees, sub-committees and working groups training on 4th October 2024 at a cost of £40</u></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the training.</p> |
| 246/2023-24 | <p><u>To RECEIVE an update on the Pump Track wildflower meadow project at Stanton under Bardon recreation ground</u></p> <p>The Council RECEIVED an update.</p> |

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| 247/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER quotations for the annual playground inspection for Stanton under Bardon Recreation Ground</p> <p>Four quotes were presented to Council.</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to accept quote 1 and appoint HAGS at a cost of £185 to undertake the annual playground inspection for 2024-25.</p> |
| 248/2023-24 | <p>To DISCUSS and CONSIDER the public use of the Parish Council noticeboard on Main Street</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED that any member of the public wishing to post a notice on the Parish Council noticeboard must post it at the Village Hall letterbox.</p> |
| 249/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER quotations for the hire of a gas powered beacon to be used during the D-Day anniversary event in June 2024</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to discontinue involvement with this project due to lack of interest locally.</p> |
| 250/2023-24 | <p>To DISCUSS installing a water tap at the allotment site off St John Cole Crescent</p> <p>The Council DISCUSSED that a water tap is not required at the allotments off St John Cole Crescent.</p> |
| 251/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER the annual allotment fees for 2024-25</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to increase allotment rents to the following amounts:</p> <p>St John Cole Crescent – Half Plot £9 St John Cole Crescent – Full Plot £18 Main Street Allotments – Half Plot £6 Main Street Allotments – Full Plot £12</p> |
| 252/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER merging the litter picker and the handyman into the new role of Parish Warden</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED not to merge the litter picker and the handyman into the new role of Parish Warden</p> |
| 253/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER advertising for the position of Parish Warden</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED not to advertise for the position of Parish Warden</p> |
| 254/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER the job advert, job description and person specification for the position of Parish Warden</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED not to adopt the job advert, job description and person specification for the position of Parish Warden</p> |

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| 255/2023-24 | <p>To RECEIVE an update on resolutions from the Stanton under Bardon Village Hall Trust meeting held on 19th March 2024</p> <p>An update was RECEIVED.</p> |
| 256/2023-24 | <p>To DISCUSS and CONSIDER how the management of Stanton under Bardon Village Hall can be transferred to the Parish Council</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to run Stanton under Bardon Village as a Parish Council owned asset.</p> |
| 257/2023-24 | <p>To RECEIVE the bank statements for March 2024</p> <p>The Council RECEIVED bank statements for March 2024</p> |
| 258/2023-24 | <p>To RECEIVE the financial statement for March 2024</p> <p>The Council RECEIVED the financial statement for March 2024</p> |
| 259/2023-24 | <p>To RECEIVE the bank reconciliation for March 2024</p> <p>The Council RECEIVED the financial statement for March 2024</p> |
| 260/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER payments scheduled for April 2024</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED the payment list for April 2024 with no amendments</p> |
| 261/2023-24 | <p>To CONSIDER any planning application presented following the publication of the agenda</p> <p>The Council NOTED that no planning applications had been received.</p> |

Meeting closed at 21.09

Signed by

Chair

Date