



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

At Cotes Heath & Standon Community Centre 12th September 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Present: P Jones , M Presswood ,J Baskerville

Three members of the public:

D Wright (Clerk)

Public Session.

A question was raised about the progress of work on the drains in Weston Lane. There is a blocked section of drain which is due to be replaced.

23.45 Casual Vacancy.. Christopher Lovewell volunteered to join the Parish Council. He signed his Declaration of Office. A vacancy has been created by the resignation of Councillor M Gainham and this will now be circulated.

23.46 Apologies. B Cllr P Jones , C Cllr J Pert L Follwell ,C Stanyard

23.47 Declarations of Interest. None.

23.48 Minutes. The draft minutes of the meeting of 15th May had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

23.49 Matters arising.

a) Standon Pools. Pressure washing of an old bench (1988) has opened up the wood grain. This will now be treated with three coats of protective varnish. The Parish Council agreed to pay David Marshallsay the cost of a large tin of preservative. ~ £35. The Wildlife Trust has now done an ecological survey but the information needs to be transcribed onto a map. It was suggested that donations be obtained for planting bulbs.

b) Village signs. Still awaiting delivery.

23.50 County Councillors Report.

None

23.51 Highways

The County Council and Borough Council had been asked to repair the footpath surface on Mill Lane and for the hedge to be cutback between the Mill and Station Road to make it fit for use by parents and toddlers walking to School. A further request will be made. Sandy Bank needs resurfacing but stones have piled up on side of the road as a result of a large vehicle trying to get through. The Parish Council is concerned that this is the main road between Cranberry and the School. A dead tree in Weston Lane needs removing but Highways consider it as a problem for the adjacent land owner.

23.52 Planning

The following applications are under consideration

23/37831/FUL	Garage Court St James Green Cotes Heath	Demolition of 9 garages and erection of two semi-detached four bedroom dwellings with detached garages
23/37622/FUL	Cotes Lodge Newcastle Road Cotes Heath	Erection of agricultural storage building for straw

23/37591/PAR	Shortwood Farm Clayalders Bank Standon	Change of use of an agricultural building to one dwelling
23/37504/FUL	Farmgate Cottage Weston Lane Bowers	Retrospective change of use to residential use and proposed extension.
23/37346/HOU	21 St James Green, Cotes Heath	Single storey rear extension

The Parish Council had no objection to 23/37861 provided that the concerns of the resident at No 17 were addressed.

23.53 Finance

The accounts for the year to 12th September 2023 were presented.

The current account balance was £342.00 and the Reserve Account was £16,392.72

The following accounts for payment were approved

Clerk's Salary (Aug-Sept) less tax	£ 365.33
Inland Revenue –PAYE	£ 91.33
Information Commissioner -Data Registration	£ 40.00
D Marshallsay – Varnish	£ 35.00
Hall hire – Community Centre	<u>£ 20.00</u>
	<u>£ 551.66</u>

The accounts for payment were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer

23.54 Special Items: Parish Projects

Road signs are still on going.

Discussions being held with the Church about the Play Area in Standon . Something definite needs to be agreed to allow an application for a grant. and the Borough Council will need to be contacted as they lease the field at Standon.

The cost is £9~10k. We need something definite from the Parochial Church Council and we could fund from our own resources

The replacement bench has now been installed.

Consideration should be given to having more litter bins.

Need to look at Speed Indicators Signs in more detail and move it forward.

23.55 Correspondence

Amberol - Street Furniture

23.56 Items raised by Councillors.

None.

Next meeting.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.30pm in All Saints School, Church Lane, Standon.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.50 pm.