

Agenda

A Meeting of Staploe Parish Council will be held at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15th Jan 2019 in the Village Hall at **Wyboston**, Morris Walk, off The Lane, Wyboston MK44 3AU

Apologies for absence

2019/001. Declarations of Interest (7.45)

2019/002. Public Open Forum (7.45-8pm)

Standing orders will be suspended to allow parishioners to make representations about items on the agenda below.

2019/003. Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2018 (8-8.02)

2019/004. Community Events (8.02-8.05)

- Pantomime Puss in Boots, Priory Centre, St. Neots. Saturday 12th January 3.30pm
- Parish Walk to the barrow at Sacred Stones in Hail Weston leaving from Duloe Village Hall car park at 10.30am on Saturday 26th January 2019. The Barrow will be open for viewing and refreshments will be provided.
- Curry Night Saturday 2nd March Colmworth Village Hall
- Litter pick 10th March 2pm Meeting at Duloe Village Hall (car park).

2019/005. Planning (8.05-8.10)

- Report response to the following planning application.

Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link
Full Planning Application	Garage conversion with external alterations to form garden room	2A Staploe, PE19 5JA	09/01/2019	18/03108/FUL

- Government updates to National Planning Policy Framework may put Bedford Borough Council Local Plan 2030 and their 5 year housing supply at risk.

2019/006. Highways and Rights of Way (8.10-8.25)

- Consider road names for unnamed roads in the parish
- Consider request for additional horse and rider signs to be installed in the parish and particularly near access points for bridleways.
- Consider request to improve the bridleway network (or informal arrangements for access for horse riders) in our parish
- Consider request for introducing weight restrictions in Honeydon / Begwary around the bends near Manor Farm Lane.
- Meeting with Tony Langstaff of the Highways Department 16th January
- Possible closure of access to the A1 in Wyboston and Chawston – consider implications for our parish
- Consider need to identify any ‘Lost Ways’, i.e. paths that have been used in the past but not captured on the Definitive Map of Bedford Borough Council. The Government has allowed until 1st January 2026 for this.

2019/007. Street lights (8.25-8.30)

- Choose preferred option for street light replacement

2019/008. Broadband (8.30-8.35)

- Consider next steps following response from Bedford Borough Council that fibre to the premises will be installed in Honeydon by end March 2019 but no improvements are planned for Upper Staploe.

2019/009. Village Hall and Playing Field Containers (8.35-8.50)

- Consider any request for support from the Village Hall Committee. They have been unable to obtain buildings insurance in view of the hall being declared unsafe and the trustees could potentially be liable for injuries. They are meeting on 10th January to discuss next steps.
- The Hall is unable to obtain building insurance since the building is unsafe.
- Electricity meter was removed from the hall on 16th December.
- Consider examining the collapsed drain with a camera to find out where the collapse is and how to repair it in order to help plan for a rebuild. Results will indicate whether repairs will cost approx. £500 (if it can be sleeved) or thousands if it has to be replaced or we have to move the containers to access it. Lanes Drains quoted £150 to inspect.
- Report regarding an offer of £8,700 from the developers of the Solar Farm at Little Staughton Airfield and our response requesting £20,000 towards rebuilding the Village Hall.

2019/010. Ward Report (8.50-8.55)

- Borough Cllr. T. Wootton's report
- Ward Fund. Repairs to the bus shelter are planned for the week commencing 14th January.

2019/011. Playing Field, Duloe Common and Assets (8.55-9.05)

- Paying for 2018 grass cutting on the playing field as a gift to the Duloe and Staploe Village Playing Field Charity (the Parish Council is able to reclaim VAT whereas the Playing Field Charity is not).
- Request for a litter bin in Shakers Way

2019/012. Finance (9.05-9.30)

- Approve receipts and payments
- Sign cheques
- Bank reconciliation
- Consider setting up a new payments account with a debit card and simple mandate for use by the Clerk to allow more freedom to make online purchases.
- Review banking arrangements and mandates
- Review direct debits and standing orders for contracts
- Review the internal audit process

2019/013. Policies (9.30-9.35)

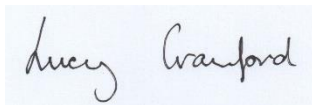
- Review equality and diversity policy
- Public Sector Bodies (Websites & Mobile Applications) (No 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018

2019/014. Agree meeting dates for 2019 (9.35-9.40)

2019/015. Training (9.40-9.45)

- VAT training in Old Warden – Clerk £40
- Councillors training requests

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Lucy Crawford', on a light blue rectangular background.

Lucy Crawford, Clerk to Staploe Parish Council, 33, Staploe, St. Neots PE19 5JA