

Great Staughton Parish Council
Minutes
7.30pm on Thursday, 11 July 2024
Village Pavilion

Present: Bob Jewell (BJ), Nicole Yates (NJ), Helen Hopperton, (HH), James Duberly (JD), David Moore (DM), Giles Brittain (GB), Lorraine Goody (LG), Helen Glanville (HG).

Ian Gardner (IG) CCC
Stephen Cawley (SC) HDC

Jo Russel - Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence - Will Mumford (WM)**
- 2. Residents' Forum - no one attended.**
- 3. Declarations of Interest - JD Item 12 and Planning Item 24/000754/PIP, HH Item 15**
- 4. Reports from District and County Councillors – please see attached reports from IG and SC**
- 5. Approve minutes of 16 May 2024 – approved subject to two amendments. The clerk will amend and send to BJ for signing.**
- 6. Matters Arising:**
 - **Footpath 40 – Staughton Moor** – IG is waiting for the Footpath Officer to get back to him. If the owner does not clear the footpath, then CCC will do it and then charge the owner.
 - **Dog bins** – Clerk to ask HDC if we can have a litter bin in the same location and ask if they will then empty this.
 - **Drains – Vicarage Walk/corner of The Highway and The Green/The Highway** – Clerk will report again. Can be bad after heavy rain.
 - **Soldier Silhouette** – unfortunately after careful consideration it was not possible to find a suitable location.
 - **Kimbolton Fire station closure update – see IG report.**
 - **EV Charge point application** - no decisions have been made yet.
- 7. Attendance at other meetings** – JD and BJ attended an online meeting with Highways regarding the position of the 20mph repeater signs. This is to allow for the combine harvesters to access the fields. The existing poles can be used. There will now be an on-site visit.
- 8. Highways**
 - **LHI bids for 23/24 update** - the sign is now ready, and BJ will collect on 15 July.
 - **LHI Bid 24/25** - a decision will be made on 3 September 2024.
 - **Blocked Highway in Perry** – IG has offered to visit the site with WM
 - **20 mph Speed Limit scheme – see correspondence section.**
 - **Drain defect Cage Lane** - IG will chase this up.

- **Cycle race issues** -IG suggested WM contact Martin Elwood at CCC.
- **Drain - The Town** - The water is still present. IG will follow this up.

9. Planning:

- **Five Acres Enforcement issues** – SC has asked HDC to respond to the resident's emails.
- **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** – the PC will ask SC to follow this up.
- **24/00964/HHFUL – 23-25 The Highway – solar panels** – no objections.
- **24/000754/PIP – Renewal of PIP 21/00061/PIP – Land at Brook Farm – residential conversion** – JD left the room whilst this was discussed. No objections/comments.
- **24/01006/HHFUL – Air Source Heat Pump – 53 The Highway** – no objections

10. Cashbook – review payments in and out - approved.

Expenditure	£
Rospa Play Safety	£211.20
Bradgate	£388.80
P Yates	£210.00
Balfour Beatty	£483.48
J Russel	£520.52
Red Shoes	£48.60
P Yates	£286.50
CAPALC	£444.35
The Numbers Quarter	£180.00
J Russel	£520.52

11. Correspondence

20mph Scheme – 3 emails had been received about the 20mph scheme. One of which was requesting that the PC return the village to a 30mph speed limit. Other parishioners said there were many positives to the scheme. The scheme had been fully discussed at two parish assembly meetings and details were also posted on the village website and Facebook. The subject goes back many years. A map of the proposed scheme was shown at the 2023 parish assembly, posted on Facebook and on the website. Details were also published in Life Magazine.

Village maintenance – a resident had complained to the clerk about grass cuttings on his drive. PC have looked at this and there is no practical alternative to the way the grass is cut.

The Town – a resident has asked if police speed van could visit the area and cars are still speeding dispute the 20mph speed limit. The Clerk will contact the police.

12. Neighbourhood Plan

The consultation concludes on 15 July. The PC will then need to review all the responses and take on board any recommendations. Once this has been done then the Plan will be submitted to HDC for the Regulation 15 Consultation. The Environment Agency have asked for the STR to be made available. This is now on the website and has been made available to the Flood Authority at CCC.

BJ will circulate the Consultation Statement with all the responses to the PC and this needs to be agreed by email or at an extraordinary meeting of the PC. The landowner at Cage Lane is still contending the highway access at their site is as good as the other sites. They had their own Highways Assessment. That was not a view shared by the parishioners who selected the sites.

