

**THE FIRST TIER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting**  
**27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm at The Welcome Centre, Little Stanion.**

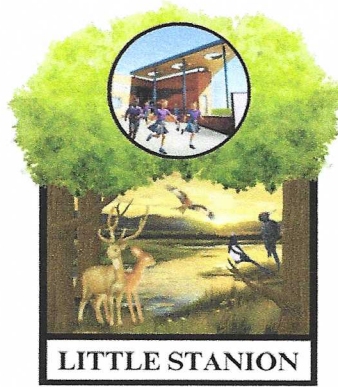
**Present:**

Councillor Charlie Anson (Chair)  
Councillor Roger Jones (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Andrei Marcu  
Councillor Stuart Masterson  
Councillor Stuart Nash

Dionne Busby (Clerk/RFO)  
Cllr Watts, North Northants Cllr  
1 Members of the public

- 481/23-24 **A minute for remembrance for Councillor Christopher Horsman**  
It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Councillor Horsman. The council had a minute silence while we remembered all the work Cllr Horsman had done in his time as a Councillor.
- 482/23-24 **Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor Wade is currently on a sabbatical, Councillor Darling has sent apologies, Apologies accepted by council. Councillor Bah has sent in his resignation as a Councillor which has been accepted by the council. We would like to thank Cllr Bah for all he has done in his time as a Parish Councillor.
- 483/23-24 **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary/other interests by Councillors and dispensation Requests.**  
There were no disclosures of interest by members in items on the agenda.
- 484/23-24 **Minutes of previous meeting**  
**Minutes of the Little Stanion Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 RESOLVED** these minutes be **CONFIRMED** by this Parish Council as being a correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.
- 485/23-24 **Public Participation Session**  
A resident mentioned the things he wanted to discuss were on the agenda already.
- 486/23-24 **Reports – for information only.**





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1. Safer Communities Team and Highways. Were not in attendance but sent their apologies.
2. Northants Councillors. Cllr Watt was in attendance; gave an update on the budget they will be receiving for highways which will go towards the roads i.e. pot holes.
3. PC Brad Wilson Policing. Update sent to Council prior to the meeting which was read out during the meeting. PC Brad Wilson was not in attendance.
4. Any other reports. None.

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**Finance**

1. Report all bank balances, monies received and any invoices raised – **RESOLVED**
2. To Consider & approve the payments made between 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (report sent to Councillors ahead of the meeting). It was **RESOLVED** to approve these payments.
3. Bank reconciliation – To be given in March's meeting
4. Insurance – The Clerk to get quotes ready for March's meeting
5. Cilca Course -The Cilca course expenditure was factored in when the Resources Committee met and the precept for 2024-25 was agreed. The Clerk will receive an additional 16 hours paid hours for 12 months or the duration of the course which ever is shorter. This was agreed with the precept budget for 24/25. The additional hours will start from Marches pay inline with the start of the course.

Schedule of Payments February 2024

Payee	Details	Powers	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Dionne Busby (S/O)	Clerks February Salary via Charity Payroll Service s/o	LGHA 1972, s112	666.39	-	666.39
Dionne Busby	Clerks February Expenses	LGA 1963 s112	43.99	-	43.99
The Payroll Company (S/O)	Charity Payroll Service s/o	LGA 1972, s111	32.50	-	32.50
Ncalc	Off to a flying Start Ben Darling invoice 3474	LGA 1972 s111	48.00	9.60	57.60

The Clerk's reported on the bank balance and monies received and spent since the last Total combined bank balances £46,993.63 LSPC Current £22,506.95 and LSPC Savings Account £17,537.34. LSVC Current £1,738.10 and LSVC Savings Account £5,211.24 PayPal total currently £188.13

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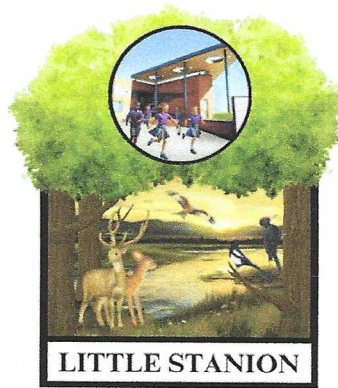
**Committee Reports**

1. **Co-ordination and Liaison working group** – No update.
2. **LSVC** –



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- **Little Stanion Christmas debrief** – Cllr Nash gave a debrief of how the Christmas event went, The Council agreed to spend the remainder of the Christmas budget on storage boxes for the Christmas decorations. Events for the year were read out and a budget for each event was agreed to be spent which will come from the LSVL accounts. Easter event £500, D-day Event TBC, Christmas event £2000
- 3. **Resources** – No update
- 4. **Planning Committee** – update will be given in planning matter on the agenda.
- 5. **Communication** – No update.

