

# **Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council**

**Clerk:** Mr B Atkinson  
Danesmead, Main Street, Staveley, HG5 9JY

Minutes of Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## **Present:**

Chairman, Councillor Nick Stringer  
Parish Councillor Lynne Manby  
Parish Councillor Peter Edwards  
Parish Councillor Kevin Atkinson  
Parish Councillor Richard Tesseyman  
Clerk, Bernard Atkinson  
NY Police – Sue Brookes and Lee Brittan  
4 Members of the public

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Parish Councillor David Child  
HBC Councillor Anthony Alton

### **2. To receive declarations of interest**

None received

### **3. To confirm minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015**

The minutes of the meeting was accepted as a true record

### **4. News from NY Police**

Sue Brookes is retiring from NY Police effective October 19<sup>th</sup>. Her successor, Tim Craven, commences on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Parish Council thanked her for all the work she has done on behalf of the village in the past, and wished her well for the future.

### **5. Items brought forward from the last meeting**

#### **5.1 State of the public footpath through Manor Farm garden**

The PC has offered financial assistance of £1,000 towards the cost of re-surfacing the footpath through Manor Farm, with a time limit of 3 months. The offer has been acknowledged by NYCC and a decision is still awaited from them.

#### **5.2 Relationship with YWT**

Car parking for the Nature Reserve on Sundays. The Chairman has approached the school directly, to see if the school car park can be used, but has had no reply. In any case there could be objections from nearby residents. He has also contacted YWT to see if the disabled car park can be opened on Sundays, who have responded stating that it would require volunteer resources which are currently lacking.

It was agreed that the easiest solution would be for YWT to extend the current car park, even though it may require planning permission and additional finance. It was agreed that this should be raised again at the next SNG liaison meeting. **Action LM.**

Some concern was expressed about YWT's plans to make the River Tut meander more, because it might make it slower and therefore more liable to back up and consequently overflow. It was agreed that this should be raised again at the next SNG liaison meeting. **Action LM.**

### **5.3 Highways**

The various issues previously reported are being followed up by David Child. So far it has not proved possible to arrange a meeting with NYCC to discuss these issues. **Action DC/NS**  
It was noted that the dip in the Arkendale Road has been repeatedly mended but is still there. It was agreed that, despite claims to the contrary, NYCC are responsible for the new sign for Copgrove.

### **5.4 Village Greens and verges**

It was agreed that the verge outside Stewart's farm should be included on the grass cutting schedule. **Action BA**

### **5.5 Flooding and drainage problems**

There has been a one-off incident of a manhole cover lifting, but it was after some exceptionally heavy rain, so not worth reporting as yet.

### **5.6 School parking**

The Chairman has written to the school about the inconsiderate parking during school drop-off and pick-up times, but no reply has been received.

### **5.7 Road outside Royal Oak**

It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to get the road outside the Royal Oak adopted by NYCC, and the Clerk agreed to pursue this. **Action BA**

### **5.8 Village website**

The Chairman agreed to have discussions with Paul Smith about turning the current website into a community website. **Action NS.**

### **5.9 Playing Field Inspection**

It was agreed that ant-bird devices should be fitted to the equipment on the playground, secured with cable wraps.

### **5.11 Parish Clerk's position**

Bernard Atkinson confirmed his intention of retiring on or before April 2016. It was agreed that the position should be advertised in Link, with a salary of £1200 p.a. **Action NS**

### **Dates of next meetings**

Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016

