



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ALL SAINTS SCHOOL, STANDON ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM**

Present: P Banks (Chair), A Williams, H Mann, J Jones, P Jones, S Mather, C Cllr J Pert  
 Three members of the public : D Wright (Clerk)

18.55 Apologies. Cllr J Baskerville B Cllr P Jones

18.56 Declarations of Interest. None.

18.57 Minutes. The draft minutes of the meeting of 10th September had been circulated previously. The minutes were amended and then approved and signed by the Chair.

18.58 Matters arising. None

18.59 Planning

The following application has been refused.

Application #	Address	Details
18/29147/OUT	Melrose, Sandy Lane Cranberry	Outline application for residential development

The following applications are pending consideration .

Application #	Address	Details
18/28921/LBC	Walford Hall Farm Walford Back Lane Standon	Conversion of barns into three dwellings
18/28283/HOU	Stone Cottage Weston Lane Bowers	Two storey and single storey extension to rear and dormer to side elevation

At this point, the meeting was adjourned to allow public comments on Staffordshire County Council request for comments on an application for landfill on a field in Cotes Heath. A resident expressed concern that part of the land was being filled rather than the whole field being regraded which would have avoided the traffic movements along Cotes Lane. The applicant explained the field was 28 acres and a designated mineral resource area, containing outcrops of rock and unsuitable therefore for regrading. The Parish Council has written in objection because of the traffic movements and the enhanced danger at the turning from the A519. Cotes Lane is narrow and unsuitable for the number of heavy vehicles movements planned. Alternative road routes were discussed and a route from Swynnerton past the existing waste fill site was suggested. This requires access past a 7.5 tonne weight restriction but the restriction would probably not apply for access for this purpose.

Cllr Pert advised that the County Council is doing a traffic assessment but that the number of vehicle movements planned was eight each day.

The meeting then resumed.

## 18.60 Finance

- a) The accounts for the year to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were presented. A VAT recovery of £662.10 and the second instalment of the precept had been received.. The current account balance was £745.69 and the Reserve Account was £17,286.71

The following accounts for payment were approved

All Saints School hire	£ 20.00
Clerk's Salary(Oct-Nov) less tax	£ 198.66
Inland Revenue –PAYE	£ 132.44
W R Arblaster -- Standon lower pool drainage	<u>£ 2700.00</u>
	<u>£ 3051.10</u>

The accounts for payment were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer. A transfer of £31000 from the Reserve Account was proposed giving a cashbook balance of £ 494.59.

## 18.61 Special Items : Parish Projects

- a) A519, Newcastle Road  
Cllr Pert has been trying to obtain improvements but it is long process and he really needs more information to support any speed control measures. It was suggested that the Parish commission its own Traffic assessment. The methodology needs to be accepted by the Highways Department and Cllr Pert will send the requirements for the Traffic Assessment.
- b) Village Pool Area: Waiting on sufficient rain to fill the top pond so that it will overflow and then fill the lower pond. A post and rail fence is required around the bottom poll for the safety of dog walkers and children. This will done for about £250.
- c) Village Signs  
The feedback from the Highways Department is that they require a license to include the signs on the roadway. There is a need for a clear passageway so that 2 people can pass comfortably on the verge. It is not clear whether this applies on a verge with no pathway. Installation has to comply with their regulations and they suggest using their contractors.
- d) Stiles & Footpaths. The stock of stiles is running low but there is still work to do. Originally the work was done by the Ranger service but they are now down to one employee who supervises the volunteers.
- e) Flashing Speed signs  
The cost has been quoted at £4500 by Swynnerton Parish Council. This covers the sign and a number of special fixing locations so that the sign can be moved around the parish. Cllr Pert indicated that he could provide £1000. Now awaits approval from the Highways Department for suggested locations and further funds.

## 18.62 Correspondence

*Staffordshire County Council* - Pothole report

## 18.63 Next meeting.

**Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30 pm in All Saints School, Church Lane, Standon**

This meeting will discuss the proposed budget for 2019-20 and determine the Precept request  
The meeting was declared closed at 8.25 pm.