

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

STON EASTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT CLAPTON VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 18th JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6pm.

Present: Cllrs Tom Killen (Chair), Anne Huckle, Ainslie Davies and Rick Fitzsimmons; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)

23/07E/1 - Apologies for absence. Cllr Julian Carver.

23/07E/2 - Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

23/07E/3 - Public Participation:

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting and allow a maximum of 15 minutes for public participation on matters included on the agenda only. Four members of the public were present; the Chairman advised that he would take public comments about planning applications at the appropriate point in the meeting.

23/07E/4 - Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meetings:

- i) Councillors to agree to the postponement of the confirmation of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th June 2023 until the meeting scheduled for 6th September 2023. This was so agreed.

23/07E/5 - Parish Council Response to Planning Applications

- i) 2023/0998/LBC | Rear and side extensions and associated works | Lower Lodge Bristol Road Ston Easton Wells Somerset BA3 4DF. Councillors had considered the original application in 2022 and noted this was an application for Listed Building Consent. It was proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Fitzsimmons that the application be supported. This was agreed unanimously.
- ii) 2023/1105/VRC | Application to remove condition 5 (Hard and Soft Landscaping - Pre-occupation) of planning approval 2021/0419/FUL (Development of a gas-powered standby electricity generation plant, associated infrastructure and access road (revision of 2018/2522/FUL). | Land At 364513 154654 Langleys Lane Clapton Wells Somerset. The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow public comments. A resident from Old Mills spoke about the noise generated by the plant and the hours of operation. Whilst changes to the plant had reduced the noise level it was still obtrusive and it was felt that planting and screening would help to mitigate this. A resident from Langleys Lane also spoke about the long hours of operation and the noise nuisance. The Chairman advised that the noise nuisance needed to be dealt with as a separate matter as it was not associated with the planning application at hand. Cllr Hobbs to be contacted about this matter. The meeting then reconvened. Councillors agreed that the plant needed to be screened as per the original application which was noted as a pre-occupation condition. Councillors could see no reason other than economic to omit the landscaping and screening. It was proposed Cllr Killen, seconded Cllr Huckle that the council object to the application. This was agreed unanimously. Clerk to summarise discussions for comments on the application.

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23/07E/6 - Parish Council Matters.

- i) Ston Easton defibrillator purchase. The clerk noted that the quote from AED Donate which contained a grant proposal of £400 could run out of time. Cllr Fitzsimmons had forwarded details of the Community Heartbeat Trust as an alternative although there was no quoted price for the supply and installation of the machine. He noted that CHT appeared to offer an agreement with BT for the free use of the existing unmetered electric supply.
The clerk proposed that a budget of £1500 be set for the supply and installation of the machine. It was proposed Cllr Killen and seconded Cllr Fitzsimmons that this budget be set. This was agreed unanimously. Clerk to seek quote from CHT and advise councillors of both quotes. It was agreed to proceed with the best quote after consultation.

23/07E/7 - Matters of Report:

- i) It was noted that the footway adjoining the Ston Easton Park wall was obstructed by hanging vegetation. To be added to next meeting agenda.
- ii) The footways on the A37 through Ston Easton required clearing of debris and vegetation. Clerk to contact highways.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm

23/07E/8 - Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday 6th September 2023 at Clapton Village Hall

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