

STAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

- Venue** Corse & Staunton Village Hall **Date** Thursday 8th May
2008
- Present** Councillor Bradbury (Chairman), Cllrs. O'Beirne, Fardon, Dickinson, Dent, Millar, Mr Baz Allen (Corse Parish Council), 4 Members of the Public and Mrs J Cox (Clerk)
- 681.00** **Chairman's Welcome & Introduction**
Cllr Bradbury welcomed councillors and parishioners present.
- 682.00** **Receive Apologies**
Apologies were received from Mrs Pat Lewis (Corse Parish Council).
- 683.00** **Confirm Minutes**
Acceptance of the minutes of the council meeting held on 13th March 2008 as a true record of the meeting was confirmed by all present.
- 684.00** **Flooding.**
Cllr Dent gave a report on the meeting held with Mr Kevin Howarth, Land & Property Manager, Forest of Dean District Council held earlier today. A survey conducted on the Ledbury Road watercourse has identified a couple of peaks which are holding back the flow. A scheme will be implemented to improve this and the money has been made available to do that. With regard to the culverts which go under the A417 at Moat Lane and the Old School House there is a slight political problem and Kevin Howarth will be discussing the situation with Jenny Wilkes.
The Multi agency committee is meeting monthly with representatives from Gloucester County Council, Highways, District Councils, Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Welsh Water and the National Farmers Co-operative.
A problem has been identified opposite the first entrance into Staunton Court where it is uncertain whether the ditch has been piped.
Riparian owners along Ledbury Road Crescent will be receiving letters soon regarding watercourse maintenance. It was suggested that Highways should be asked to remedy the situation regarding who owns the watercourse. Highways state that having bought the road side half of the ditch some years ago they have given it back to the riparian owners. There is, however, no proof that this has occurred. One suggestion is that Highways formally give back the road side half of the ditch and as a gesture of goodwill offer to do a one off clear up of the ditch. Mr Howarth will investigate this on our behalf.
It was stressed how important it is for the Village to show it is willing to become involved with the other agencies to alleviate flooding problems.
- 685.00** **Matters Arising**
- 685.01 Milestone opposite Staunton Church.** The Clerk has been informed by Mr Cronin that there is no funding currently available for renovating the milestone. The Clerk was asked to investigate other funding options and Cllr O'Beirne suggested that her husband would be happy to do the renovation.
- 685.02 Skate Park.**
It was agreed that a youth meeting should be held before our next Parish Council Meeting on 10th July. The Youth meeting will start at 6.30pm, followed by the normal meeting at 7.30pm. The Playing Fields and Corse Parish Council will be invited to attend.
- 685.03 Grass Cutting and Maintenance by Village Seat.** The Clerk has ordered mowing to be undertaken round the Millennium seat. She had also calculated that on average it would be mown 16 times per year at £12 per mow, costing around £192 year.
It was agreed that £200 per year should be included in our budget for the next financial year 2009/10.
- 685.04 Notice board.**
The Scout Group have volunteered to produce a new notice board for the council. Cllr O'Beirne volunteered some oak floorboards that she has available and is on going. The Clerk reported that there have been problems with the new notice board which are in the process of being sorted out.
- 685.05 Grid references.**
Chris Cox will only conduct the exercise if both parishes agree. Cllrs Lewis & Allen will ask Corse Parish Council at their next meeting. Cllr Dickinson is looking into this as part of the Emergency Plan and it is also being investigated by the Parish Plan working party.
- 685.06 Village sign opposite Village Hall.** The Clerk was asked to contact Highways and request a sign pointing to Staunton Church.

685.07 Prince Crescent footpath.

24 Evidence forms have been handed to the Clerk showing a long usage of this path. Cllr Dent stated that it was important that the parish council support public opinion.

685.08 Sign for Play Area at Chartist Way. The Clerk was asked to contact the planning department to see exactly how this area has been designated.

685.09 Broiler House Appeal. Cllr Allen advised that the Appeal was successful.

685.10 Emergency Plan. Graham Dickinson

gave a brief description of where he was in organising an emergency plan for, he stressed, both Staunton & Corse. Every householder would get a copy of the plan and it would be developed to get key people in to cover certain jobs. Cllr Dickinson has spoken to Philip Jones at the District Council and will be attending a meeting, the date of which is still to be advised. All present were happy for Cllr Dickinson to continue and Cllr Allen volunteered himself as Corse Parish Councils representative to join Graham in the production of the plan for both villages.

