

**MINUTES OF STANLEY AND STANLEY COMMON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2016 AT THE SCOUT HUT, STANLEY COMMON**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: M Cheetham (Chair), K Chambers, V Harvey, B Lowe, J Marshall, S Marshall, J Mazilius, B Rhodes, J Smith, Councillor A Summerfield (EBC), Councillor C Hart (DCC). Parish Clerk, 3 members of the public,

**16/153 Public Speaking**

The Stanley Gala Committee thanked Councillors Chambers, J Marshall, Rhodes and Councillor Summerfield for their help on gala day.

Parishioners raised concerns that the hedge at Bulls Corner is overgrown and cars cannot pass through safely. It was agreed to write to the owner to ask for it to be cut back,

Councillor Hart explained about the EBC Rural Communities Grant Scheme. Further to the recent site meeting on Station Road to discuss traffic concerns with DCC Councillor Hart reported that instructions have been given to put lines at the top of New Street.

PCSO Stanesby report. Please accept my apologies for not attending the parish council meeting. Please can I remind residents to be mindful when leaving vehicles unattended, there is a spate of thefts from vehicles currently. Do not leave valuables visible, remove tools etc. from vehicles left over night and ensure that vehicles are locked. Officers when out on patrol will be checking on vehicles.

**16/154 Apologies**

Councillor P Bosworth, Councillor A Stevenson (EBC)

**16/155 Declaration of Members Interests**

Councillor Cheetham declared an interest in Planning Application ERE/0616/0051.

**16/156 Approval of Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21.6.16 should be approved and were signed by the Chairman. All Councillors voted in favour.

**16/157 Exempt Items**

None

**16/158 Chairmans Announcements**

Councillor Cheetham reported that parishioners had raised concerns regarding parking of cars on Station Road. There had been a further incident recently where someone had to jump into a hedge to avoid a car and bus.

Councillor Cheetham raised concerns about the current Policing. Councillor Hart reported there was a new Inspector and agreed to raise Parish Council concerns to them.

**16/159 Stanley Common Changing Rooms update**

The working party will meet over the Summer and feedback to the next Parish Council meeting.

**16/160 Football Clubs update**

Details of teams for the 2016/2017 season are awaited from WHFC. Once confirmed the appropriate paperwork will be generated.

**16/161 Village Hall Extension/Village Hall Management Agreement update**

Councillor Lowe had provided the following report. The Stanley Playing Field north boundary part open part filled ditch. Assessment of matters giving rise to the present situation based on documented and residents recall information received to date.

The boundary ditch, prior to the building of the Village Hall (opened in 1985) and the making of the vehicular access off Park Avenue, was open for its full length of the playing field north boundary and this ditch, on land falling several metres overall east to west along the boundary, originally joined and discharged into a wandering ditch/watercourse then forming the east boundary of the playing field and draining the high ground to the north and north-west of the former railway line. At some uncertain date, yet to be determined but possibly coinciding with the building of the Park Avenue elderly persons bungalows as the last phase of the then Coronation Road local authority housing estate, the

watercourse was replaced with a large diameter (533mm) length of pipework culvert running a few metres inside the PF and parallel with the realigned .straight line. east boundary. This culvert discharges into an open boundary ditch in a garden beyond the PF south boundary as far as the Station Road highway boundary and from this point is culverted to its eventual discharge into a watercourse tributary of the Stanley Brook. When the Village Hall was completed the car park area provided at the time was surfaced with crushed stone,- not to the full extent of the current car park area - and the open ditch was retained apart from the final section where it was presumably piped where filled under the vehicular though this is not noted on the attached plan showing the access. The plans prepared and submitted for the building of the Village Hall show **all** the roof rainwater from the upper and lower level roof area rainwater pipes connected to underground drainage pipework noted as discharging 'To Dyke', i.e. to the then open north boundary ditch.

At a later date, when the car park was tarmac surfaced by the Parish Council to provide an increased fully finished PF and VH car park - complete with concrete kerbing/edging and surface water drainage gullies - the drainage to the three rainwater pipes to the main playing field south elevation of the Village Hall appears to have been altered and a new system of manholes and pipework installed to connect this roof and car park rain/surface water drainage either discharges to the separate main surface water drain serving the western area of the Coronation Road estate lying to the north and east of the PF boundaries or to the large diameter watercourse culvert. The actual outfall is unconfirmed and not recorded on a drawing it would appear. In the course of these works it is understood, from recall by a long time nearby resident, that PC members organised the piping and filling of the open north boundary ditch as far as the outfall from the adjoining field ditch running along the rear boundary hedge to the elderly person bungalows. The presence of the tree roots to the north boundary hedgerow oak located just beyond this point presumably presenting a then insoluble problem for any ditch pipework extending any further to the VH end of the car park.

