

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014 AT  
STANSTED VILLAGE HALL, MALTHOUSE ROAD, STANSTED AT 8.00 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr John Brooker	
	Cllr Mrs Polly Falconer	From item 6
	Cllr Mrs Sheila Goodworth	
	Cllr George Goring	
	Cllr Miss Janet Howie	From item 6
	Cllr Michael Osborne	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
<b>In attendance</b>	Cllr Matthew Balfour	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	Mr Ian Bailey	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	Ms Jill Peet	Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
	3 members of the public	

<b>Item</b>	<i>Action point</i>
Minute no 2013/14/	

**1 APOLOGIES**

396 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council; Cllr Mrs Ann Kemp, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and PCSO Laura Bullen. Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllrs Miss Howie and Mrs Falconer and from Cllr Balfour, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

397 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

398 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Falconer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2014 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

County Councillor's report: Delete "take the matter up" and substitute "take a look".

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

399 No matters were raised.

**5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2014**

400 It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Goodworth and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2014 be signed as a true record.

**6 PLANNING.**

401 **a Applications**

None received.

402 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix were received.

403 **c Enforcement**

No new enforcement matters were raised.

404 **d Appeals**

No new appeals notified.

**e Other Planning Issues**

- 405 **i TM/13/03329/FL:** Four Seasons Park, Labour-in-Vain Road, Wrotham: Removal of condition 1 of planning permission TM/83/376 (as last varied by permission TM/94/0931/FL) to allow year round use of the whole caravan park

It was noted this was to be considered by T&M BC Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> March. After discussion, it was agreed that if Cllr Bott could not rearrange his diary, he would draft a submission and that Cllr Miss Howie would attend for him.

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow the officers from the Borough Council give their presentation.

Cllr Bott introduced Mr Ian Bailey and Ms Jill Peet from the Planning Department. He mentioned planning issues of concern to the Parish Council and Mr Bailey said he would inform his colleagues. Mr Bailey said his role was concerned with the new Local Plan and he had now met all of the parishes within the borough. He had found these meetings varied and useful. He gave a background of strategic planning and of what was now required of local planning authorities under new legislation that came in force in 2012. There was a presumption in favour of sustainable development. The new plan was for 15 years to 2031. There would be full public consultation on it in stages. The biggest challenge was finding the next generation of development sites. From the end of March there would be an 8 week period of seeking sites to come forward. If sites were nominated it was not necessarily a done deal that they would be developed. The whole plan was being reviewed and infrastructure in its widest sense was of the most importance to parishes. Mr Bailey tabled statistics taken from the 2011 census pertaining to Stansted and Fairseat. There was an ageing demographic, which raised questions about the housing stock. Mr Bailey then answered several questions, clarifying some of the points he had made.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey and Ms Peet for their presentation. He then invited Cllr Balfour to give his report.

Cllr Balfour had very little to mention, except that the Four Seasons application was recommended by the officers for approval. He could not say how members would decide.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Balfour and reconvened the meeting.

**7 FINANCE**

408 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

409 **b Cheques Signed since Last Meeting**

None

410 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Osborne, seconded by Cllr Mrs Falconer and agreed the account as listed on appendix B be paid (cheque 687), together with £360, J C Brooker (cheque 688).

**8 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

411 None.

**9 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S LAND & PROPERTY**

**a Recreation Ground**

412 i. General Matters. Nothing to report.

413 ii. Hire of Ground. It was agreed the ground could be used for the Cloisters bike ride on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

414 iii. Posts. Cllr Osborne was waiting for the weather to improve before doing the posts. *MO*

415 **b Play Equipment**

The Clerk said the meeting of the project group had been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> March.

416 **c War Memorial and Garden**

Nothing to report

417 **d Telephone Kiosk**

The Clerk had spoken to the new Acting Head of the school about the kiosk. Cllr Mrs Goodworth would take the opportunity to ask about the defibrillator in the school at the playpark project group meeting. *SG*

418 **e Village Green Land, Hatham Green Lane and Parsons Lane**

Nothing to report.

419 **f Steps to Telephone Box by the Black Horse**

It was reported that the broken steps had been mended.

**10 POLICE LIAISON**

420 **a Police Report**

When giving her apologies, PCSO Laura Bullen had said there had been some burglaries in Fairseat. Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported a dead horse had been found in Tumblefield Road and Cllr Brooker said there had been another elsewhere.

421 **b Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth reported on a meeting of interested people. About 20 had attended. Mrs Goring would be the co-ordinator for Tumblefield Road, John Stevens for Malthouse Road and she would be the co-ordinator for Plaxdale Green Road.

**11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

422 **a Pond, Hatham Green Lane**

Cllr Bott said that when Cllr Mrs Hohler had spoken about the pond at the last meeting, he had been under the impression that she would be taking the matter up and would speak to her. The Clerk would contact the Highways officer again and copy in both Cllr Mrs Hohler and the portfolio holder for Highways.

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RB*

**12 VILLAGE HALLS**

423 **a Stansted Village Hall**

Cllr Mrs Goodworth had nothing to report.

424 **b Fairseat Village Hall and Recreation Ground**

Nothing to report.

**13 BROADBAND**

425 Cllr Bott had no update to give.

**14 CONSULTATION**

No documents received.

426 **a Changes to Off-street Parking Arrangements – T&MBC**

Noted.

**15 CORRESPONDENCE**

427 None

**16 REPORTS & CIRCULARS**

428 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

**17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

429 No matters were raised.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Burt mentioned the trees round the Recreation Ground and said he thought some of them needed attention to their lower branches. Cllrs Bott and Brooker volunteered to investigate.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2014