

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on Tuesday 8th January 2013
Commencing at 6.00 p.m.
In the Stables, Staveley Hall

Present: -

Councillor Dyke (Chair)

Councillor J. Bacon	Councillor H. Elliott
Councillor S. Bagshaw	Councillor A. Hill
Councillor J. Barnett	Councillor C. Ludlow
Councillor O. Cauldwell	Councillor D. Parsons
Councillor D. Collins	Councillor J. Williams
Councillor L. Collins	

In attendance: Graeme Challands – Town Clerk and Financial Officer
 Ian Haddock – Assistant Financial Officer
 7 Members of the Public
 1 Member of the Press

		ACTION
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded them it was being recorded.	
468/12	<p><u>PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION</u></p> <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor P. Hill – family commitments Councillor Lang – another meeting Councillor McManus – at a Chesterfield Borough Council meeting. Councillor Tidd – family commitments Councillor Webley - illness</p>	
469/12	<p>COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.</p>	
470/12	<p>VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS No proposals were made to vary the Order of Business.</p>	
471/12	<p>CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS After wishing all present a Happy New Year the Chair reported on the</p>	

	<p>success of the Staveley Town Council Elderly Citizens Christmas Party and thanked all those Councillors and Staff involved.</p>	
<p>472/12</p>	<p>TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS, IF ANY FROM PART ONE OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED No items were so determined.</p>	
<p>473/12</p>	<p>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS a) There were no declarations by Members. b) There were no requests for dispensation by Members.</p>	
<p>474/12</p>	<p>PRESENTATIONS There were no presentations.</p>	
<p>475/12</p>	<p>PUBLIC SPEAKING a) Firstly Marion Gerrard asked who was responsible for the Staveley Christmas Lights. The Town Clerk explained Staveley Town Council was responsible and detailed the problems experienced this year. However, Marion's concern was that the lights were still up and on. The Town Clerk responded that an instruction had been given to the contractor to take the lights down and in the mean time to switch them off. However, it had to be appreciated that the contractor was very busy as all clients wanted this on the same day. John Morehen congratulated all involved in the Staveley Town Council Elderly Citizens' Christmas party: it had been well organised and well put on. It showed the capability of Staveley Town Council. Joe Roberts asked for, and received, permission to have Staveley Town Council links and logo on the Staveley Armed Forces and Veterans' Association website. Phil Sawyer asked what the position was with the Heart of Staveley Project. The Town Clerk reported on progress: he had provided material for the Chesterfield Borough Council Economic Development Manager, for the Chesterfield Borough Council solicitor and Chesterfield Borough Council Finance Officer. They were evaluating the Project and he understood the three officers would be meeting shortly to scope their Report. John Morehen asked why Staveley Town Council was not capable of</p>	

	<p>judging its own projects rather than relying on Chesterfield Borough Council.</p> <p>Councillor Ludlow responded that Chesterfield Borough Council employed a number of officers with great experience of such projects and their backing would give extra confidence to the Town Council that it was an excellent project.</p> <p>Phil Sawyer asked if he could take it that the Town Council supported the Heart of Staveley Project.</p> <p>Councillor Dyke responded that Staveley Town Council had passed a Resolution supporting the Project.</p> <p>He then closed the Public Session.</p> <p>b) Community Safety There were no representations from Community Safety organisations in attendance.</p> <p>Councillor Williams requested that the Town Clerk write to the Police thanking them for the attendance at the last Ordinary Meeting and inviting them to come again.</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported he had followed up a query from Councillor Parsons regarding a police matter. Sgt. McNulty was on leave but he had received some confirmatory information. It was not appropriate to discuss the issue in public but he would let Councillor Parsons know the outcome as soon as he was able.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>GC</p>
476/12	<p>MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2012</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Staveley Town Council held on Tuesday 11th December be approved as a true record.</p>	
477/12	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2012</p> <p>The scheduled meeting had been cancelled.</p>	
478/12	<p>TO CONSIDER THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012</p> <p>The Minutes of the Planning and Environmental Committee held on Monday 10th December were RECEIVED.</p>	