Whether the date of the tight-fit installation of the PC Storage container, on its crushed stone base and attendant access surfacing, behind the VH coincides with the car park surfacing works is to be confirmed but regardless of dates the ditch was subsequently further filled with crushed stone incorporating a small diameter ( 76/100 mm dia. ) plastic land drain pipe as far as the west gable end of the VH building leaving only the section of ditch between this point and the PF north-west corner public footpath stile open. It is known that the this land drain is most likely ineffective given the state of an length of a crushed plastic land drain pipe that protruded in recent years above ditch fill level near the VH west gable end

At the VHC meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup>. July 2016 it was reported the there was a blockage problem with the VH north elevation lower roof rainwater pipe underground drainage connection backing up which on the rodding of the underground pipework revealed that the original discharge end of the pipe connection appeared blocked by the ditch filling and that the latter is not sufficiently pervious to adequately cope in heavy /prolonged rainfall with roof water discharge from the rainwater pipe. This may therefore also be to a degree the case with the higher roof rainwater discharge to the filled ditch giving rise to unsatisfactory regularly soaked ground/fill conditions adjacent the building. Today's building regulations would require the VH north elevation roof drainage to discharge either to the south elevation dedicated surface water drainage system and if this was not feasible due to lack of sufficient connection depth then discharge to a soakaway sited well away from the building with building regulation required calculation proof of satisfactorily dispersal of the rainwater by soakaway in consideration of existing ground permeability investigation/testing. We know that the PF ground is often waterlogged and unsuitable for soakaways to add to the problem.

In Summary. Pending the receipt of the PF land registration plan the PF deeds recently issued via. Alistair Ross and recently distributed to members by the PC clerk indicate that the PF boundary is the centre of the north boundary hedge with the latter belonging to the adjoining ownership and the ditch area wholly within the PF land ownership. The ditch and its fulfilling of its intended purpose in the disposal of surface and any adjoining land ground water to a suitable outfall is the responsibility of the PC not the VHC.

The responsibility, when the filling of the ditch took place, for properly considering and suitably addressing any reasonably foreseeable consequences, with supporting specialist advice if necessary, to ensure continuing fitness for drainage purpose of the ditch was the responsibility of the PC. The future foreseeable adverse consequences of the tight-fit location of the container by the PC thereby preventing access to some 8 metres of the filled ditch for any future remedial drainage work required or for safe annual hedge cutting maintenance work do not appear to have been fully considered or simply ignored at the time of installation by the PC.

As it currently stands in respect of the proposed VH extension works seeking a solution to the filled ditch drainage issue drainage work in connection has been made part of the overall cost of the extension including provision of a permanent PC Store to replace the container and all without cost to the PC. In the light of current knowledge noted in this report and given the problem highlighted by the VH rainwater drainage pipework blockage issue arising it is

proposed in this report, and in noting it is 2 years since the resolution in respect of the VH extension approval in principle and the basis on which it was made by a previous PC membership, that a new resolution now be put before Council for consideration that more fairly addresses and represents the financial responsibilities that clearly fall on the PC and not the VHC in respect of past PC decisions made to fill the open drainage ditch and site the PC container where it is and to deliver a more positive and proactive PC support effort towards enabling the extension of the VH and in enhancing its role and facilities as a valued and well patronised and run community asset.

The new proposal wording to be formulated by the VH extension Working Party and to be included as an agenda item for consideration at the September 2016 meeting. The finalised proposal to be issued in a WP report for distribution to PC members ahead of the meeting.

It was agreed to ask Mr Bull to investigate the drainage. All Councillors voted in favour.

**16/162 Land Registry of fallow field/Stanley & Stanley Common recreation grounds update**

The land registration of the three parcels of land is complete. Councillor Lowe offered to review the documentation.

**16/163 Painting of Village Hall Railings**

It was resolved to spend £121.85 +VAT on the paint plus consumables. Councillor J Marshall volunteered to paint the railings. All Councillors voted in favour.

**16/164 Replacement of 2 posts and rails at Stanley recreation ground**

It was agreed not to replace the posts and rails as discussed with the preschool. All Councillors voted in favour except Councillor Rhodes.

**16/165 Christmas light switch on**

It was resolved to order the Christmas tree and lights from the same companies as last year. All Councillors voted in favour.

**16/166 Hedge/ditch behind Stanley village hall**

It was resolved to obtain a quote to clear the ditch/cut hedge. Immediate action to address H&S issues regarding encroachment into the play area fencing to be approved by the Clerk. Councillors Marshall and Harvey to meet contractors on site. All Councillors voted in favour except Councillor Rhodes.

**16/167 Play School planting project update/agreement**

The agreement is in progress and will be circulated to Councillors to review.

**16/168 Maintenance of ditch at the top of the Stanley Village recreation ground on the farmers field side of the council owned hedge**

Councillor J Marshall to liaise with Mr Willetts.

**16/169 Concerns around the ditch and hedge which runs down the side of the play area and behind the village hall in Stanley Village**

Dealt with under 16/166.

**16/170 Play equipment update**

It was agreed to take the roundabout out of service until repaired. All Councillors voted in favour. A contractor has been asked to look at all the play equipment and make any necessary repairs.

