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Minutes of a meeting being held on Wednesday 10th November 2021, at the Abbey Room, St Giles Church, Croxden ST14 5JG. The meeting commenced at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Bean, Cllr Hall, Cllr Hemingway, Cllr James and the Clerk.

- 21.11.001 APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES – Cllr Brandrick, Approved.
- 21.11.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS. None
- 21.11.003 TO RESOLVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH September 2021 ARE A CORRECT RECORD. **RESOLVED.**
- 21.11.004 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None
- 21.11.005 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

BULB PLANTING PROJECT – UPDATE

Bulb planting of crocus took place on 2nd October on A522, Beamhurst. SCC advised of area to be planted. Daffodils distributed to residents in Beamhurst and Greatgate/Croxden. Press release to Echo and Uttoxeter Voice. Planting will be reviewed in Spring in case more bulbs needed.

CROXDEN VILLAGE SIGN – UPDATE

SCC sign was installed on 1st November 2021.
Thank you to Cllr Atkins for the funding of this sign.
Daffodils were planted around the base.

LONELINESS – NALC REPORT – LEAFLET, ACTIVITIES, SIGN POSTING IN COMMUNITY – CONSIDER AND APPROVE

Councillors discussed the NALC report and Cllr James will liaise with St Giles Church Committee and Hollington Village Hall committee to offer any help they need to ensure loneliness is tackled in the Parish.

- 21.11.006 BEAMHURST FOOTPATH – CONSIDER INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT MAINTENANCE AND APPROVE
Councillors discussed the request from residents to clear the grass from the footpath in Beamhurst (A522). Councillor **RESOLVED** to report to SCC.
- 21.11.007 BUDGET 2022-2023
Councillors reviewed the Budget and **RESOLVED** to adopt for next year.



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21.11.008 PRECEPT REQUEST 2022-2023

Councillors RESOLVED to request £5,799.87 from East Staffordshire Borough Council for precept 2022-2023

21.11.009 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS:

P2017/01591 and P2018/00942 - Agricultural Barn, Croxden ST14 5JG

Councillors reviewed the response from ESBC regarding discharge of conditions on all planning applications. ESBC advised there is no requirement for local planning authorities to consult on the discharge of conditions applications. Councillors RESOLVED to request more detail in future applications.

<http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/MVM/Online/dms/DocumentViewer.aspx?PK=631349&SearchType=Planning%20Application>

NEW

P/2021/01207- Woottons Farm Croxden Uttoxeter ST14 5JD – Installation of a new electric pole and overhead power line by Western Power Distribution – No comment added
02.10.2021

P/2021/01309 - Croxden Farm Croxden Lane Croxden ST14 5FB - Enclose two bays of the existing three bay carport to provide secure garaging, formation of a pond and extend patio area. No comment added 30.10.2021

DECISIONS

P/2021/00662 – Woodhouse Farm Nabb Lane Rocester Staffordshire ST14 5JB – Conversion of outbuilding to form a holiday let, erection of a front canopy and installation of rooflights – PERMITS

P/2021/00878 – Barn next to Gravelly Bank Farm Hollington Lane Hollington Staffordshire ST10 4HJ – Prior Approval – Class Q for the conversion of agricultural barn to form a dwelling – GIVEN

P/2021/00392 - Croxden Abbey Croxden Uttoxeter Staffordshire ST14 5JG - Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the continued use of land as domestic curtilage – NOT GIVEN

P/2021/01207 - Woottons Farm Croxden Uttoxeter ST14 5JD - Installation of a new electric pole and overhead power line by Western Power Distribution - GIVEN

21.11.0010 TO RECEIVE ORAL REPORT FROM BOROUGH/COUNTY COUNCILLOR. None

21.11.0011 FINANCE – TO CONSIDER & AUTHORISE PAYMENTS OF LIST BELOW AND RECEIVE FINANCIAL UPDATES:

Cheques 24/081 & 26/082 signed in between meetings.

Brightpay offer an online data back-up service for 50p per month – Councillors RESOLVED to subscribe.

