

**STANSTED PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 AT 8 pm  
AT STANSTED VILLAGE HALL**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Harry Bott	Chairman
	Cllr Polly Falconer	Vice-Chairman
	Cllr Tom Brooker	
	Cllr Kevin Sparkes	
	Cllr Jack Saunders	
	Cllr Daren Sefer	
	Cllr Yvonne Tisson	
	Mrs Melita Gandolfo	Clerk
In attendance	KCC Cllr Harry Rayner 5 members of the public	(for part of meeting)

**Item** **Action point**

Minute no 2020/21

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

98 There were no apologies for absence.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ALTERATIONS TO THE REGISTER**

99 None

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021**

100 It was unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be signed as a true record.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow KCC Cllr Harry Rayner to speak. KCC Cllr Harry Rayner spoke of future planning issues, including the possibility of an HGV lorry park at Wrotham Heath. Further details and confirmation were awaited. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rayner and reconvened the meeting.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

101 There were no matters arising.

**5 PLANNING****a Applications**

- (i) **21/01661/FL | Redevelopment of former builders storage yard including demolition of existing buildings as well as demolition of buildings within Finches Farm and erection of 1 No. detached chalet bungalow and associated alterations to existing**

**vehicular access and provision of parking, turning and landscaping | Adjacent Finches Farm Labour In Vain Road Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7NY**

102 Following discussion, it was agreed to respond as follows:  
No objections were raised. However it was agreed that the passing place outside the property in Labour in Vain Road must be retained.

**b Decisions**

103 The two decisions listed on the Agenda were noted.

**c Appeals**

104 **Oak Tree Stable, Vigo Road, Fairseat - TM20/01665/FL – Appeal 21/00002/REF**

Appeal in progress.

Cllr Bott was in contact with Knights Barrister Simon Bell in preparation for the Appeal hearing.

**d Enforcement**

105 **i Updates**

The Clerk gave updates on the cases in the Parish.

Investigations were still ongoing in the following cases:

Littlefields, Stansted TN15 7PE - Tree house

Cob Trees, Stansted – Tree house

Wentshaw Lodge, Vigo Road, Fairseat – alleged unauthorised building works

Fly-tipping - Ref 10874 – being investigated by TMBC and Sevenoaks District Council

Cherry Hay, Fairseat - garage with new access onto Byway

Thriftwood Camping and Caravan Park – alleged unauthorised works to form new hardstanding area and removal of trees (newly opened case)

**6 FINANCE**

106 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted.

107 **b Accounts for payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed that the accounts for payment listed on Appendix A should be paid online. In addition, a payment to KALC for membership was authorised - £306.89

It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Sefer and agreed that an online payment made to the Copy Shoppe, West Malling, for £27.20 be ratified (for leaflets for house to house distribution by Cllr Tisson, re the proposed music events at Wings of the Morning field).

108 **c Other Finance issues**

No issues were raised.

**7 WINGS OF THE MORNING FIELD – licence application for music events / festivals**

Licence applications had been submitted by two events organisers:

- 109 a **The Swan, West Malling** –licence application for a marquee / music event to take place on bank holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Following discussion it was agreed to object for the following reasons:

It is thought that the organisers are unsuitable applicants as in 2020 they had held a similar event that blatantly broke Covid regulations at the time, and was shut down, with the organisers receiving a fine. They have a blatant disregard for regulations. Objection would also made on the grounds of public nuisance, due to excessively loud music and traffic congestion. If TMBC are minded to grant a licence, the music should not exceed 65db. Local residents should be informed, and a contact phone number be provided and clearly displayed. All calls to be recorded.

- 110 b **BJP Productions Ltd (Matts BBQ)** - premises licence application for up to three weekends per year between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> November, Friday – Sunday, and bank holiday Mondays

111 It was proposed by Cllr Bott, seconded by Cllr Falconer and agreed that planning barrister Jeremy Phillips QC from FTB be engaged to represent Stansted Parish Council at the Hearing, at a fixed cost of £6,000+VAT. Wrotham Parish Council had confirmed they wished to be involved and would contribute 50% of costs. Cllr Bott to liaise with Wrotham PC re our response.

112 It was also agreed that Stansted PC would share costs with Wrotham PC to engage Highways Consultant Les Henry to produce a Traffic Report, highlighting the potential traffic problems. KCC Cllr Harry Rayner agreed to submit this report to KCC Highways, if the barrister agrees.

It was also agreed that a sound engineer should be engaged.

Borough Green PC had been invited to be involved; KCC Cllr Harry Rayner said that BG’s main concern is inadequate train services, and that they would contact SouthEast Railways.

The licence Hearing to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10 a.m. and submissions to be received by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**8 HIGHWAYS**

- 113 a **Traffic Plan, Highways Improvement Plan, Signage**

A Zoom meeting was to take place with Highways Consultant Les Henry on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, when further development of the Plan would be discussed.

- 114 b **Other Highways issues**

No other issues were raised.

**9 MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND PROPERTY**

- 115 I **Recreation ground**

Stansted Horticultural Society had asked if they could plant a tree to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. This was agreed.

116    **ii    Play park**

Zurich Insurance had carried out their annual safety assessment of the playground. No major issues were raised. It was suggested that some small areas on the edges of the safety surface could be repaired. Noted.

117    **iii    Brown’s Field** *MG*  
*/HB*

To be carried forward. The Clerk had registered for a felling licence.

118    **iv    “Wild East” – land left to nature**

Cllr Bott reported on an initiative from East Anglia, where 20% of grassland in parks and recreation fields was being left uncut and left to nature. It was agreed that Stansted would consider a similar plan in the future on the perimeter of the recreation ground.

**10            VILLAGE HALLS**

119    **a    Broad band**

No further updates.

120    **b    Electric car charging points at village halls**

Cllr Sefer had attended an online meeting on electric charging points at village halls, to be part funded by KCC. It was agreed that this initiative was not appropriate for Stansted or Fairseat at present.

**11            PARISH MAGAZINE**

120    It was reported that the magazine delivery and distribution were going well and were appreciated by recipients.

**12            AIRFIELD PLAQUE**

121    Cllr Brooker said this was in hand. *HB/*  
*TB*

**13            WILDLIFE CAMERAS IN THE PARISH**

122    The Clerk had arranged a meeting with a camera firm; Clerk and Cllr Bott to attend *HB/*  
*MG*

**14            CORRESPONDENCE**

123    **a    Queen’s Platinum Jubilee:**  
It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should mark this event. Carry forward.

124   **b**    KALC Courses:  
Noted.

125   **c**    Naming of road at Plaxdale Green Farm:  
Granary Place was the unanimous choice. Clerk to confirm to TMBC.

**14            ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

126            Cllr Sefer said that new gates were to be installed at the Hilltop Hotel, but the defibrillator would still be accessible.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public said he had been accosted by three motorcyclists on Wise’s Lane. Solutions to control motor bikes were discussed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35 pm  
Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2021