

ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

In the District of St. Albans, County of Hertfordshire



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE, STATION ROAD
BRICKET WOOD, ST ALBANS, HERTS
ON 16 APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Dorothy Kerry (Vice Chairman - Chair *pro-tem*), John Bell, Wendy Berriman, David Brannen, Karen Hurford, Bill Pryce and Nicholas Tyndale
In attendance: Three Members of public, District Cllr Yates
Officers in attendance: Mrs J Pienaar (Clerk)

Cllr Kerry chaired the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Jay Baillie, Mick Freeman, Ian Getley and Eileen Whittaker.

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2015

RESOLVED: *Proposed: Cllr Pryce* *Seconded: Cllr Bell* **Motion Carried**
That the minutes be approved as a true record.
Votes in favour: unanimous

4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman accepted an update on the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were received.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Yates reported that the Hanstead Park planning application had been recommended for refusal due to insufficient affordable housing but not on Green Belt grounds. The special circumstances for building on the Green Belt had therefore been challenged.

7. REPORTS: FINANCE, POLICY AND RESOURCES

7.1 To approve the payments schedules

Members referred to the schedules for March/April.

RESOLVED: *Proposed: Cllr Kerry* *Seconded: Cllr Pryce* **Motion Carried**
That the payments schedules be approved.
Votes in favour: unanimous

Cllrs Kerry and Berriman agreed to sign the cheques.

7.2 To review Special Expenses charges

The Clerk reported that the District Council had been asked for more information but it had not yet been received.

7.3 To receive a report on s106 expenditure

The Clerk reported that following direct enquiries the District Council had confirmed that £88k was available under existing s106 agreements toward Leisure arising from developments within the parish and a request had been made to earmark these funds for the Greenwood Park play area improvement project. The £7.5k s106 funds from the Bucknalls Lane development had however been allocated to the Cotlandswick Leisure Centre. A request had been made again for an up-to-date list of current s106 agreements but this had not yet been received from the District Council.

Parish in Bloom Working Party	5 Mar 2015
Neighbourhood Plan Working Party	12 Mar 2015
Neighbourhood Plan Working Party	19 Mar 2015

10.3 To note the minutes of the Joint Committees & Associations

The following minutes were received:

Bricket Wood Common Management Committee	10 Feb 2015
Abbey Line Community Rail Partnership Steering Group	17 Feb 2015

11. Strategic Rail Freight Interchange

It was the Parish Council's long-held view that planning permission should not be granted for the SRFI in Park Street. Members supported the District Council's decision to seek leave to appeal the dismissal of its recent court challenge.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

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