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Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd May 2022, at Wilfred House, 37 Carter Street, Uttoxeter, ST14 8EY. The meeting commenced at 19.45, after the Annual Meeting.

Present: Cllr Brooks, Cllr Dartnell, Cllr Moss, Cllr Ollerenshaw, Cllr Pattinson-Evans, Cllr Sargeant, Mr Stillwell, and the clerk.

22.05.001 APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – Cllr Crosby, Cllr Dobson, Cllr Jones, Cllr C Whittaker (Borough), Fay Phoenix (Allotment Rep)

22.05.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. A failure to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting is a criminal offence under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 - None

22.05.003 TO RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON 5th April 2022 ARE A CORRECT RECORD - RESOLVED

22.05.004 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- Queen's Green Canopy plaque – Hollington Lane, Stramshall
Councillors discussed the two quotes received for a plaque and RESOLVED to provide a £200 donation for a cast bronze plaque to the Village Group.
The Council thanked The Lantern Society for providing the mount and installing the plaque.
- Bramshall Speed Indicator Signs and Gateway
Speed Indicator Signs - Both signs installed and SCC licenses received.
Press Release sent to Bramshall News and Echo newspaper
Bennetts Lane Gateway – railings painted white and grass seed installed –
Thank you to Cllr Jones and volunteers for the work they carried out
Bennetts Lane – Village Sign – Update
Councillors discussed the quote, approx. cost £480 for the hard wood signage –
Welcome to Bramshall. RESOLVED to accept quote
- Bennetts Lane, BRAMSHALL – Extraordinary Meeting – Update from
Staffordshire County Council.
No update received from SCC despite requests from Clerk.
- Stramshall – S106 – Traffic Calming plans
Speed Indicator sign by Allotment - rotated by MPB Contractors – 15th April 2022.
This is still not working as now picking up the roofs of the cars on this side of the road.
Traffic Calming Plans - SCC
The Plans were received 3rd May 2022. Councillors RESOLVED to review the

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plans in 7th June Meeting. Plans to be in Noticeboard and on Website. Stramshall Residents encouraged to make comments by 1st June 2022.

- Memorial Area – Stramshall Allotments
Area created w/c 20th April 2022.
Mrs Joy Oulsnam confirmed area is acceptable to family - 14th April 2022
Councillors discussed the seat and RESOLVED to order a bench from David Oglivie Engineering a Turnberry Bench (1500mm) for the area. Cost £567 plus delivery and fixings.
- Queen's Jubilee – Memento for Parish Children
50p piece plus plastic holder
RESOLVED to refund Cllr Ollerenshaw for £71.28 for Stramshall Children.
RESOLVED to authorise Cllr Pattinson-Evans to spend up to £150 for Bramshall Children.

22.05.005 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR STRAMSHALL/BRAMSHALL BUS STOP PERCH SEATS

The Council budgeted for installing perch seats into bus stops in Stramshall/Bramshall – RESOLVED to spend budgeted funds needed and for Clerk to carry out works. (see URPC Budget on website - <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-council/documents>)

Perch Seats in Stramshall Bus Stops x 4 - <https://www.shelterstore.co.uk/product/2-person-perch-seat> - £85 each, plus installation £50 each – total £540

Perch Seats in Bramshall Bus Stops x 2 - <https://www.shelterstore.co.uk/product/2-person-perch-seat> - £85 each plus £50 installation – Total £270

22.05.006 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR STRAMSHALL/SPATH METAL NOTICEBOARDS

The Council budgeted for installing replacement metal noticeboards in Stramshall– RESOLVED to spend budgeted funds needed and for Clerk to carry out works. (see URPC Budget – Asset upkeep on website <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-council/documents>)

Spath Green - £490

Stramshall - Broomyclose Lane -£490

Stramshall village Green - £490

RESOLVED to use Lengthsman fund for installation

<https://www.noticeboardcompany.com/products/tradition-30-external-post-mounted-notice-board.html>

22.05.007 BENNETTS LANE/LOXLEY LANE – RAILWAY CROSSING – CONSIDER NETWORK RAIL REPORT

The Parish Council requested that Network Rail review the traffic on Railway Crossing with the view that a priority sign be installed on the narrow bridge and a yellow hatch

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box be installed over the railway crossing due to concerns of drivers waiting on the crossing as unable to pass over the bridge, due to bridge being single track. Network Rail agreed to place a camera on the crossing to monitor traffic.

