

SOLPORT AND STAPLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Stapleton Public Hall
14 February 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

David Baxter, Victoria Irving, Gavin Fox, Kenneth Hope, Graham Moscrop, Norman Armstrong, Alan Davidson, Trevor Telford, Michael Lawson, Val Tarbitt, Daphne Kennedy

To receive apologies for absence

David Shepherd, Joan Potts, Richard Gardner, Herbert Slack

To authorize the chairman to sign the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record - Signed

To discuss any matters arising from the last meeting

Application for Transparency Code Compliance 2016/17 and Parish Council Website. Both of these need to be addressed before this financial year end. David Baxter continues to look into setting up a website and completing the forms for funding for a lap top computer.

Sign Post refurbishment. Estimates for Finger Post Refurbishment were carried out in May 2011 where nine of the 11 sign posts were described as in an 'excellent' repair status and two (Newlands and Drove Inn) were described as good. It was noted that the sign post at the Crossings / Lyneholmford junction had been knocked down leaving only part of it in the ground. Val Tarbitt said she would look into this and see if the Highways people had removed the broken sign post.

To discuss the correspondence received since the last meeting.

Rachel Plant, Democratic Services Officer emailed reminding all Parish Councillors of their duty to ensure their Personal Interests forms are up to date. Forms are available from the Clerk. It was agreed that this should be included as first item on future Agenda.

CALC have emailed regarding Fibre Broadband in Cumbria and reminding households to contact a service provider to upgrade their service. The more people sign up for fibre broadband, indicating a need for the service, the more money is made available for laying fibre cable. Val Tarbitt will push for fibre broadband in the area.

The Clerk from Borrowdale Parish Council has emailed via CALC regarding Highways maintenance by parishes. Borrowdale PC has asked their Clerk to put together a proposal for a lengthman scheme to carry out duties around the

highways in the parish, eg: Grass/verge cutting; Manual collection of leaves/debris that cover /block drain covers/culvers; Clearing of vegetation around sign posts; Cleaning of signs; Trimming/removal of sapling trees that are encroaching on the side of the road/blocking pavements, etc. The Clerk at Borrowdale would like to know if other parishes carry out any of these activities and if so could they share their experiences. We do not have anyone carrying out these activities in Solport and Stapleton Parish.

To discuss financial matters

ICO confirmed renewal

HMRC VAT repayment of £21.40. This was from the payment made for the medals given to the children of Shankhill School on the occasion of the Queen's 90th Birthday

Great North Air Ambulance: request for funds. It was agreed that an amount of £150 be given, up £50 from last year.

Carlisle City Council sent form with Precept Bands for parish households

NALC have emailed to say there are no changes to the existing audit arrangements.

Cumbria Dyslexia Project has written asking for £200 which they say is the cost of supporting their initiative in this parish. This is a start up business and it was decided not to support this as it was felt the school are best placed to help children deemed to need diagnosis and further assistance.

The Pensions Regulator has written to remind the Parish Council about automatic enrolment into a pension and refers to Pension Act 2008.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Peter McCall has a fund which is for setting up initiatives to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour. Solport and Stapleton Parish Council do not have these types of issues.

The Notice Board at Stapleton Public Hall is owned by the Parish Council and it was decided to replace it as it is in need of attention.

The cheque issued to Stapleton Public Hall has not been cashed, instead it was decided to use the £500 to pay for outgoings connected to the new car park, planning application and for materials, ie hardcore. This way VAT can be reclaimed.

The Parish Council is to pay for a Defibrillator and Box and will be able to reclaim VAT, then reclaim the net amount from a department of the Cottage Hospital, Brampton. A Dish or Mast to aid phone signal would be an asset. Funds are available to help pay for this.

Cheque uncashed:	Stapleton Public Hall	(£500.00)
Cheque already issued:	Stapleton Hall, Planning Application	£192.00
Cheques paid:	Great North Air Ambulance	£150.00
	Wel Medical, Defibrillator	£1044.44
	Green Urban Tech. Box	£894.00

To discuss Roads issues

Roweltown House road end: there is a BT manhole which sits full of water

Gibbs Hill road end: Pot Hole

Churchfield House to Oldtown Road: at Harper Hill there is a big pot hole

Val Tarbitt: Highways employees are being offered voluntary redundancy and the older, most experienced people may be leaving

It was noted the Flowery Hirst road is 'like a motorway'. This road is used by forestry wagons

To discuss Planning Applications received, if any

Longrigg House has applied to extend the house and convert the garage to agricultural use

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 May 2017, **Stapleton Public Hall** at 7.30pm.