Ref/Cheque	Item	Amount
24/081	Mrs Gibson – Refund for extra Daffodil bulbs	£100



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25/SO	Council Administration – October	£195.87
26/082	WH Durose – Stile replacement at Footpath 31	£276 (in £46 VAT)
27/SO	Council Administration – November	£195.87
28/083	Mrs VRE Gibson – Homeworking and stationery	£20.42
29/084	RBL Poppy Appeal – Poppy Wreath	£50
30/085	WH Durose – Stile Replacement at Footpath 34	£264 (inc £44 VAT)
RECEIVED		
No 6	East Staffordshire Borough Council – 2 nd Precept payment	£2,731.90
Bank Balance		
Lloyds	01.10.2021	£5,445.96

21.11.0012 CORRESPONDENCE

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and Staffordshire County Council Update Webinar - 27 September 18:00 – 20:00.

Public Works Loans Board (PWLb) lending – SPCA bulletin 09.09.2021

Staffordshire County Council ‘Highways and Rights of Way -Your choices’ website is available for all local councils to explore at www.highwaysyourway.info/ - SPCA bulletin 30.09.2021

Tackling loneliness – SPCA bulletin 16.09.2021 NALC Case studies

<https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/2935-loneliness-case-studies/file>

OS information - The PSGA is a funded agreement between Ordnance Survey and the Geospatial Commission, that allows all public sector organisations to access, use, and share OS location data.

Mental health survey – Staffordshire County Council – SPCA Bulletin 07.10.2021 – details on website

Points of Light 2021 document – outlining Parish Council projects in UK – SPCA Bulletin 07.10.2021

Urgent and Emergency Care -information from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System about the need to design a local approach to create a network of urgent treatment centres that meet the needs of local people Website:

www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk <https://www.england.nhs.uk/urgent-emergency-care/urgent-treatment-centres/>

A50 Road Noise complaint– Reference 22065001 - Noise HECCC:0785020 - Janet Baley Service Delivery Manager, A50 DBFO, Operations Midlands responded to the Parish Council request to investigate the noise that affects Beamhurst from the A50. The response concluded that A50 parallel to Beamhurst does not currently meet the Defra Hot Spot noise level needed for improvements. For more information on how the strategic noise mapping



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were created, please see following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-noise-mapping-2019>

Cllr James and Clerk to response to the reply, requesting that Beamhurst be considered again as a hot spot.

CPR Course - Saturday 16th October 2021 / drop in anytime between 3pm and 5.30pm. At St John Ambulance, Upton House, 18 Lichfield Road, Stafford, ST17 4LJ

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) announced it was becoming the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)

Road Closure Notice – for Alton Towers event – Roads Closed are: Wootton Lane, in a generally westerly direction, from its junction with Farley Lane to its junction with Westhouse Lane AND Hay Lane, in a generally south-westerly direction from its junction with Westhouse Lane to its junction with Wootton Road. On 5th/6th/7th November from 5pm until midnight. Notice: https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1118/special-events-road-race-123552224_3370408_cee0b68a34.pdf

Police, Fire Consultation Survey - Take part in the consultation which is an opportunity for you to give your feedback on the Commissioner's proposed Police and Crime Plan, and Fire & Rescue Plan 2021-2024. <https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/get-involved/have-your-say/>

Beamhurst flooding – resident provided map and photos of area that floods, by Beamhurst Hall, Clerk sent to Highways 28.10.2021

Carbon Emission Impact Estimator provided by Cllr Atkins, Croxden PC scored 141t CO2e* per-household territorial footprint (p.a.) <https://impact-tool.org.uk/about> Councillors discussed the impact tool, and Cllr Hemingway to visit the Eco Centre, Uttoxeter for notices for the Parish Council website and noticeboards to advise residents of how to combat emissions/Climate Change.

Polling District Review - Notice of Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places following the Local Boundary Review – ESBC provided a list of polling sites, with review between 1st November and 30th November 2021. St Giles Church, Croxden is polling place. Clerk will reply advising venue acceptable.

Climate Change – NALC Report – what can local councils do on climate change. SPCA bulletin 03.11.2021

Rural Services Network – various updates forwarded to Councillors.

