MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 8th April 2014 Commencing at 6.00 p.m. In The Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present: -

Councillor A. Hill – (Chair) Councillor J. Bacon – (Vice-Chair)

Councillor S. Bagshaw
Councillor J Barnett
Councillor O Cauldwell
Councillor D. Collins
Councillor B. Dyke
Councillor H. Elliott
Councillor P. Hill
Councillor C. Ludlow
Councillor J. McManus
Councillor D. Parsons
Councillor E. Tidd
Councillor J. Webley
Councillor J. Williams

In attendance: Ian Haddock - Acting Town Clerk/Assistant Financial Officer

17 Members of the Public

1 Member of the Police was present

		ACTION
	PART I – NON CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION	
629/13	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor L. Collins – illness Councillor V. Lang – work commitments	
630/13	COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.	
631/13	CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Chair reiterated the Council's position regarding the car park at Inkersall shops. The Council could not adopt the car park, nor had it ever been in a position to do so. The Council would however do whatever it could to resolve the issue.	
632/16	VARIATIONS OF ORDER OF BUSINESS Agenda item seven was taken before Item 8 so as not to unduly delay the	

Officer.

633/13 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY FROM PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

No items were taken with the public excluded.

634/13 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' OR OFFICERS INTERESTS

- a) There were no Declarations of Members' or Officers Interests.
- b) No requests for dispensations were received.

635/13 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Joe Roberts requested the use of the Market Square on Saturday 12th July for the Armed Forces Day parade. The police were helping with the road closure.

Marion Gerard acknowledged receipt of two letters from the Town Council and said she had passed them on to the Chair.

John Morehen complimented the Council for obtaining an additional £800,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. He paid tribute to the hard work and vision showed by the Town Clerk which had contributed much towards raising over £2 million.

Patrick Matthews asked for the Council to provide a letter of support for a planning application for a new community venture. Members of the Borough Council Planning Committee left the room at this point to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Councillor Bacon took the Chair. The project was to use the former boiler shop on Middlecroft Road for community classes, dance and martial arts, the planning application was for change of use. Members asked if all the background work such as CRB checks had been done. This was the case and it was agreed to write a letter of support. Councillor Dyke invited all members to the opening of the centre.

Councillor Ludlow informed the meeting that Toby Perkins MP had organised a public meeting with the Rectory Road Surgery on 10th May at Springwell School, starting at 5.30 p.m. Natascha Engel MP was also organising one for her constituents. John Morehen stated that the Practice Manager had left and the management of the surgery had changed.

b) Community Safety (Police, Fire and Ambulance Community Safety Partnership)

The Police representative gave a verbal report on the latest crime statistics. There had been one additional non domestic burglary in Hollingwood, Inkersall and Duckmanton. There had also been an increase in shed thefts in Middlecroft and Poolsbrook. All other crime statistics were down apart from anti-social behaviour in Middlecroft and Staveley Town Centre.

The Police had recently caught two thieves in the act and they were now in custody. Officers had visited the Frecheville Street site to look into the issue of contractors vehicles causing an obstruction.

636/13 PRESENTATIONS

Representatives of Hollingwood Residents Association were presented with their Good Citizens Award, and offered their thanks to the Council.

637/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Staveley Town Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 be approved as a true record.

638/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18th MARCH 2014

There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Staveley Town Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2014.

639/13 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Grants and Allowances Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Wednesday 5th March 2014 be approved as a true record.

640/13 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 be approved as a true record.

641/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014

597/13 The Closing date and judging day had been circulated to members. The Presentation evening was scheduled for Friday 11th July.

642/13 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Policy, Finance and Publicity Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 be approved as a true record.

643/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH 2014

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

644/13 TO CONSIDER THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2014

These were not available to the meeting.

Councillor Dyke had advised Hollingwood Residents to attend the public consultation event arranged by St. Gobain. It was agreed to raise the issue of construction traffic passing through Hollingwood when the planning application was submitted.

645/13 MINUTES OF THE HEART OF STAVELEY PROJECT BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Heart of Staveley Project Board held on Tuesday 18th February 2014 be received.

646/13 26 HIGH STREET STAVELEY

It was **RESOLVED** – (i) to abandon the move to 26 High Street as a consequence of increased costs.

It was **RESOLVED** – (ii) The Council would further look into moving into one of the Stables Offices.

647/13 HEART OF STAVELEY PROJECT

Councillor Ludlow reported that she had made a site visit along with Councillor Hill and urged all Councillors to visit the site. The Stables would be handed over to the Council on completion. As they were managed work space units it could be necessary for the Council to employ a manager for the units on a part time basis. It was agreed that this post should be placed on the agenda for the Policy Finance and Publicity Committee.

Councillor Ludlow asked that copies of the Minutes of Heart of Staveley Limited Board meetings be made available to members.

648/13 ACCOUNTS

These were not available to the meeting.

649/13 WARD REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS

- a) Councillor Barnett asked to be included in the mailing list for the Foxlow Liaison Committee. Councillor Dyke noted that the notice board in the Market Place was in need of repair, Chesterfield Borough Council should be informed.
- b) Generally
 Councillor Parsons reported on the activity of the World War One
 Working Party, and invited all members to the memorial service on
 the 10th August.

Members discussed the situation at Inkersall shops car park and should emphasise that the car park is unadopted in any correspondence with residents.

650/13 | ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ludlow updated the meeting on the works at Middlecroft Allotments. Work was in progress on the paths and the water supply, although apparently the Town Council would have to pay for the mains connection. The fencing work would have to be confined initially to the front entrance to the site. The work would cost in the region of £2,500 and would have to be looked into.

651/13 | ITEMS FOR ACTION

Nothing to report.

652/13 CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Nothing to report.

653/13 | SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

- a) RESOLVED That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to any documents or agreements necessary to carry into effect any resolution or decisions passed by or confirmed at this meeting.
- b) There were no documents requiring registration by the Land Registry

PART II - CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

654/13 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960

RESOLVED – That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters, the public and representatives of the press excluded from this meeting during the discussion thereof.

655/13 STAVELEY HALL GARDEN CENTRE

The Chair suspended Standing Orders to enable Jayne Collins from Staveley Hall Garden Nursery to address the meeting. They had requested a meeting with members to discuss the future of the Garden Nursery in relation to the Heart of Staveley Project. The Garden Nursery would not object to relocating and would work with the project to ensure a smooth transition. They would like a facility at the Hall to sell Christmas Trees. They also asked if they could tender for the garden works as part of the project. The Assistant Financial Officer would contact the Architect to include them on the tender list. Councillor McManus thanked them for their help in the past and wished them well for the future.

656/13 | ESTABLISHMENT

The Chair reinstated Standing Orders at this point.

Councillor Ludlow asked the meeting to ratify the appointment of an Acting Town Clerk. Three candidates had been interviewed, and it was proposed to offer the post to Mr. Paul Harris. The post would be a temporary one to cover the absence of the Town Clerk. His CV would be made available to members on request.

Members voted on the proposal and it was **RESOLVED** that Mr. Harris be appointed.

Councillor Williams abstained from voting.

Councillor Ludlow informed the meeting that it was proposed to hear the Grievance submitted by the staff on Thursday 10th April at The Speedwell Rooms. It was proposed that the Grievance be heard by an independent panel under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972. The Town Clerk's individual Grievance would be heard after Easter under the same arrangements.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** – That the Grievances be dealt with as outlined above.

The Chair informed the meeting that there would be an additional cost to the Council of £1000 from the HR Consultant for each panel meeting. It was proposed that this cost be found from the budget for staff salaries.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** - That the cost be met from the budget for staff salaries.