

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Staploe Parish Council Held Online on Zoom at 7.15pm on Tuesday 10th August 2021

This meeting was held online because it was convened to make a short decision which would not warrant the hire of a hall. The decision will be ratified at our next “in person” meeting on 13th September.

Present: Cllr. J. Ibbett (Chair), Cllr. V. Zwetsloot, Cllr. J. Thomson, Cllr. D. Smith, Cllr. G. Meola, Lucy Crawford (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr. R. Squire (has declared an interest due to his own site submissions), Cllr. E. Meola and Cllr. D. Smith.

2021/096. Declarations of interest

None

2021/097. Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th July

Having been previously circulated these were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr. G. Meola and seconded by Cllr. V. Zwetsloot.

2021/098. Public Open Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

2021/099. Consider whether to accept the quote from Parker Planning to prepare a highways technical note for our response to Bedford Borough Council’s Local Plan at a cost of £2,300.00 + VAT. This would entail reviewing existing transport/highways data and drafting a highways technical note.

It was resolved to commission this highways technical note. The decision was unanimous.

2021/100. Next meetings

- **Public meeting with our planning consultant on the evening of Tuesday 17th August at 7.30pm Colmworth Village Hall**
- **Online parish council meeting on Thursday 26th August to finalise the Parish Council’s response to the Local Plan** (since May 2021 Parish Council meetings are supposed to be held “in person” but due to holiday commitments it would not be possible to meet “in person” between receiving the planners report and the public deadline for the local plan on 3rd September – hence the online meeting. This will enable us to inform residents of our response before the public deadline.
- **“In person” Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th September 7.45pm -Wyboston Village Hall.** We will ratify the decisions taken in online meetings on 10th August and 26th August. The Parish Council have an extension until 17th September to respond to the consultation (but this does not apply to members of the public).

The meeting closed at 7.30pm