

**Minutes of the meeting of
Stanion Parish Council**

**Virtual Meeting held on Zoom
7:00 p.m., Monday 8 February 2021**

Present: Cllrs Ray Beeby, Willy Colquhoun, Lea Kernaghan, John Gilmour and Danny Moody, and seven members of the public.

Item	Action
<p>21/1 To elect a chairman of Stanion Parish Council</p> <p>By common consent Cllr Moody presided over the first item and called for nominations for chairman. Cllr Kernaghan was proposed by Cllr Gilmour and seconded by Cllr Beeby. The vote was unanimous, so it was RESOLVED: That Cllr Lea Kernaghan be elected as Chairman of Stanion Parish Council.</p> <p>Cllr Kernaghan read out her declaration of acceptance of office and will sign it in the presence of the Proper Officer at or before the next meeting.</p>	LK
<p>21/2 To receive and approve apologies for absence</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>21/3 To note the appointment by Corby Borough Council of councillors for Stanion Parish Council</p> <p>Cllr Moody explained that when a parish council becomes inquorate due to resignations the principal council has powers under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 to appoint persons to properly constitute the parish council.</p> <p>Corby Borough Council met on 1 February 2021 and resolved to appoint Cllrs Ray Beeby, Will Colquhoun and Danny Moody as members of Stanion Parish Council to hold office until the next ordinary elections of Stanion Parish Council, currently scheduled for 6 May 2021.</p>	
<p>21/4 To receive the appointed councillors' declarations of office, or to resolve that they be received at a later meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the councillors' declarations of office be received at or before the next meeting of the council.</p>	RB/WC DM
<p>21/5 To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>21/6 To co-opt up to four councillors to fill current vacancies</p> <p>Five expressions of interests were received, and the chairman gave each candidate a few minutes to introduce themselves. Voting was then conducted for each of the four vacancies in turn and it was RESOLVED: To appoint Laura Allanson, Lizzie Gilmour, Hayley Kyle, and Lisa Palmer.</p>	
<p>21/7 To receive the co-opted councillors' declarations of office, or to resolve that they be received at a later meeting</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the councillors' declarations of office be received at or before the next meeting of the council.</p>	

<p>21/8 Public participation session</p> <p>Representations were received about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Localised flooding caused by damaged storm drains and a request that the parish council makes representations on the matter. 2) A request for continued financial support of Stanion Village Hall. 3) A request to see what the parish council can do about speeding in the village with a suggestion to look at traffic calming schemes. <p>It was agreed to put these items on a future agenda for the parish council.</p>	JG
<p>21/9 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed by the chairman.</p>	
<p>21/10 To consider the appointment of an Acting Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Moody explained the requirement for the council to have a Proper Officer and outlined the options available. The appointment of a councillor as Acting Clerk will enable the council to recruit a permanent clerk in the summer, after the elections.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To create an unpaid role of Acting Clerk/Proper Officer and to appoint Cllr John Gilmour to the role.</p>	
<p>21/11 To review banking arrangements and agree signatories</p> <p>RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs Lea Kernaghan, John Gilmour and Lizzie Gilmour as signatories to the council's Unity Trust Bank account and that the Acting Clerk updates the account details accordingly.</p>	JG
<p>21/12 To review access to the council's web site and email systems</p> <p>Cllr Kernaghan said that the council's web site provider had been very helpful. It was RESOLVED: That the Acting Clerk ensures that all usernames and passwords are safely controlled.</p>	JG
<p>21/13 To note that a precept demand in the amount of £13,018 has been issued against Corby Borough Council</p> <p>It was confirmed that the precept demand in the amount of £13,018 for 2021/22 had been issued against Corby Borough Council and that 50% would be received by the parish council in April 2021 and the balance in September 2021. It was RESOLVED: To note the precept for 2021/22.</p>	
<p>21/14 To agree a campaign to promote candidacy for elections to Stanion Parish Council scheduled for 6 May 2021</p> <p>The importance of having a contested election in May 2021 was discussed. There will be a contested election if ten or more candidates stand for election. Various ways of encouraging candidacy were discussed. It was RESOLVED: To put the item on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss in more detail.</p>	JG
<p>21/15 To agree the dates and times of meetings up to May 2021</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the council meets at 7pm on: Wednesday 3 March 2021, Wednesday 7 April 2021, and Wednesday 19 May 2021.</p>	
<p>21/16 Close</p> <p>The chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and support and closed the meeting at 8:22 p.m.</p>	