'Kind Minds' newsletter – a half-termly e-newsletter about children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. 'Kind Minds' is produced by several partner organisations across Staffordshire, with useful information about services to support children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing, local and national campaigns, and resources and training opportunities. – on website

First Responders – reply from Murray MacGregor, Communications Director, West Midlands Ambulance Service to Parish Council letter regarding Ambulance provision for residents – concluded that, "West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) will work from three hubs, Stoke, Stafford and Lichfield and close the remaining ambulance stations, including Uttoxeter. WMAS continues to be the highest performing ambulance service in the country and we aim to ensure that that position continues to be the case."



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Covid update from Staffordshire County Council – How to get a vaccine:

<https://www.twbstaffsandstoke.org.uk/coronavirus/how-to-get-a-vaccine-where-and-travelling>

Walk-in clinics for the coming days can be found at: Search - Find a walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site (www.nhs.uk)

Testing - find your nearest community testing centre or pharmacist offering testing kits by your postcode at Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

ESBC Parish Council Forum - Thursday 9th December starting at 6:30pm via Zoom –Cllr Bean will attend.

Daffodil bulbs – resident sent a Thank You email for the bulbs. 10.11.2021

Communication and Engagement course – Cllr Hemingway and Cllr James to attend.

Climate Change emergency - July 2019 Staffordshire County Council declared a climate change emergency – SCC Councillors have funds for projects -

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Climate-change/Climate-Action-Fund.aspx>

21.11.0013 CLERK REPORT

Wooden Bollards, St Giles Church Corner, Croxden – Clerk requested that SCC consider relocation so that layby can be used by tractors. SCC advised they will review.

Blithfield Parish Council – Clerk confirmed appointment as Clerk with Chairman agreement 01.10.2021

Stiles replacement on footpath 31 & 34 were carried out by WH Durose and completed by 10.10.2021 – details sent to Rights of Way Team 11.10.2021

Cllr Atkins – Thank you letter regarding funding for Croxden Village Sign – sent 11.10.2021

Defib – Croxden Abbey – New 3yr licence signed with English Heritage 21.10.2021

Silver Stories organisation - The Duchess of Cornwall has taken on the Patronage of @SilverStories2, <https://silverstories.co.uk/>, a new charity which links young schoolchildren by telephone so that they can read to isolated older people. Councillors discussed this project and RESOLVED to find out which schools locally are taking part. Information to be passed to St Giles Church once obtained.

Poppy Wreath – provided by RBL Poppy Appeal – 24.10.2021

Proposed Parish Councils/Alton Towers Liaison Committee - Carmen Giuliano-Worthington, from Oakamoor PC contacted Alton Towers 27.10.2021

NALC and the Local Government Association call for the Government to allow councils to use virtual and hybrid council meetings options again. Survey completed 28.10.2021

Policies for 2022-2023 – list sent to Councillors – possible include Community Engagement Policy 01.11.2021.

First Responder Provision for Uttoxeter and Surrounding Areas – Letter sent to Professor Anthony C Marsh via his PA Karen Freeman asking to explain the provision for the Parish considering Uttoxeter hub being closed. 01.11.2021

Community Engagement Policy – Clerk found two examples for consideration – Ousden PC and Kenwyn PC.

Traffic count request for Alton Lane, Greatgate to be sent to SCC.



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Weak Bridge surveys to be requested for Croxden Bridge, one by Solar Farm, one by Pointhorne Farm.

21.11.0014 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (information only)

White Bollards – Councillors discussed they are not blending in, Clerk to ask SCC if they can be painted with brown plastic paint. RESOVLED

Highways Log – updated 10.11.2021 – will be uploaded to website.

Community Engagement Policy – Clerk to create a DRAFT for consideration in January Meeting – use Kenwyn Parish Council as a guide – RESOLVED

Loneliness -Loneliness leaflets delivered to St Giles Church Wardens for distribution.

Broadband for Parish – Government has released a new procurement date for services to be delivered between May 2022 – April 2023. Croxden, Staffordshire, likely to be within scope assuming the scheme proceeds as indicated.

Flooding by Croxden Bridge – this continues to occur. Cllr James to request WH Durose to review from a Lengthsman point of view and if drain cannot be cleared, then report to SCC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Next Parish Council meeting will be held on 12th January 2022 at 7pm. The meeting was formally closed at 20.29

Signed.....