

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Staploe Parish Council Held at 7.45pm on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 33, Staploe PE19 5JA.

Present: Cllr. J. Ibbett, Cllr. V. Zwetsloot, Cllr. P. Yockney and Lucy Crawford (Clerk)

Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Thomson, Cllr. E. Meola, Cllr. G. Meola.

2023/084. Declarations of Interest

None

2023/085. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present but Cllr. J. Ibbett informed the Clerk that the Old Chapel in Honeydon is for sale and she is concerned that the electricity may have been turned off. The electricity supplies the defibrillator cabinet to keep it frost free so it will be important once temperatures fall below 5°C. Lucy Crawford will ask Thomas Morris who currently own the Old Chapel to keep her informed so that we can move the defibrillator if necessary.

Cllr. V. Zwetsloot proposed Cllr. J. Ibbett for nomination for the BATPC committee (too late for the AGM but she may be able to be coopted if there is a vacancy).

2023/086. Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st September 2023

It was resolved to postpone the approval of the minutes as only Cllr. P. Yockney had been present had been at the September meeting so there was no one available to second the motion to approve the minutes.

2023/087. Planning Applications

- Consider how to respond to the following application:

Application number	Type	Description	Location	Deadline	Link
23/02102/FUL	Full planning application	Conversion of existing light industrial units to 7 residential dwellings and demolition of 3 no. light industrial units.	Farm Buildings At Tythe Farm Staploe Road Wyboston Bedfordshire	31/10/2023	23/02102/FUL

It was resolved to support this application. Although in theory this is development in open countryside the site is effectively brownfield development, the homes will be replacing / converting existing buildings and the built footprint will be reduced because some buildings will be demolished. The Parish Councillors felt that the plans will provide an aesthetic improvement to the existing farmyard and an improvement to the area around the listed building of Tythe Farm House. They felt that it was unlikely to create a significant increase in traffic vs the current light industrial traffic already experienced. Proposed by Cllr. P. Yockney and seconded by Cllr. J. Ibbett. Unanimous.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th November

The meeting closed at 8pm