**16/171 Proposal to restore access through the gate at the top side of Stanley recreation ground**

Discussed under public speaking.

**16/172 Fallow Field Report/Update**

A walk around the Fallow Field had been organised by B Rhodes in June. The walk was organised to allow members of the Parish an opportunity to understand the reasons behind its conservation value as a Local Wildlife Site. The national context for the Council's conservation work is a loss of meadow habitats of over 90% in the last 20 years.

There were 6 attendees who spent 2 hours locating the floristic content that had been recorded in 2010, such as Hayrattle and Adders Tongue. New species were recorded that had appeared as a result of the existing hay meadow management such as Birdsfoot Trefoil. The meadow had changed favourably and demonstrated an excellent balanced flower to grass composition on this visit. There are now 20 key indicator species present and a total of over 50. The

public path provided a continuous route demonstrating regular local use. Litter and dog litter was not visibly present, suggesting good care of the field by local people.  
 Further to a complaint received by DCC Councillor Rhodes had trimmed the fallow field hedge. Councillors thanked Councillor Rhodes. It was also noted that the hedge across the road from the fallow field was overgrown and made the pavement impassable. It was agreed to report to DCC.

All Councillors voted in favour of the following proposals:-

It was agreed to thank Keiron Huston of the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for his support with the fallow field.

It was agreed to place a copy of the report on the public gate in the field for one month and a sentence in the Church magazine which captures the success of the evening.

It was agreed to place a laminated sheet on the fallow field fence with the Clerks contact details.

The farmer who had previously cut the grass on the fallow field in return for hay and cut the hedge had informed the Council he no longer wanted to do this. Councillor Rhodes made a proposal for her to investigate alternatives. There was no proposer or seconder for this motion. A proposal that the Clerk investigate this was made and all Councillors voted in favour except Councillor Rhodes.

It was agreed to obtain quotes for the hedge to be trimmed ASAP from 1 September.

### **16/173 Community bulb plant**

Nothing to report.

### **16/174 Accounts**

**RESOLVED:** That the Accounts listed below be accepted for payment. All Councillors voted in favour.

<b>Type</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Payment	L Storey	Salary/Expenses	380.48
Bank Payment	HMRC	PAYE	79.20
Bank Payment	MOSVT	3 x wreaths	60.00
Bank Payment	R Arter	Play equipment inspections	160.00
Bank Payment	Harvey Landshapes	Grounds maintenance	138.90
Bank Payment	Severn Trent	Water	67.48
Bank Payment	Countrywide	Mowing	449.12
Bank Payment	EBC	Waste removal	57.40
Bank Payment	Eventide Hall	Donation for Queens 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration	50.00
Bank Payment	Safety Signs & notices	Signs	442.49
Bank Payment	Wicksteed	Wet pour	5249.12
Bank Payment	Came & Company	Insurance	993.23
Bank Payment	M Cheetham	Travel	7.02
Bank Payment	V Harvey	Band concert	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8164.44</b>

### Receipts

£1.69 bank interest

### **16/175 Planning**

#### Applications

- ERE/0616/0051 White Gables, Dale Road, Stanley Application for removal of condition 3 (relating to agricultural occupancy) of the planning permission granted under reference sed/473/137
- ERE/0616/0046 17 Belper Road, Stanley Common Change of use of detached domestic garage to dog grooming business
- ERE/0616/0059 61 The Crescent, Stanley Common Construct balcony on first floor at the rear of the property

#### Approved

- ERE/0416/0047 273 Belper Road, Stanley Common, Change of use to residential garden and build a boundary/retaining wall.

**16/176 Clerks Report**

- Wreaths x 3 ordered. Councillors thanked J Marshall for laying the wreath at the MOSVT Wellington bomber memorial service on the 16.7.16 2016.
- Rural communities grant scheme application – Not successful
- Summer play scheme – Unable to participate due to lack of provider
- Came & Company three year LTA approved.

**16/177 Correspondence for action**

- Updated financial regulations. The regulations had been circulated and were accepted.

**16/178 Correspondence for Information**

- DALC circular 10-12/2016
- Agenda/Minutes for Planning Committee, Wednesday, 29th June, 2016, 5.30 pm
- 10th Ilkeston - Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 16 March 2016
- In 2015, Derbyshire County Council Community Safety Team and partners involved in the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board supported a national campaign about Child Sexual Exploitation called "**Say Something if you See Something**". Please find attached a letter inviting you to take part in the evaluation by completing the attached questionnaire. Please can you return the questionnaire to [community.safety@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@derbyshire.gov.uk)
- Launch of new 'National Village Halls Network
- Residents car paintwork keyed in Morley Lane Stanley
- Cancellation of the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Monday 27 June 2016

**16/179 Date of the next meeting**

- Tuesday 20.9.16 at the Village Hall, Stanley 7.00 pm

**Part 2 – Exempt Items**

**16/180 Matters for determination**