Network rail provided the following update on 12.04.2022

The camera has been operational for a number of weeks now and from the footage the traffic flow issue is definitely being created by the narrow (pinch point) road bridge to the South of the railway on Loxley Lane. I understand from the Parish Council minutes that you're already seeking to implement some traffic calming/speed restriction measures through Bennetts Lane/Loxley Lane, similar to the measures on Bramshall Road (B5027). I feel that these improvements to the traffic-flow, with priority given to vehicles travelling from the North to South (at the pinch point – allowing vehicles to keep the Level Crossing area clear) would be more beneficial and would be a good starting point in addressing the issues rather than the installation of yellow-box markings at this moment in time. As it stands, the crossing is already supplied with 'Keep Crossing Clear' signage which motorists should be adhering to. Further to this the Level Crossing is scheduled to be upgraded to a heavy duty rubber system which will provide an improved crossing surface for motorists/cyclists/pedestrians, and because of this upgrade there seems little point in laying yellow markings through the existing crossing surface, only for it to be removed and the markings to be re-applied to the new surface. In order to resolve this issue, there is an opportunity for Network Rail to work with yourselves at the Parish Council to submit a safety case to the SCC Highways Department so the necessary improvements and road calming measures can be implemented successfully. If this is of interest to the Parish Council please get in touch and we'll discuss how this could be taken forward.

Councillors RESOLVED to support the priority signs idea and to work with Network Rail and Staffordshire County Council on this project. Clerk to coordinate.

22.05.008 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Mr Stillwell thanked the Council for chasing SCC regarding Bennetts Lane and requested they continue to ask for an update on the points raised in the Bennetts Lane Extraordinary Meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr Stillwell and other residents for their continued interest in this project and hoped that the work with Network Rail, see 22.05.007 on Narrow Bridge and the improvement to the Railway Crossing will be of benefit.

22.05.009 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

NEW

P/2022/00315- Tean Valley Meadow Nature Reserve Hollington Lane Stramshall Staffordshire - Extension to existing woodland shelter – No comment added 26.04.2022

P/2022/00034 - The Chapel House Uttoxeter Road Beamhurst Uttoxeter Staffordshire ST14 5DY - Retention of detached building to house livestock – No comment to be added.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. SCC/21/0047/FULL-ES for the importation and temporary

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storage of limestone scalplings with the erection and use of an aggregate washing plant at Uttoxeter Quarry, Spath.

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/staffordshire/application-details/28386>

comments submitted: 11.05.2022

The proposed volume of lorry transportation for this operation will adversely impact an already congested area of the Highways network within the Parish. The local and wider community is already affected by both JCB and Alton Towers traffic at peak times and these lorries would just contribute to the excessive congestion. The Parish Council are concerned that vehicles will try to avoid the congestion areas and use of the village roads will increase, currently drivers use neighbouring villages as a “rat run” (Crakemarth, Stramshall, Beamhurst) to avoid the existing congestion. This operation is likely to compound the issues further and the Parish Council are aware that no policing of the roads and weight limits occurs and if lorry drivers are on time limits to deliver to the Quarry, they will find the quickest way, which will include the neighbouring villages.

DECISIONS

P/2022/00180 - Knightsfield Cottage Cullamore Lane Willslock Staffordshire ST14 8NL - Installation of a waste treatment plant to replace septic tank and erection of gates – PERMITS

P/2021/01577 - Land West of Uttoxeter, Uttoxeter - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of 450 dwellings and garages including 121 affordable units, together with drainage and highways infrastructure, and including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (Phase 2) without complying with 1 of planning permission P/2020/01488 dated 16th April 2021 relating to amendments to the approved plans to house types on Phase 2C, substitution of the Site Layout, Materials Plan, Boundary Treatment Plan, Developable Areas and Electric Vehicle Charging Layout in respect of Phase 2A-2E - PERMITS

22.05.0010 TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR - NONE

22.05.0011 FINANCE – TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW AND RECEIVE FINANCE UPDATES:

All April payments made 06.04.2022

Audit papers (AGAR) supplied to Alan Toplis – our Internal Audit appointment with Toplis Associates Ltd is 25th May 2022. AGAR will be signed in 7th June 2022 Meeting VAT Refund submitted 03.05.2022 for £1,338.70

RESOLVED to make all payments below:

Cheque Number	Details	Amount
10/SO	Council Administration	£525.18
11/DD	Pennon Water – Allotments	£5
12/356	Councillors Expenses – Jones	£21.99
13/357	Councillors Expenses- Dartnell	£14.84

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14/358	Bramshall Gateway Fence paint – Refund Councillor	£148.40
15/359	Michael Johnson Tree Surgery – Playing Fields	£550
Received after Agenda issued		
16/360	MPB Contractors – Speed Indicator Sign x 2 installation – Bramshall and re position – Stramshall	£1,050
17/361	Clerks Expenses	£18
18/DD	Information Commission Office – annual subs	£35
19/362	Wilfred House – Room Hire	£33
20/363	Jubilee Commentative 50p coins and cases for Stramshall– refund Cllr Ollerenshaw	£71.38
Received		
1	Wayleave Fee	20.99

22.05.0012 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE- CONSIDER AND APPROVE

Councillors consider two quotes and RESOLVED to enter a Long term agreement (LTA) of 5yrs with Zurich Insurance at a cost of £815.33.

The Councillors acknowledged the 2022-2023 Budget for insurance is: 870.96

22.05.0013 PENSION – CONSIDER AND APPROVE

Staffordshire County Council confirmed that Parish and Town Councils are resolution bodies, they therefore have the choice to use the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for its employees.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to offer the clerk, Mrs Gibson, the LGPS, as per the Clerk's Contract of Employment.

