

## Great Staughton Parish Council

7.30pm on Thursday, 7 November 2024  
Village Pavilion  
Minutes

**Present: Bob Jewell, Nicole Yates, David Moore, Lorraine Goody, Helen Glanville, James Duberly, Helen Hopperton  
Stephen Cawley - HDC  
Ian Gardner – CCC  
Jo Russel - Clerk**

### 1. Apologies for absence – Will Mumford, Giles Brittain

### 2. Residents' Forum

A resident attended regarding a planning application at Zantra for another agricultural building. SC advised that parish councils are not normally consulted on these types of application hence we did not receive notification. SC will investigate and ask for an extension and permission for the parish council to comment.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Helen Hopperton - item 17

James Duberly – item 14 – Brook Farm development

### 4. Reports from District and County Councillors

Please see the attached reports.

NY asked IG to raise an issue with CCC. There is a dead tree on The Highway. NY will provide IG with a map.

DM mentioned that there were lots of weeds in the footpaths. IG will raise.

### 5. Approve minutes of 12 September 2024

The minutes had been previously circulated and were approved by all Councillors.

### 6. Matters Arising:

- **Footpath 40 – Staughton Moor** – this has been escalated to Director of Highways now.
- **New bin** – the new bin has now been ordered. The PC needs to liaise with Matthew Larter regarding its installation.
- **Blocked Drains – The Green/The Highway** – IG is planning to visit with the Highways Officer on 14 November and he will raise this then.
- **Police checks re 20mph speed limit** – carried forward as no update.
- The free compost has now been delivered.
- Thanks to Phil Yates for cutting back the weeds in Jewell Close.
- The planning application for the additional access at Lower Park Farm, Agden Green has been approved.

### 7. Attendance at other meetings

BJ attended the recent parish forum. This was very informative. Flooding and civil parking enforcement were just two of the issues discussed.

### 8. Highways

- **LHi Bid 24/25**
- **Possible LHi Bid 25/26** – this needs to be submitted by 10 January 2025. Councillors are asked to consider possible bids and circulate by email.
- **Blocked Highway in Perry** – carried forward as WM not at the meeting.
- **20 mph Speed Limit scheme** – signage issues now resolved.
- **Drain defect Cage Lane**
- **Cycle race issues - WM**
- **Drain - The Town** - IG reported that he had reported the issue and has met the owner of number 47. There are 3 people involved, and IG will meet with everyone and CCC to discuss how to clear the blockage in sequence. CCC have asked the parties for dates and IG confirmed he will also attend.

## 9. Planning:

- **Five Acres Enforcement issues** – HH confirmed there had been no update but there is lots of activity there. HH enquired about what enforcement procedures had been imposed and IG will investigate.
- **Wyboston Garden Village/developments in Beds near A1 – ongoing**
- **22/01813/FUL Land East and West of Little Staughton Solar Farm – comments submitted re Rights of Way** – SC will chase HDC regarding this application.
- **Huntingdon Local Plan Consultation - responses due by 27 November**  
The PC can respond to any aspect of the Local Plan but Parish Councillors were advised to look at <https://letstalkhuntingdonshire.net/land-availability-assessments-2>
- Councillors were requested to look at West Huntingdonshire pages 71-83 to see the proposals for Great Staughton.
- There are 4 sites in Great Staughton. Two are in the draft Local Plan and two are not. The field at the back of Cage Lane is not recommended for development. There is another site at The Green but further up on the right-hand side towards Perry. This is not in the Great Staughton Local Plan. BJ felt that it was important to support the Huntingdon Local Plan. All councillors agreed and were happy to support. JD abstained as he had declared an interest in the Brook Farm development.
- The clerk will respond accordingly to HDC.
- **24/01757/HHFUL The Old Vicarage – solar panels – no comments/objections**
- **24/01758/LBC The Old Vicarage - solar panels – no comments/objections**
- **24/01593/LBC – Corner Farm, Dillington – repair outbuilding – no comments/objections**

10. **AGAR 2023/24** - it was noted that Notice of Conclusion of Audit received and no issues were raised by the external auditor.

11. **Cashbook** – review payments in and out. All councillors present approved the accounts.

P Yates – village main.	176.25
Glasdon Ltd – new benches	2,020.28
Bradgate – grass cutting	259.20
Red Shoes - payroll fees	48.60
James Duberly – rent	10.00
Cambs Acre – Neighbourhood Plan	2,205.00
P Yates – village main.	76.68
SLCC – membership fee	105.00
J Russel – clerk salary – Sept 2024	520.52
PKF Littlejohn – external audit fee	378.00
HDC – holiday playscheme	678.24
P Yates – village main.	138.75
A Ibbetts – grounds sundries	23.23
Elan City – solar for MVAS	510.00
Business Print – NP leaflets	52.00
Bradgate – grass cutting	259.20
CAS Ltd – PC insurance	789.70
J Russel – clerk salary October 2024	520.52

## 12. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

## 13. Neighbourhood Plan

It has taken a very long time for Locality to deal with amendments to the SEA. They said they had funding issues. Some changes were then incorrect.

## 14. Reports from:

- Village Hall committee - HG reported that they had received a grant for solar panels and a battery. The damp problem has been resolved. They are very busy with bookings.
- Playing Field committee - NY reported that they had been successful in the grant application for £2.5k which will be used to buy picnic benches and contribute towards new goals. The football club have also received their grant for the new goals.
- Speed watch - DM reported that in order to have new equipment there needs to be an active group.

## 15. Parish Matters

**HG** – reported that the hedge around the Red House had brambles overhanging the path. BJ will speak to the homeowner.

**HH** – gave her apologies for 9 January 2025.

**BJ** – next meeting will deal with the budget and precept and ideas for LHi 25/26.

HH left the meeting at 20.51

16. **East Park Energy Solar Farm** – the GSPC response was submitted by email on 28 October and posted on the Great Staughton website. Receipt of which has been confirmed so there is nothing more to do at this point.

**17. Proposed Meeting dates for 2025**

9 Jan – the PC will deal with the budget/precept at this meeting before the 17 Jan deadline.

20 March

17 April - Parish Assembly

15 May - AGM

3 July

18 September

13 November

Meeting closed at 9.30pm



20/3/2025