

STICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Venue Stickford Community Centre started at 7.30pm on 10th May 2022

DRAFT MINUTES

No. of Residents present, 2		Official attendees read Y for attending N for non-attendance	
Chairman Councillor Mrs Lesley Reeson	Y	Councillor vacancy	N
Councillor Mrs Pam Bryant	Y	Councillor vacancy	N
Councillor Mr Clive Kingswood	Y	Councillor vacancy	N
Councillor Mr John Howlett	Y	Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki George	Y
Lincs C C Councillor Mrs W Bowkett	Y	ELDC Councillor Mr Terry Taylor	N

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.
2. Update and Matters Arising from last Annual Meeting of the Parish held 18th May 2021 :
 - 1) Potholes: Many of the potholes around the village have been filled in but there are more to be done. The Clerk regularly walks around the village and photographs any bad areas and reports them on Fix My Street. The junction of Hagnaby Road and Hagnaby Lane was reported but deemed not to be bad enough to repair. The bent Cul de Sac sign has been reported and is still outstanding. Fen Road was resurfaced by LCC during 2021 in several places and a section of Catchwater Bank. A new sign for Catchwater Bank has been erected.
 - 2) Speeding: A Speed assessment of the A16 was requested and carried out in March 2022 looking to reduce the speed limit to 50mph. It was declined as the criteria was not met with regards to Density of Development and Accident Data.
 - 3) Cleaning of dykes: Witham Fourth have kept their sections clean and the Environment Agency have done theirs too.
 - 4) Bus Shelters: Some have been treated with wood preservative, and the others need to be done this year.
 - 5) Dog Bins: All are emptied regularly. No complaints about dog bagged faeces being left on the ground at the Dog bins. New dog bin erected in April 2022 along Back Lane by the public footpath style.

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- 6) War Memorial Clock: Grant application has been submitted for the funds to repair the clock. It is to be presented to the granting board on 8th June 2022.
- 7) Stickford Parish Council Website : it is regularly updated by the Clerk. A maintenance contract has been arranged via LALC to assist the Clerk.
- 8) Burglaries : no more burglaries have been reported.
- 9) Viking Link : work continues with no issues
- 10)Footpaths : no reports of any issues
- 11)Noise complaint from May 2020 VE Day : Clerk corresponded with ELDC who clarified the rules for future village celebrations.
- 12)Caravans on the Airfield : the occupants that live in the caravans do so with the permission of the land owner. LCC Travellers Welfare Officer is in regular contact with them and they have been given a time limit to tidy the area up.
- 13)Strimmer & Mower : risk assessments have been prepared and they are in use keeping the church grounds tidy. Accident Book and First Aid kit are available. The Chairman stores it at her property when not in use.

Approval of Minutes from 18th May 2021 : all agreed to approve the Minutes and the Chairman signed them.

3. Annual Reports :

- 1) Chairmans Report : This has been Lesley's first year as the Chairman and acknowledges that there has been a lot to learn and take on board but all seems to be going well. Nicki & Lesley keep in regular touch.
- 2) Community Centre : see Appendix 1 & 2. Report and Financial info.
- 3) Stickford Charities : see Appendix 3. The question was posed that if the free bus service is not being fully utilised could it be opened up to more people. This request will be taken to the Committee.

4. Residents' Open Forum :

- 1) Litter Bin : request that ELDC be asked again for a new/replacement bin by the bus shelter near Peachwood Motors. Clerk to action.
- 2) Bin by Glass Recycling is broken : Clerk to report it to ELDC.

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The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.10pm

Date of the next Annual Meeting of the Parish to be 9th May 2023.

Date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is 17th May 2022. 7.30pm

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App 1 Stickford Community Centre Report 2020-2022

Stickford Community Centre Report 2020/2022

The Community centre closed in March 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic and did not re-open until August 2020 for events with a restricted number of people attending.