13. Reports from:

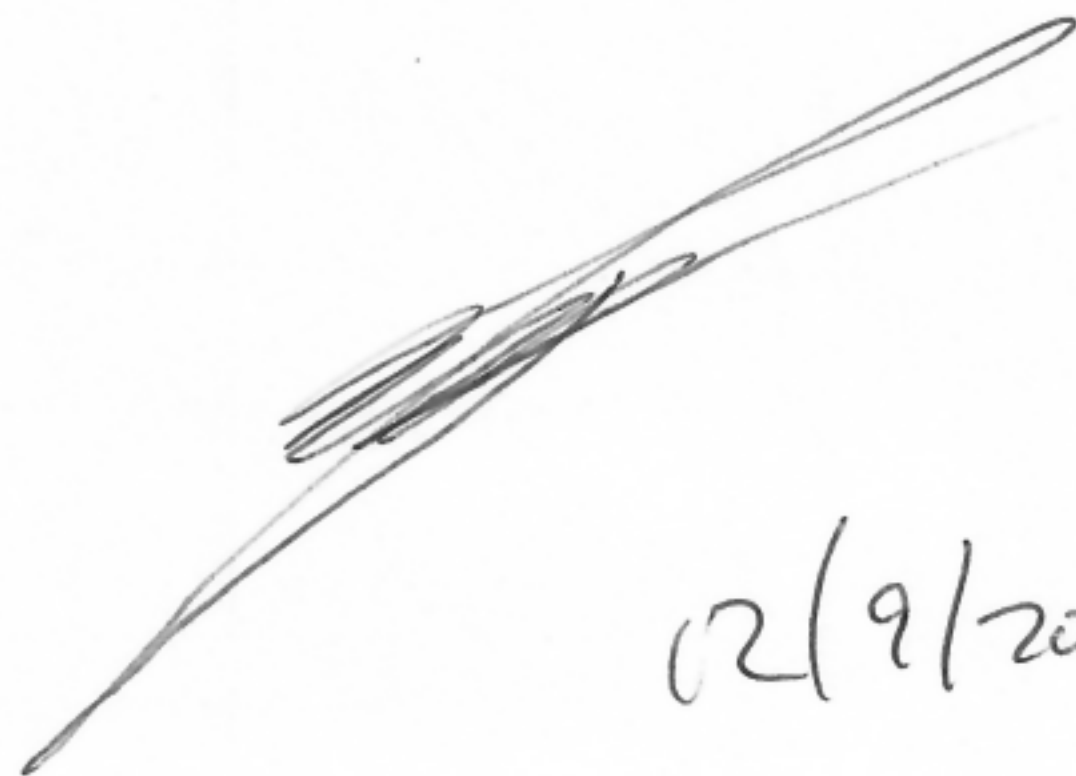
- Village Hall committee - the monthly market is going well and is very popular.
- Playing Field committee - the football pitches are going to be reconfigured. The committee have been successful in applying for a £2.5K grant and some of this will be used to purchase new picnic benches. Buckden FC are also applying for grants to help with the purchase of the goals.
- Speed watch - no report.

14. Parish Matters – BJ said he had received an email from the Charity Commission regarding the Parish Charities. Could the parish council representatives check they were registered as trustees.

15. East Park Energy Solar Farm - a new MP has been elected. Clerk to write to him to ask for his views on this issue and to ask him to liaise with the Bedford MP.

16. Meeting dates for 2024 - 12 September, 7 November

Meeting closed 9.03pm



02/9/2024

Parish Council Update – July 2024

Community Events

HDC will consider applications to support community events up to £1,000, or 20% of the total event cost, whichever is lower. Community events are defined as lasting for less than four days. In order to be eligible, they must be free to attend, free to take part and open to everyone. All criteria for Community Chest funding also applies.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/3uamuvru/community-chest-funding-criteria.pdf>

Now launched

Removal of Unwanted Garden Bins

The removal of unwanted garden bins will start the week commencing 8 July. HDC will only be removing bins from residents who have requested them to be removed.

If you want us to remove your garden bin, please **complete the online form**.