685.11 Prioritise Actions from meetings. A red, amber, green flagging system was proposed but it was decided to close this action following discussion.

686.00 Parish Plans

Carole Magloyden

and Sheila Millichap have agreed to continue to publish the Parish Plan. The Working Party is continuing to work on the production of the parish newsletter and the new joint website.

687.00 Planning Matters**687.01**

The Clerk reported on the following planning applications and planning decisions since the previous meeting

REF NO.	APPLICANT	DETAILS	DECISION & DATE
P0062/08/FUL	24 Jubilee Place Staunton	Erection of a porch to front and single storey rear extension	Permission Granted
P0097/08/FUL	Hillcrest, Ledbury Road, Staunton,	Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow to create a two storey dwelling.	Refused
P0159/08/FUL	Pitts Mill Oridge Street Staunton	Excavation of land to front of property in order to improve residential amenity & relocation of upper part of drive to facilitate works	Permission Granted
PO276/08/FUL	Pitts Mill Oridge Street Staunton	Alterations and extensions to dwelling. (Revised scheme).	Permission Granted
P0365/08/LBC	The Paddocks Prince Crescent Staunton	Listed building consent for the installation of replacement windows to front elevation	Pending Consideration
P0418/08/TCA	The Paddocks Prince Crescent Staunton	Management of trees within Staunton Conservation Area	Pending Consideration
P0413/08/FUL	Shalimar Newent Road Staunton	Alterations & extensions to dwelling (revised scheme)	Pending Consideration
P0483/08/TCA	Glendale Ledbury Road Crescent Staunton	Management of trees within Staunton Conservation Area	Pending Consideration

687.02 Enforcement. An enforcement notice has been issued on Mayfield, Sladbrook Lane as the Straw House has been used as dwelling and not as a building associated with research and educational purposes.

688.00 Budget Update & Financial Report**688.01 Budget update.**

The Clerk stated that there was only a small variance in the 2007/2008 budget.

688.02 Annual Governance Statement. Having gone through all of the points listed on the Audit form all present agreed the council complied with all of them.

688.03 GPFA.

The Clerk explained that having booked the Playing Fields Association for the Annual Parish Meeting and advertised that they came back to say that as the Council were not members we would have to pay for their attendance. It was agreed in the end for the council to make a £10 donation to their funds...

688.04 Parish Plan Payment for Ms Sheila Millichap. Ms Millichap has requested expenses for car use over the period of the Parish Plan of £235.71. Payment was agreed by all present.

688.05 Payment to Corse Parish Council – maintenance & insurance of new notice board. An invoice for £61.79 has been received from Corse Parish Council. Payment was agreed by all present.

688.06 Payments & Receipts.

08/05/2008	000335	Clerk's salary April/May	320.00
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Receipts

Precept £4250

Acceptance of these payments and receipts was proposed by Cllr Fardon and seconded by Cllr Bradbury. All councillors were in favour.

689.00 Correspondence

689.01 Stray Dogs Service. Details noted

689.02 New Monitoring Officer – Maria Rosenthal. Noted.

689.03 Donations. Letters have been received from who received donations from the Parish Council.

689.04 Consultation on Gloucestershire County Council Charter. Noted

689.05 Flooding Response & Future Alleviation. Noted

689.06 Footpath Diversion GST14 near Malvern View. The details of this diversion were studied and no one on the council had any objections

689.07 Safety Camera Partnership – new A417 measures. The Clerk handed out the new leaflet produced showing the new speed camera sites. The council was informed that speed camera detection vans would be policing this route regularly.

689.08 Meetings.

- Parish & Town Councils Forum – 30th June 7.00pm

690.00 Any other Business

690.01

Cllr O’Beirne once again raised the issue of metal posts situated in the verge along the A417 by ‘Kilmorie’. Cllr Allen responded that this hazard has been identified by Highways.

690.02 Cllr O’Beirne spoke about fly-tipping on Mill Lane where tyres have been dumped between the Mill and the Ansty’s house. The Clerk suggested that she should contact Rob Carpenter our local Street Warden to deal with these.

690.03

Cllr O’Beirne spoke about the car that was parking at the Ledbury Road end of Mill Lane and causing visibility problems

for motorists pulling out on to the A417. The Clerk had given Cllr O’Beirne a notice to put on the car and it has not parked there since then.

691.00 Date of Next Meeting

Venue: Corse & Staunton Village Hall,

Meetings: Thursday 11th September & 13th November 2008, 8th January & 12th March 2009. All to be held at

7.30pm

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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(CHAIRMAN)