

Stapleton and Solport Parish Council .

Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at Stapleton Hall at 8pm .

The meeting commenced at 8.10 pm . (20.10)

1 : Present : David Baxter , Mick Lawson , Carol Baxter , Gavin Fox , Joan Potts , Norman Armstrong and Lynda Beard .

: Apologies : Norman Story , Trevor Telford , Alan Davidson and Richard Gardner .

2 : The minutes of the last meeting , including the AGM , (Tuesday 7th May 2024) were read out and agreed to be a true record , and were signed accordingly by David Baxter (Chairman) .

3 : Councillors were reminded of their duty to ensure their declaration of interest forms are up to date .

4 : Matters Arrising .

: Wilderness way , Mick brought up the issues that have been occurring with the various wilderness way houses we have in the parish , and the complaints that have been made .

Past attempts to get someone representing the company to come to the meetings to explain themselves , have failed , and council discussed what could be done , it was suggested that we ask the local councillors Tim Pickstone and Julie Minns to attend the next meeting in the hope they can help to do something about these homes .

Both are to be asked to the next meeting in November .

: The Parish Council Bank Account , Councillors expressed their continued concern over the fact we still do not have a bank account 10 months on after the previous one was closed .

David stated that he has been trying to sort the situation out , and is now liasing with CALC , as after we made them aware of our situation in February , they have offered to help us get an account opened with Unity Trust Bank , this is now in the process of being done .

: Parish Website , CALC review all parish websites on a regular basis , and have brought to our attention , the fact that our website has not been kept up to date and needs immediate attention , various issues regarding the transparency code need to be posted as soon as possible , and are to be done promptly .

We were also made aware that our Chairman can unfortunately , now not also , be our RFO (responsible financial officer) / Treasurer . This was discussed by council , and agreed that a new treasurer is to be appointed as soon as possible , this is to be confirmed at the next meeting , but until this happens , David will continue to act as treasurer and complete the process of opening the new bank account .

It was also discussed regarding who we should approach as an official accountant for the parish council , as we need to be transparent and have to post an annual internal audit report . Various names were put forward , and this also to be confirmed at the next meeting .

: Ditch at the Wood , this has still not been cleaned out yet , and the hedges have still not been cut .

: Hedges at Selbystown , still not cut , another letter is to be sent to both parties , asking them to get them cut as soon as possible , as it is that time of year for cutting .

5 : Correspondance .

: CALC , website audit , all updates and details are to be amended and done as soon as possible .

: Clerks and councils direct magazine .

: Elancity , solar signage for parish councils .

- : Sunshine Gyms , gym equipment for play areas .
- : Fibrus , regarding meetings in the area informing of what they are doing to install the fibre broadband . (meeting at Nicholforest on Wednesday 4th) .
- : Planning policy update , sent from the Cumberland council .
- : Community Panel , and grants update for the Border , Fellside and North Cumbria area .
- : Details of upcoming road closures in the Parish .

6 : Financial Matters .

- : Parish Bank Account , please see the above regarding this .
- : Parish Precept , this is still to be paid to us but due to us not having an account at present , we cannot receive it , Clerk has informed the city council financial officer about our situation as they were getting very concerned about the fact they couldn't pay us the precept , and as soon as we have an account it will be paid in .

7 : To Discuss any issues with the Roads .

- : Upcoming road closures , the C1006 which crosses both the Black and White Lyne rivers , will be closed from 11/09/2024 for 2 days for the council to assess the condition of the bridges and the road itself .

- : Potholes ,

On the C1005 , above Silversyke Cottage ,

On the C1006 , down from Mallsburn Cottage , round the bends at Selbystown , also in the bottom over the bridge and heading up to Selbystown lonning end , the tarmac on the roadside at a couple of points is falling away , the hedges will need to be cut in order to be able to access these issues . As above , letters to be sent to relevant landowners .

- : Hedges , the hedges opposite Middlefoot Cottage are very overgrown , it was asked if a letter can be sent to ask them to have them cut ,

Also the above mentioned hedges at Selbystown , letters to be sent .

- : Give way sign at Newlands , Joan requested again that the stop sign needs to be moved further back from the junction , as there has been a couple of near accidents in recent weeks , clerk has approached the council highways and requested this previously but nothing has been done yet , clerk is to speak to them again .

8 : Planning Applications .

- : Only one since the last meeting , App Ref 24 / 0185 , Variation of Condition 2 , consultation and right to speak , on the proposed solar farm at Leaps Rigg , Walton .

9 : Any Other Business .

- : Road sign that was demolished at Newlands , still hasn't been replaced , highways are to be chase up to to get it reinstated .

- : Parish cup , it was brought to councils attention that the person we had nominated for this has recently been in court , and it was felt by council that it was no longer appropriate to give them the cup so it was decided that the cup should go to another of the nominees , council agreed that Richard Moscrop should be given it , it is to be presented at the flower show on Saturday 7th Sept .

10 : Date of the next Meeting .

The date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7.30pm (please note the winter start time) .

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 9.04 pm . (21.04)