<https://forms.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/GARDENBINMANAGEMENT/launch>

If you haven't signed up to the service but would like to keep your garden bin, you are welcome to do so. If you would like to sign up to the service, please **visit the Garden Waste Subscription Service page**. <https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/garden-waste-subscription-service/>

Community Protection and Enforcement

HDC's Community Protection and Enforcement Team have had a great start to the year so far, tackling issues such as fly-tipping, and breaching Community Protection Notices (uncontrolled dogs)

Any incidents of anti-social behaviour, environment crime or dog control can be reported on HDC's website:

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/fly-tipping/>

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/dog-related-issues/>

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues>

District Council launches Online Climate Hub

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) has launched an Online Climate Hub as result of feedback from local people. The 2023 Climate Conversation events invited local businesses, residents, parish councils and environmental groups to gather and discuss Climate Change and Huntingdonshire's environment.

Feedback from these sessions showed a clear wish for a platform where this collaboration could continue, leading to the Online Climate Hub.

<https://letstalkhuntingdonshire.net/hub-page/online-climate-hub>

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/6882/climate-strategy-appendix-1-climate-strategy.pdf>

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/media/6912/climate-strategy-action-plan.pdf>

Annual Town & Parish Council Forum 2024

This years' Annual Town & Parish Council Forum will once again take place at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, and planning is underway to provide Town & Parish Council representatives with an informative and interactive session that is intended to be of great benefit to all.

HDC would like to know if there are any specific topics you would like covered or any guest speakers that you'd like to hear from.

Contact townparishcomms@huntingdonshire.gov.uk with your suggestions.

When: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 (09:00)

Where: Burgess Hall, St Ives

Shop Front Grant Scheme Extended District Wide

HDC announced the expansion of the Shop Front Grant Scheme to encompass the entire district from 1 July 2024. This initiative, previously available only to market towns, will now support businesses across all areas of Huntingdonshire, encouraging economic growth and enhancing the visual appeal of our local commercial areas.

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/people-communities/market-towns-programme/shop-front-grant-scheme/>

Great Staughton Parish Council Meeting – July 24

Good evening

Following May's Full County Council meeting on the 20th May, I can confirm that I will be sitting on the following committees for the ensuing year –

Highways & Transportation, Environment & Green Investment, Communities and Social Mobility and Planning Committees. I am also a member of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority.

At the County Council meeting Cllr Prentice moved from the Independents to the Labour Group, having previously moved from the Conservatives to the Independents.

The County Council remains in no overall control and is led by the Liberal Democrats in coalition with the Labour, Independent Councillors.

Due to the General election, there have been very few meetings due to the Council being in purdah.

At the meeting of the Fire Authority on the 20th June we will also be voting on the recommendation of the Fire Authorities Appointments committee, regarding the appointment of Matthew Warren as the New Chief Fire Officer for the Authority following the retirement of our current Chief Fire Officer, Chris Strickland on the 30th June 2024

A paper regarding the possible closure of Kimbolton Fire Station was not brought to this meeting, owing to the closeness to the General Election. Kimbolton Fire Station held a recruitment day on Saturday 15th June. They currently have 8 On Call Firefighters with another 3 to 4 going through the application process/training. As I get more information on the future of Kimbolton Fire Station, I will let you know.

The final decision on this year's LHI Bid's for Huntingdonshire will be made at the 3rd September meeting of the Highways & Transportation Committee for both complex and non-complex schemes.

The County Council is working with partners on a Poverty Strategy Commission to look at poverty across the County and what the system can do to overcome it. If you have any ideas on where we need to focus our efforts, have your say via the online survey on the CCC website or email povertycommission@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Coffee Pod recycling has arrived at the Cambridgeshire Recycling Centres. The new coffee pod bins offer residents an environmentally friendly way to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods.

Collected pods are cleaned, shredded and made into new products, whilst the coffee grounds are used to help create renewable energy and soil improver.

The County Council has produced a new mapping tool to help you identify watercourses across Cambridgeshire. Which are colour coded to help you identify who is responsible for their maintenance. You are also able to find out further information about each watercourse by clicking on them.

To find out more about watercourse management, including consent, guidance and enforcement, visit the County Council Website.

The Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is offering funded holiday scheme places for children in Cambridgeshire who are eligible for free school meals this summer. Any child

receiving benefit related free school meals is eligible for the programme, which will run from 23rd July to 30 August.

As part of the programme eligible children will be able to access fun and entertaining opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge and at least one meal a day.

The County Council has launched its second annual countywide Quality of Life Survey. Have your say by completing the online version of the survey on the CCC website before Friday 19th July 24.

Cllr Ian Gardener

County Councillor for Alconbury & Kimbolton Division including Great Staughton