

WEST STAFFORD AUTUMN PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held in West Stafford Village Hall on
Friday 3 November 2017

1. Present

Alan Thacker (Chairman KPC), Paul Thompson (West Stafford Village Meeting Clerk) and 29 others.

2. Chairman's Report

Alan explained that in the absence of a Chairman from the Village the Chairman or Vice Chairman of KPC would Chair the meeting. He welcomed those present to the meeting.

3. Apologies

Ann Jacklin, Jane Pryce, David and Pauline Old.

4. Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Friday 28 April 2017.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

5. Matters arising.

a. Silverlake development update.

Alan reported that the first stage of houses had been sold with prices between £350K to £1.3M. KPC had been promised a 'visit' to the site in July but no action has been taken to date. It is hoped that a proposed road linking the end of West Stafford bypass to Silverlake will go ahead but this depends on confirmation of funds from WDC and Network Rail. The road would result in the elimination of the railway crossing between West Stafford and Crossways.

b. Village defibrillator.

Sandy Tubby explained that a defibrillator for use in emergency cardiac arrest will be supplied and maintained by the Community Heartbeat Trust. The defibrillator will be housed in the existing post-box and BT has agreed to supply power without charge. Funds for the defibrillator have been raised by Philip at the Wiseman in the order of £2000. In discussions it was suggested that the maintenance fees of approximately £160 annually will be raised from further events in the Village. The situation will be reviewed next year with the possibility of raising a precept if there is a shortfall. There was unanimous agreement that the scheme should go ahead and thanks to Sandy and Philip.

c. West Stafford bypass blindspot.

There were further discussion concerning the blindspot and the efforts of Dr Richard Foxell to clear the branches. It was noted that there had been a recent car accident. Tim Pryce offered to help Richard to clear the branches and will contact him.

4. West Stafford Green Committee

A request by Gordon Shaw on behalf of the Committee for a draw down from the Green Dowry from WDC of £1279 was agreed unanimously.

5. Playing Fields

A request from Jason Braybrooke, the new chairman of the Playing Fields Management committee, for £600 through the Precept to cover the cost of insurance for the financial year 2017/8 was accepted unanimously.

6. Village Website.

Bill Painter spoke about the website started by him and currently managed by webmaster Geoffrey Pickett. There was general agreement that the website was a good thing for the Village and thanks to Geoff and Bill. After some discussion it was agreed that a precept of up to £100 per year would be requested from KPC for maintenance of the site.

7. Planning application for development at Wynd Close WD/D/17/000035.

Gordon Shaw reported the results of a survey of Village households carried out in the summer by himself, Sandy Tubby and Paul Thompson. There were 54 replies with 69% rejecting the proposal for the development. As a result KPC strongly opposed the application. We await the decision of WDDC.

8. Any other business.

Concern was raised by Garry Coombs and Penny Stevens about the lack of a speed limit along the road through Talbothayes cottages and the resulting danger to pedestrians. Alan explained that this had been raised by KPC but no action had been taken. However, the new speed limit at Broadmayne may be a precedent and Alan suggested that Garry and Penny lobby at the KPC meeting at West Stafford on 13 December 2017.

There was a round of applause for Bill Painter for resurrecting the Village Newsletter and acting as the contact person for Village news.

The meeting closed at 2020.

Paul Thompson, Clerk.
November 2017.