**Minutes for Stapleford Tawney Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at Mount Farm Office.**

Attendees

Cllr S Galloway, Cllr D Padfield, Cllr Burr, Cllr Moring, Cllr H Brady and Juliet Burr (Clerk)

**Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2022 were agreed and signed by Cllr Galloway

**Matters Arising**

Following 5 years of enjoying working with the parish councillors, J Burr, the clerk, resigned subject to a replacement. The councillors thanked the clerk for her work.

A discussion took place regarding the possible candidates for Councillor and Clerk vacancies. Councillor Padfield to approach proposed replacements.

**Financial Matters**

Current Parish account balance of £4577.52

Audited accounts for year ending March 2022 signed by Chair and Clerk.

Online banking is now active although invoices still require two signatories certification. Signing of cheques will continue until mandates have been updated following appointment of a new clerk

**Planning**

No current planning applications.

Cllr Brady expressed her concern that new planning system is not user friendly. This was corroborated by STPC clerk. Cllr Brady will feed back to EFDC Planning Department.

**Highways**

Fly tipping continues in copious quantities. A discussion took place.

Action all councillors and clerk

**Any Other Business**

Following the Platinum Jubilee £940 was raised on behalf of Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Theydon Mount Parish council raised a similar amount for St Clares Hopspice

The option to opt out of SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements. STPC wishes to continue with current process as SAAA sector led auditor appointment regime. Therefore no action is required. (STPC to remain part of central scheme).

Cllr Brady discussed the Lcal Government Boundary Commission plans to realign boundaries. Theydon Bois will be included in Passingford Ward. This will potentially mean 2 further District Councillors will be appointed.

Cllr Moring informed the meeting that Theydon Mount have a newsletter. A discussion took place around time, cost and merits.

**Date and Venue of next meeting**

Thursday 24th November 2022 7.00pm at Mount Farm Conference Room