479/12	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2012</p>	
	<p>The meeting had been cancelled.</p>	
480/12	<p>TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER 2012</p>	
	<p>The meeting had been cancelled.</p>	
481/12	<p>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING JOINT PROJECTS</p>	
	<p>The Town Clerk spoke to his Report circulated with the Agenda.</p>	
	<p>He had auctioned all the recommendations in the 2 Baseline Surveys. The items required to be dealt with by qualified contractors were in hand. The Engineers were happy with the speed and extend of the actions. Our insurers had been informed.</p>	
	<p>Turning to Mastin Moor Community Centre, the purchasers were anxious to move on and were awaiting planners confirmation that a change of use would be granted in principle. He had prepared a Key Indemnity Form for use by the purchasers, to reduce costs on Staveley Town Council.</p>	
	<p>He had hoped to finally confirm completion of the land purchase for Affordable Eco Homes Project: all the documents were in place. The delay had been due to minor issues between Chesterfield Borough Council and Guinness Northern Counties Housing Association. The site had been cleared and no endangered species had been found.</p>	
	<p>He was awaiting approval of the grit bin locations from Derbyshire County Council.</p>	
	<p>He had discussed the Portable Buildings proposals with Councillor Ludlow and would find out costings and report back.</p>	GC
	<p>He was awaiting a response from Learning Matters Estate Agents and Chesterfield College.</p>	
	<p>Lastly he reported on problems with the heating system at the Speedwell Rooms and remedial action.</p>	
	<p>The proposed Blue Skies event would be on the afternoon of Friday 1st February.</p>	
482/12	<p>ACCOUNTS a) The schedule of accounts paid since the last meeting</p>	

Due to the delay in the Schedule of Accounts being issued it was **RESOLVED** to discuss these at the Policy Finance and Publicity Committee.

b) Statement of Income and Expenditure

Ian Haddock Assistant Financial Officer confirmed that he should be able to prepare and issue this information by next week.

c) Section 137 Appeals for Financial Assistance

No applications had been received.

d) Other financial matters

No other financial matters were received.

483/12

WARD REPORTS

a) Councillor A. Hill reported that there had been a number of incidents in Duckmanton – flytipping on East Crescent, 2 bus shelters had been destroyed, trouble with young people at the new McDonalds.

A discussion took place on Staveley Town Council leading a commemoration of the loss of life in disasters and accidents at Markham Pit. It will be the 40th Anniversary of the 1973 Disaster this July and the 75th Anniversary of the 1938 also this year.

RESOLVED: (i) That Staveley Town Council organise a commemorative plaque regarding the loss of lives at Markham Pit.

(ii) That the Town Clerk involves other appropriate organisations and individuals to become involved, including financially. These to include Derbyshire NUM, Poolsbrook Welfare, Staveley Miners Welfare, Duckmanton Miners Welfare, Mastin Moor Miners Welfare (£25 from each being a suggested donation), Community Forums, Natascha Engel MP, Toby Perkins MP and Dennis Skinner MP. Permission will be required from Derbyshire County Council as landowners.

Sandra Struggles, local historian may wish to be involved.

Councillor A. Hill and Councillor D. Parsons will liaise with the Town Clerk to progress this matter.

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Councillor Parsons then raised the matter of the 100 years anniversary of the commencement of World War One. He proposed Staveley Town Council establish a Working Party now ready to devise an appropriate way of commemorating this event and raising the necessary funds – applying early. He felt the Working Party could accept help from other related organisations like Staveley Royal British Legion and Staveley Armed Forces and Veterans' Association.

RESOLVED – That Staveley Town Council establish a Working Party to determine how Staveley Town Council can commemorate the 100th Anniversary of World War One.

	<p>The Working Party to be discussed at the next Leisure and Community Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Parsons put himself and Councillor Bacon forward for members.</p> <p>The Chair passed on a request by Hollingwood Residents Association. Their current storage at BRSA Club may not be available much longer and they were seeking alternative room. He had advised them to contact the Chesterfield Canal Trust but asked if Members had any ideas to let her know. Councillor Williams suggested the HRA contact Councillor Walt Burrows.</p> <p>b) Generally After a proposal from Councillor Elliott it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Dr. Steve Bradder to request an evening meeting with him at the new Inkersall Surgery to let Members see the facility and discuss continuing problems associated with the HMG</p>	
484/12	<p>ALLOTMENTS The Town Clerk informed Members that Rita Packwood informed Mastin Moor Allotment Association that she would no longer be active as she needed to concentrate on her consultancy business.</p> <p>Members expressed their regret and asked the Town Clerk to monitor the progress of Mastin Moor Allotment Association without Rita's involvement.</p>	GC GC
485/12	<p>ITEMS FOR ACTION Items for Information had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no items for action.</p>	
486/12	<p>SEALING OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any documents or agreements necessary to carry into effect any resolution or decisions passed by or confirmed at this meeting.</p> <p>PART II CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS</p>	
487/12	<p>PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960</p> <p>RESOLVED – That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during the discussion</p>	

488/12	<p style="text-align: center;">thereof.</p> <p>ESTABLISHMENT Councillor Ludlow updated Members on progress regarding the Staff Review to be conducted by Chesterfield Borough Council.</p> <p>It transpired that Chesterfield Borough Council were awaiting a Minute Number: the Town Clerk would now forward this.</p>	GC
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