

STANDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 27th May 2021 in Standon held in the Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Leage (Chairman Standon PC), Cllr Richard Boxall, Cllr Acland Bryant, Cllr Claudia Chalkley, Cllr Graham Cowell, Cllr Sally Crook, Cllr Pat Foot, Cllr Tony Hall, Cllr Michael Marshall,.

Apologies: SPC Cllr Maureen Wren
HCC: Cllr Jeff Jones
EHDC & HCC Cllr David Andrews

PUBLIC: There was 1 member of the public present

1. Chairman's Welcome & Report

Welcome to everyone, Councillors and the public.

As always, our thanks go to all the Councillors and to our local volunteers for their continued commitment to the community during the Covid pandemic – hopefully we are now moving towards the end of the pandemic and a return to some normality.

The past twelve months have been another busy year for the Parish Council, including a range of activities:

- Responding to planning applications (both individual and larger scale developments). In this respect, the PC has always sought to promote our local Neighbourhood Plan as the key driver in what should be built in the community. There is a major planning application pending at present for the redevelopment of Standon Business Park, the PC will monitor this closely.
- Century Hall on Station Road is for sale. The PC did attempt to make an offer to acquire this as a community asset, but were not able to match the likely market price.
- Monitoring the changes to the A120 road layout and the restructure of the access in to Standon High Street.
- Working to maintain our local open spaces (for example, the PC arranged for the Park Lane trees being removed due to complaints from residents, the trees will be replaced with more suitable trees in the autumn), play grounds and sporting facilities, allotments (which now have a waiting list) and other community facilities; our thanks go to all the volunteers and committees involved. The PC appreciate the work done by the management committees of both the Standon village hall and the Community Centre.

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- The new village green open space has been established in Colliers End. The PC has given support to the Colliers End village hall management team who have been raising funds to allow for a major refurbishment.
- The tennis club has now obtained planning consent to rebuild and provide for toilets.
- The use of Burrs Meadow continues to be monitored to ensure the long term future of this open public space.
- The PC continues to liaise with our local Police colleagues to ensure local policing standards are maintained.
- We continue to support local volunteer groups, such as First Responders and Friends of the River Rib and Quin.
- the Parish Council website is available to all and updated to provide relevant community news.

My thanks again to all Councillors and to the Clerk for their efforts. Whilst the coming year will no doubt bring about many new and some unexpected challenges, the Council will continue to work with the best interests of the community in mind at all times.

Christopher D H Leage
Chairman

2. Public Discussion

A vote of thanks was offered to the Chairman for his hard work across the previous year.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm