

Minutes of a meeting of the Gaydon Parish Council held on 11th May 2023 at the Village Hall, Gaydon at 7.30pm

Present : Ian Helps (Chairman for the opening of the meeting), Parish Councillors Adrian Claxton, John Davies, Mark Ashton, Maria Carr, Stuart Richardson, Karen Ward

Councillor Chris Mills, Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council

Angela Clarke (Parish Clerk)

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

1. Election of Chair

Ian Helps welcomed everyone to the meeting and read standing order 5H re the process for election of Chair when current chair has not stood for re-election. Cllr Adrian Claxton was proposed as the new Chair and seconded.

Cllr Adrian Claxton was duly elected as the Chair of Gaydon Parish Council.

At this point, Cllr Claxton took the chair and Ian Helps left the meeting room.

2. Election of Vice Chair

Cllr John Davies was proposed and seconded as Vice Chair.

Cllr John Davies was duly elected as Vice chair of Gaydon Parish Council.

3. Apologies

None received

4. Minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 4th April 2023 and the Parish assembly held on 18th April 2023

Minutes from both meetings accepted as a fair record.

5. Declarations of interest

None made

6. Dispensations

None requested

Item 9 was brought forward

Item 13 was brought forward

7. Open forum

The following matters were raised by members of the public in attendance:

Andy reported that the drains at the bottom of Pimple lane were clear but needed to be monitored and maintained this way.

A resident from Gaydon Farm barns asked about the update from the planning officer, Stuart McIver. Resident advised to look at the minutes from meeting on 4th April 2023 where this response was recorded. It was noted that the application was “ minded” to be refused but this is not a definite decision at this stage.

The lock and chain has gone missing from the field gate in Warwick Road= Cllr Claxton to purchase a new one.

8. Matters arising –

- a. 22/01915/FUL shared pictures with case officer which has been sent to enforcement for further investigation
- b. MAC construction company lorries, brown, parked outside garage; phone call made and company asked not to park there.
Motor museum event on Sunday 2nd April - Jeff Coope and Andrea Bruneau updated at Parish assembly meeting 18.04.23 working with the event company to prevent reoccurrence.

9. District Councillor and County Councillor Reports -Cllr C. Mills

County Councillor Chris Mills’ monthly report is enclosed at Appendix B to these Minutes.
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10. Adoption of code of conduct

Agreed to share current code of conduct before next meeting for further discussion.

11. Assignment of Councillor portfolios and working groups

Cemetery, consecrated ground, allocated to the Clerk.

Cllr Ashton allocated play area. Green spaces and phone box. Clerk to share health and safety check sheets with him before next meeting.

Cllr Davies allocated planning

Cllrs Davies and Claxon allocated the community forum which they attend.

Cllr Claxton allocated Roads and street lighting

Cllr Carr allocated street furniture

Cllr Richardson allocated drains and drainage

Cllr Ward and Ian Helps allocated the Neighbourhood plan, it was agreed the meeting on 19th May 2023 should continue as planned with AECOM.

12. Planning

No applications to consider at this meeting

13. Finance

Following consideration of the Finance Report it was **RESOLVED** that the following payments are approved:

Ref	Payee	Gross £	VAT £	Net £
May_23_1	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£17.21	£0.82	£16.39

May_23_2	Yu Energy- Street Lighting – January	£195.17	£9.29	£185.88
May_23_3	Clerk’s salary – A. Clarke	£357.68	£0.00	£357.68
May_23_4	WALC subscription	£205.00	£29.00	£176.00
	<u>Totals</u>			
	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>£781.04</u>	<u>£39.11</u>	<u>£741.93</u>
	<u>Income</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£0.00</u>

See Appendix A for April 2023 bank reconciliation.

14. Dates of future meetings

The below dates were agreed as provisional meeting dates for the next year.

2023 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October,
7th November, 5th December

2024 2nd January, 6th February, 5th March, 2nd April

15. Co-option procedure

Where there is a seat available on the parish council which can be filled, the agreed process to be as follows;

Expressions of interest to be sent to the clerk. An interview with 2 or more councillors and the clerk to then be arranged.

16. Updates

Cllr Davies advised that it may have to be 2 rather than 3 quotes for the cemetery path and vehicle access due to the limited number of companies expressing in interest in the work. If this is the case and as an additional check, it was suggested references should be taken if needed

The Meeting closed at 9.08pm

APPENDIX A

**Bank Reconciliation - 30th April
2023**

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Unity Trust Current account		£	£	£
Opening Balance 31st March 2023				40513.52
Less payments	to update			
Yu Energy	Street Lighting Supply	195.17		
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A. Clarke	Clerk's salary	357.68		
BHIB	Insurance	627.62		
Kirkwells	Neighbourhood plan	3564		
			4761.68	
Add income received				
Precept	Stratford on Avon	7042.50		7042.50
Cashbook at 30th April				35751.84
Less payments outstanding		0.00		
Closing Balance at 30th April 2023		0.00	0.00	42794.34

APPENDIX B

County Councillor report Gaydon Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2023

Charger Safety

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Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is issuing a warning to the residents about the dangers of charging electronic devices on beds, following a recent house fire that started in a young girl's bedroom due to an overheated charger.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/4137/warwickshire-residents-warned-of-the-dangers-of-charging-devices-on-beds-after-house-fire>



Hate Crime in Warwickshire

Everyone should feel safe and respected in Warwickshire, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender, or any other characteristic. The law protects everyone against prejudice or hostility that is directed towards them based on their disability, identity, nationality race or religion. Don't be afraid; speak up and #ReportHateCrime here: <https://reporthatenow.com>

Transforming SEND support in Warwickshire

An innovative resource has launched to support neurodivergent children and young people in Warwickshire.

There have been issues with parents who have a child with SEND who cannot access mainstream schools. Fortunately, WCC does have a school for children with these needs in Bedworth.



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Warwickshire’s Food Strategy set to boost affordability and sustainability.

At its meeting on Tuesday 18 April 2023, Warwickshire County Council Cabinet approved its ambitious approach to transforming the county's food system and improving the health and wellbeing of its residents.

Taking action on food poverty and making good quality, healthy and affordable food available for all is at the heart of this new strategy. The aim of this plan includes Reducing food poverty and resulting ill-health; Promoting local and sustainable food; and Decreasing food waste and greenhouse gases related to our food system.

Warwickshire County Council has allocated £120k to support the development and implementation of this work.

The Warwickshire Food Strategy 2023-2026 is available to view online

at <https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/s30257/The%20draft%20Warwickshire%20Food%20Strategy%202023-2026%20Cabinet%20Report.pdf>

Cost of Living

Eligible families receiving certain benefits will receive their first Cost of Living Payment for 2023 between 25 April and 17 May.

Eligible families receiving tax credits will receive their first Cost of Living Payment for 2023 between 2-9 May.

You don't need to apply – if you are eligible, you will be paid automatically the same way you usually receive your benefit or tax credits.

For more info: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>

I need Help now

If you are feeling overwhelmed by the rising costs of living and need advice on what you can do now to get the support you need, visit the “I need support now” page on the Warwickshire Cost of Living website.

You'll find advice on how to pay for your food, energy and water, how to get money advice, how to manage aspects of family life, how to access emergency food and what to do if your mental health has been affected.

Find help here: <https://www.costoflivingwarwickshire.co.uk/home/i-need-urgent-help>

Energy Bills Support Scheme

Residents using prepayment meters are encouraged to claim their £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme voucher to help with paying energy costs this winter. Posters (in English + 5 languages)

For those who do not receive the discount automatically, you will need to apply for energy bill support. You may be eligible to apply if your main home is:

A residential park home, on a boat on a permanent residential mooring on a permanent Gypsy and Traveller site, part of a heat network without an electricity meter. In social or private rented accommodation which has a business energy connection or a communal electricity supply, off the mains electricity or gas grid. In a care home or assisted living facility

and you pay for some or all of your care or in a separate domestic home within a non-domestic property (such as a farmhouse or a flat above a shop)

If you are eligible, find out how to apply here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-energy-bill-support-if-not-automatic>

County Councillors Grant Fund

Round 1 of the Councillors' Grant Fund opened for applications on Tuesday 9th May the **deadline of Sunday 18 June at 5pm.**

Applications should be submitted using the online application form found on our webpage <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>. For help with completing your application form, applicants are encouraged to speak to their local Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) Funding and Group Development Officers. Details can be found on their webpage www.wcava.org.uk

Chris Mills
Kineton and Red Horse

APPENDIX C

District Councillor Report

Gaydon Annual Parish Council Meeting

11th May 2023

2022/23 has been a challenging for SDC but has remained successful. Although the merger between Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council didn't materialise it has resulted in cost savings. Benefits identified: Financial savings of £500k (as a one-off saving) have been recognised with joint technical expertise specialisms coming from each Council. A joint waste contract has shown financial savings at an estimated at £300k. Corporate services, a financial saving of £150k recurring. The new 123+ waste collection service in

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collaboration with WDC started in August 2022 across South Warwickshire for residents in Stratford-on-Avon District. The introduction of the service had a few teething problems but has been proved to be very effective and is now one of the most successful food waste recycling districts in the UK.

Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils met on 7th December to consider the recommendation for an Issues and Options consultation on the South Warwickshire Local Plan. The consultation ran from 9 January – 20 February 2023. The SWLP can be viewed on the Stratford District Council Website.

Approximately 850 jobs were created or safeguarded in the District as part of a £1.2m government funding scheme to help business with their post-Covid recovery plans. The District Council Collaborated with the CWLEP Growth Hub to identify companies in a wide variety of sectors that wanted to accelerate their expansion plans. 703 jobs were safeguarded and 133 jobs created and helped many of our residents on means-tested benefits received payments as part of a £37 billion government package to help families with cost-of-living pressures.

Over **44,700 households across Stratford-on-Avon District** were helped with the **Council Tax Rebate Scheme** – the £150 non-repayable rebate for households in England in Council Tax bands A to D. Stratford-on-Avon District Council paid out over £5.74million in the Government provided grant. Stratford-on-Avon District Council also paid out over £4.26m to 28,445 eligible households for the £150 Council Tax energy rebate.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council made £50,000 available to support lower income households who are struggling to pay energy bills this winter. The Council partnered with Act on Energy

Households with children benefited from up to £500 and households without children up to £300. Act on Energy made the payment directly to the household's energy supplier. The energy price Guarantee was brought in on 1 October to help with energy costs. The Energy Price Guarantee will now run until April 2023.

The population of Stratford-on-Avon District was estimated by the census to be 134,700. The population of the district is estimated to have grown by 11.8%. The district still has an aging population as people still aspire to live in the district of Stratford. This has put a strain on our local GP practices.

It was predicted that the tourist and hospitality business would now be back to the pre-pandemic levels of 2019 but this has not materialised resulting in a loss of car parking revenues for SDC and lower footfalls for the retail businesses in the district. Added to this, many more people are now working from home, which has influenced the food and café outlets.

Even though SDC has lost revenue in a few sectors, Stratford District Council made it a priority in helping as many of the residents and businesses who needed support in these unprecedented times by making grants/rebates available and are laying the foundation for economic growth. The work of the Council has supported the local economy and has paid

£73 million in sustaining over 7,000 businesses through 13 different Covid Grant Schemes and reliefs. SDC received £1.227 million in additional resources grant to provide support to businesses.

In Summary, although it has been a tough year for all concerned, Stratford District Council is still in a very good financial position by being prudent with their decision making whilst not sacrificing their main frontline services

Chris Mills

District Councillor