#### 489/23-24 **Grants** –

- Canva -
- **Walking trail update** - The trail company Astley met up with LSFM to recce the village to confirm positions for the posts. Installation will proceed shortly.
- **Renaming a walk** – in honour of Cllr Horsman the Council was asked to vote on whether they would like to rename one of the walks Horsman way. It was resolved that one of the walks will be named the Horseman way.
- **Youth club** – Cllr Anson and Cllr Jones met with NAYC in regards to setting up a youth club for Little Stanion. Cllr Jones is looking at funding as this is something that the Parish Council would like to run Free of Charge for the village. A vote was taken that failing funding would the Council be willing to fund the proposal, it was **RESOLVED** that the Council would take reserves from the Bus stop budget to pay £3300 for the youth club to run for 11 sessions which would include 3 qualified staff for May June and July then 2 qualified staff September - April. There will be a session for school years 4-6 which will be at 6-7:15pm then a session for school years 7-9 between 7:30-9pm excluding the school holidays.

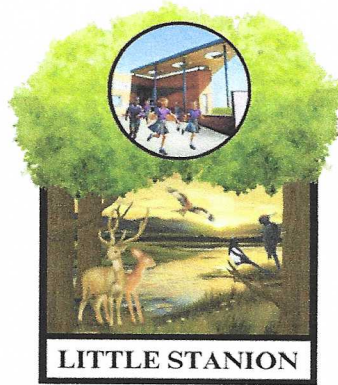
490/23-24 **Representative Matters** – The Clerk has been booked onto the Cilca Course which starts in March.

#### 491/23-24 **Planning Matters**

1. **Further update to be brought to the council attention by the Planning Committee**
  - **NNC meeting update** No further update, the council are keeping an eye on any developments.
  - **Any other planning applications** – *None*

492/23-23 **Website** – Cuttlefish has now acquired 2commune. Cuttlefish provided the tech for 2commune, the Council agreed to continue to use Cuttlefish. Cuttlefish will be updating our





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website free of charge. Cuttlefish will be charging us the same as we were charged with 2commue for the year. The Clerk to enquire about running the booking system from the website. Cuttlefish has sent our invoice for the year excluding the what we have paid to cover February and March.

*Cllr Watts left the meeting.*

#### 493/23-24 **Village Matters**

1. **Meeting with LSFM** – Clerk to invite LSFM to a minute meeting to discuss the increase in management charge.
2. **Update into the investigation of Harpers Brook** – The Clerk was contacted by a resident to ask if the Council would look into acquiring Harpers Brook. The Clerk contacted NCLAC to see where the Council would stand on acquiring Harpers Brook. Ncalc said in principle the Council could take over the management but how this is done legally needs more investigation. Regarding appoint a new director should be covered in Company's Articles of Association, with regards to asset transfer – Harpers Brook will probably have rules about what it does and how it gives up what it is doing. It was suggested that the resident who sent the email look through paper work. The Parish Council are happy to continue to look into it when more information is given.
3. **Welcome Centre**
  - **Grit bin** – The Clerk has sent letter via email to LSFM to ask that they reimburse The Council for the refilling of the grit bins. LSFM has not yet replied. The Clerk to send another email via email and send a letter post.
  - **Welcome Centre usage and standard** – The Clerk to ask the painter to come back to have a look as the paint keeps peeling off the walls.
  - **Refurb update** – The total so far for the refurb was read out. The Council agreed previously to share the cost with Little Stanion Village Committee. 75% to the Parish Council, 25% to Little Stanion Village Committee. The Clerk made the Council aware that she will make the transfer of £1,614.31 from the LSVc account to the LSPC account which is £25 of the total. The Council agreed to this transaction.
  - **Update on storage installation and purchase**– Cllr Nash to take on.
  - **External supplies** – this topic was not supposed be on the agenda.
  - **Projector** – This to be put back on the agenda when Cllr Darling is back.
  - **Fridge** - Clerk to get 3 quotes and put on March's agenda
  - **Internet dongle** – to be put back on the agenda when Cllr Darling is back.

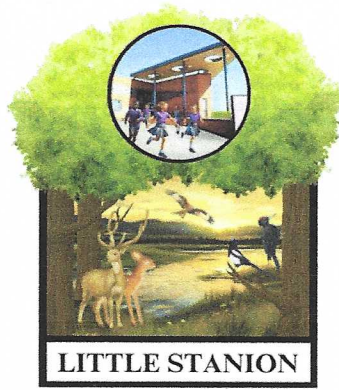
494/23-23 **Clerk Update**  
No update.

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495/23-24 **To confirm any additional business to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.**  
None

496/23-24 **Correspondence received and circulated**

**Close of Meeting 9.19pm**

All emails that are relevant to the Council have been shared.

Date of next meeting 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm at the Welcome Centre.

Chairman.....