The contribution rates (for both employee and employer) that would need to be paid: employer contributions are currently 25.6% of actual pay, the employee contribution are dependent on the members actual earnings, the banded rates are available on our website: <https://www.staffspf.org.uk/Members/New-Members/Joining/2021-22-table.aspx>

The Parish Council acknowledged that The Pension Regulator advised Re-enrolment date between 19th April – 18th October 2022.

22.05.0014 ALLOTMENTS – UPDATE FROM ALLOTMENT REP AND CLERK

CLERK

All actions from site visit report carried out – 06.04.2022

Brown Bin area created by main gate 20.04.2022

Plot 2 cleared and remeasured for rental purposes. New measurements are 84m2.

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Clerk has received two Waiting List forms. Councillors RESOLVED to offer the Plot to Mr Willetts and to continue to hold Mr and Mrs Green on the Waiting List.

Plot 6b – request permission to install a shed– Councillors RESOLVED to give permission for a 6x8 shed to be located on the wood pile area of the plot.

Site Visit took place 29.04.2022 – no issues – **Councillors would like to thank the tenants for resolving last month's issues.**

ALLOTMENT REP REPORT 25/04/2022

A plot holder has asked me to request that in future if work is being carried out on the allotment and it is requested that people don't visit the site for health and safety reasons, then a notice be placed on the Noticeboard. RESOLVED to place notice. No further issues have been identified at this time.

22.05.0015 CORRESPONDENCE

Western Power - Community Matters Fund - <https://www.westernpower.co.uk/>

The Big Plastic Count- <https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works>

Bennetts Lane, Bramshall – Road Closure – 7th – 8th May 2022

Waste reduction project – volunteers needed – apply via Facebook at www.facebook.com/wastesavvystaffs

Homes for Ukraine - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – added to Parish Council website

Stramshall Village Hall invoice – replied to advise no rooms used in 2021-2022.

AEDDonate (Defibs) sent details about a Clothes bank – do we want one in Stramshall – there is one in Bramshall and it is very popular. Councillors discussed the idea and RESOLVED to approach Stamshall Village Hall with the idea and to put a Notice on the Noticeboard.

Uttoxeter Quarry - mineral extraction to continue at the quarry until 30 November 2023 was approved in 2016 subject to completing a section 106 legal agreement. All details sent to Councillors

ESBC Parish Council Forum – next meeting Wednesday 25th May starting at 6:30pm via Zoom Cllr Jones to attend

Kate Griffiths MP – asked for details of Queen's Jubilee in Parish for her website. All details sent and put onto Council website in News area.

Climate Change – ESBC - Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – forwarded to Councillors 03.05.2022

22.05.0016 CLERK UPDATE

NALC Small Councils Committee comments sent to policycomms@nalc.gov.uk

Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council has issues with speeding traffic through country lanes and our two small villages. We have Speed Watch Teams in place in both villages, which helps, but would like guidance/legal notes on Quiet Lanes Government Policies and guidance/legal notes on how to get small lanes reduced from 60mph to 30mph on a national basis, so that local authorities do not have to burden the cost of speed reduction requests on individual lanes, which proves cost prohibitive and therefore small

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lanes continue to have a speed limit of 60mph.

Bramshall Link Road Request – letter sent to Cllr Philip Atkins 6th April 2022. The Parish Council received the following reply:

A link road would need to be funded through development or Growth Grants from the LEP. The land would have to be purchased and the road funded. The County Council does not act as it used to do years ago. A feasibility study would have to be done first and then if possible it would have to be included in ESBC Local Plan to get funding. ESBC Local Plan is on hold. A similar situation is Marchington Industrial Estate and the Moreton Lane link road I suggest as has happened there that the owners come together and lobby for a new road. They would need to meet Cabinet members and staff from the two local authorities to put the case forward.

Councillors RESOLVED to forward to Cllr Nigel Lowe (Uttoxeter Town Councillor) and advise Cllr Lowe of Parish Council support.

Common Ash – Stramshall Playing Fields - tree removed on 22.04.2022

Policy Review table sent to Councillors 06.04.2022

Stramshall Stile – Footpath 49 – no update from Landowner on drainage repairs – will bring to June meeting.

Allotment Footpath Grant – no application for £350 yet been made.

Parish Tour – Clerk to arrange with Cllr Moss, Cllr Dobson, Cllr Crosby.

Bramshall Water Mains – work date yet to be confirmed. Bus Stop will be located before Bramshall Inn when works start.

Creighton Lane, Stramshall – flooding issue reported again with a request for SCC to contact landowner.

Parish Leaflet – who does what - not yet created

22.05.0017 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (information only)

PAC Testing of computer to be carried out before next meeting, as per policy.

The Council are aware of the Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee - Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022.

Cllr Dartnell requested Bramshall Bus Stop reviewed regarding repairs. Photos will be taken for June Meeting.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, 7th June 2022 at 7.30pm at Wilfred House, 37 Carter Street, Uttoxeter, ST14 8EY. The meeting was formally closed at 20.28.

.....CHAIRMAN