During the pandemic the Community Centre received small business grants from the government which enabled improvements to be made. The hall has been re-decorated throughout, the damp walls sorted out and the drainage of the playground investigated with work planned to remedy the problems. There has also been a new wall built around the oil tank and a skip was hired to remove things which had accumulated over many years.

Stickford Community Centre has been open as usual this year and the village groups are meeting once more – Keals Club, Stickford Local History Group and the W I which has recently become Stickford Ladies Social Circle. It continues to be well used by Training groups and there are two that regularly book it. Fund raising events take place here as do parties and meetings.

The management committee continues to meet regularly to discuss any issues and to plan for the future.

Cheryl Steele

Chairman of Stickford Community Centre management committee

App 2 St Comm Centre Financial Report

STICKFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2021

		<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenses</u>	
Lettings	140.00			Cleaner	156.96	
Interest	1.13			Cleaning Materials	48.57	
Donations	100.00			Grass Cutting	<u>220.00</u>	423.53
ELDC Grant		241.13				
ELDC Grants	<u>19003.21</u>	19003.21		Insurance	802.52	
				Heating Oil	341.10	
				Electricity	293.63	
				Water	<u>98.36</u>	1535.61
Macmillan	<u>90.00</u>	90.00		Newsletter	125.92	
				Examining Books	25.00	
				Covex	240.65	
				Batteries	16.00	
				Macmillan	90.00	
				Green Bin ELDC	40.00	
				Trolley	35.00	
				Skip	195.00	
				Refreshments	12.07	
				Postages	<u>9.10</u>	788.74
				Damp	600.00	
				Decorating	2989.47	
				Material Decorating	320.11	
				Windows	3260.00	
				Garage Refurb	204.54	
				Plumbing	270.80	
				Drains	<u>720.00</u>	8364.92
				Aegis	90.00	
				Taylor's	75.80	
				Firestops	<u>25.50</u>	191.10
<u>Balance Forward</u>				Cash	31.58	
Cash	359.34			Deposit Account	2624.67	
Deposit Account	2623.54			Current Account	<u>20163.64</u>	22819.89
Current Account	<u>11806.57</u>	14789.45				<u>34123.79</u>
		<u>34123.79</u>				
Restricted Sports Don	1002.12			Restricted Sports Don	1002.12	
Restricted Fund	<u>12300.00</u>			Restricted Fund	<u>15000.00</u>	
					<u>16002.12</u>	
Funds Available	<u>1487.33</u>			Funds Available	<u>6817.77</u>	

Treasurer - J.V. Catchpole

Examiner [Signature]
Date 28-05-2021

STICKFORD CHARITIES REPORT

MAY 10th 2022

Stickford has 2 Charities, The Stickford Relief in Need, and the Education Charity.

The Stickford Relief in Need Charity, continues to provide vouchers for children of school age and sixth form who need a school uniform, and are resident in the village. The vouchers are £75 per child, and can be from Oldrids Downtown or the School Uniform Shop in Spilsby. These can be split into vouchers of £25 from either company. This charity also proves birth grants, funeral expenses, and assistance to residents in the village on written request. Pensioners resident in the village receive a Christmas grant.

The Education Charity is to support by financial grants any education objectives including, for equipment, books, courses and experiences, for people of any age resident in the Parish of Stickford (including those normally resident there but attending university or college elsewhere) such grants to be means tested if the Trustees in their discretion so require.

There is a free bus service to Boston on Wednesday, and Horncastle on Thursday each month, for those without access to their own transport, and those who can show a genuine need to use the service, even if they have their own transport as well.

The trustees are only allowed to spend the interest on the capital which is according to the agreed scheme.

All applications for grants should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Katherine Bunting, at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Stickford, Boston PE22 8EP.

A statement of both accounts is on display on the notice board in the Community Centre.

Trustees are:- Pam Bryant, Dave Bursnell, Helen Edwards, Wendy Morley, Reverend Fran Jeffries.