

STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**FINANCE & STRATEGY GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**7:30pm at Katie Lamb Centre**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Cllrs Riordan, Buller, Eerdeken, Hotson from Finance and Strategy Group  
Also present for the discussion but non-voting Cllrs Alesi, Castro, McLaughlin and Sharp

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Davidson-Houston, Farragher, McPhee, Mclean and Perry

**2. Dispensations –** Cllr Riordan and Hotson

**3. Jubilee Field Summary report –**

A detailed debate included

- Background to the site
- Various legal documents
- JFMC trustee issues
- 3G all-sports pitch update from meeting with Football Foundation
- Potential developments on the site
- Funding support – see **Appendix A**
- Health and Safety

**4. Finance and Strategy Group recommendation to Council**

Following a debate on should the main pitch remain locked Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Buller seconded and it was agreed by majority of 3 for, 0 against and 1 abstained to recommend to Council to:

reopen the main pitch at the Jubilee Field to the public

Note Cllrs Alesi, Castro, McLaughlin and Sharp were non-voting

**5. Next steps**

It was agreed that further work is required

- Clerk to ask SMFC to review their Safeguarding as there is now a bar in the clubhouse on match days / training
- JFMC to bring forward report with all the “historical anomalies” to try and tidy things up
- If the 3G all-sport pitch goes ahead the Council will need to consider their VAT position
- That the long term management of the Jubilee Field needs to be considered

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### Summary of funding over recent years

### Appendix A

#### Parish Council

- New mower £14,500
- Container £3,500
- Drainage £6,000
- Car park improvement £8,500
- Fence £13,000
- Pavilion repairs £4,500
- CCTV £4,500
- Gate/Barrier £500

**Total £55,000**

#### In addition

- Sainsbury's also tarmac and white lined the car park, as a gesture of thanks to the parish council. This was approximately a £25,000 job
- £4,000 was also made by Magnetic Shields Ltd for the PC allowing them to use the car park whilst construction works was ongoing at the factory. These funds were used to provide the road stone extended car park area adjacent to the skate park.
- Also £1000 of parish council money which was donated for use at the Youth Club was subsequently donated to the football club for fence repairs.

#### JFMC

- Pavilion Water Heating £4,000
- Paint for Pavilion £450
- Drainage £4,000
- New goals £900
- Storage area building attached to the Pavilion £9,000
- Fencing improvements (Ply Panels) £900
- Pavilion external paint £500
- Floodlights/Dugouts £22,000
- New roller shutters £4,500 (These unfortunately now need replacement)
- Fence £9,000
- Spectators stand groundwork £4,500
- Guides land drain system £4,000
- Payment of historic electric bill £3,000
- £3,500 , mower repairs

**Total £70,250**

- Note: This is including £36,000 Funds raised by Cllr Brice from MBC

**Football Association Floodlights £49,500**

**Senior Football Club Spectator stand £9,000**