

Commons Act 2006 - Sections 15(1) & (2) - Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green - Land off Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin

Appendix 10 - Objectors Comments on Applicants Comments on Objections

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 January 2021 15:47
To: [Green, Janice](#)
Subject: TVG Application

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Your Reference: JG/PC/212 2018/01 & 2019/01

Dear Janice Green,

With reference to your letter dated 20\01/2021

We are very unhappy with the majority of comments opposing this application on which appear to be making out that we did not stay at 29a Lower Stanton St Quinton as often as we said we did and to make out that letters sent out were similar and we had obviously copied from each other is not acceptable. The reason why they appear similar is because it is a true account of what happened.

We feel the whole case has been dealt with unprofessionally and we will not be destroying any paperwork as requested as this may be needed and kept as evidence.

Yours Sincerely

Olwyn & John Kelly

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2021 15:28
To: [Madgwick, Sally](#)
Subject: Re: Application to Register Land as Town/Village Green,
Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin
Attachments: [20160918-CullenLetter.pdf](#)
[20170405-CullenLetter.pdf](#)
[HouseAccess-6.pdf](#)
[PCemail20170522.pdf](#)
[SSQPC-TVGapplication-1.pdf](#)
[SSQPC-TVGapplication-1a.pdf](#)
[StantonTVGobjection-3.pdf](#)
[StantonTVGobjection-3a.pdf](#)

Dear Ms Madgwick,

As Ms Greens auto reply indicates she is away until 11 Jan please see below the email sent to Ms Green today, and the attached files.

Dear Ms Green,

Please find attached our comments on the applicant's reply:

StantonTVGobjection-3.pdf

together with reference evidence pdfs. Also our comments on the other representations:

StantonTVGobjection-3a.pdf

In addition let me inform you that my wife, Mrs K Reeves and my daughter Miss J Reeves, have received the letter in regard to the signature you failed to redact. This has now been redacted with a sharpie. It was not possible to return the document as requested since you didn't see fit to include the information on the back of the original page.

Regards

Malcolm Reeves

On Mon, 21 Dec 2020 09:29:16 +0000, you wrote:

>Dear Mr Reeves

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>Commons Act 2006 - Sections 15(1) and (2)

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>Applications to Register Land as Town or Village Green - Land adjacent to Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin

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>Application no's 2018/01 & 2019/01

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>I am writing to advise you that as required by paragraph 6 of The Commons (Registration of Town or Village Greens) (Interim Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007, the Registration Authority forwarded the applicant, (Stanton St Quintin Parish Council), every written statement in objection to the above-mentioned application to register land in the parish of Stanton St Quintin as a town or village green, (additionally including representations in support for completeness), and allowing the applicant reasonable opportunity of dealing with the matters contained in the statements.

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>The Parish Council have now replied and I have attached a copy of their statement/additional evidence, with copies of the objections and representations received to date, inviting your comments on these statements. I would be very grateful if you could reply in writing before 5:00pm on 15th February 2021, but please do let me know if you should require additional time.

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>I have also forwarded this information to other objectors for comment.

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>Thank you for your help in this matter.

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>Kind regards,

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>Janice Green

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To: Malcolm Reeves [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Old Records
From: Margaret Carey <infoboxparish@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 22 May 2017 12:52:28 +0100

Hi Malcolm

The only record I have is the old minute book. I have been through it from 1970 - 1994 and there is no reference at all to either property. The Minutes are very scant and no planning applications are minuted either apart from the number and address. Perhaps it it work asking the Wiltshire Council Planning Department

Margaret

On Mon, May 22, 2017 at 12:01 PM, Malcolm Reeves <

[REDACTED]>

> Dear Ms Carey,

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> I forgot to say that I'm willing to do the searching myself. I didn't
> mean to burden you with any work :-). If you have records going back
> that far that is. I can do the searching at wherever suits you as I
> can understand you might not be comfortable with me taking them away.

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> Regards

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> Malcolm Reeves

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> On Sun, 21 May 2017 19:38:29 +0100, you wrote:

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>>Dear Ms Carey,

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>>May I ask if the records of Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council go back

>>as far as 1986/87? I'm interested to know if there is anything

>>pertaining to [REDACTED] or it might have been [REDACTED] (not sure if

>>that was [REDACTED] then) as [REDACTED] sold off the plot that became [REDACTED]

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>>Thanks

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>>Malcolm Reeves

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> Malcolm Reeves BSc (Retired CEng MIET MIRSE), [REDACTED]

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

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9 August, 2020

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Stanton St Quintin Parish Clerk
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Neston, Corsham
Wiltshire
SN13 9 

By email: clerkstantonstquintinpc@gmail.com

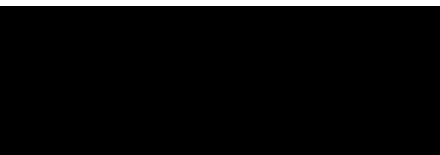
OPEN LETTER

Dear Mrs Carey,

As Clerk to Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council would you please ensure that the attached letter is distributed to all current parish councillors and all former parish councillors who were involved in the decision to make a Town and Village Green application for Lower Stanton St. Quintin in 2018 and 2019. Would you also confirm to me by email that this has happened and record such in the minutes too.

Thanks.

Yours faithfully



Malcolm Reeves

C.C. James Gray M.P.

Lower Stanton St. Quintin
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9 August, 2020

Open Letter

FAO Former and Current Stanton St. Quintin Parish Councillors

Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council has made an application to register the land in front of my house at Lower Stanton St. Quintin as a Town or Village Green (TVG). To be precise, 2 linked applications and the land claimed also includes some in front of and the driveway of . This letter is for attention of those former and current councillors serving at the time of this application and after.

The parish council minutes record that you had legal advice originally but the application form reveals that you do not have a solicitor as part of this application. I think it only fair then that I bring certain legal facts to your attention so that you are fully aware of your actions and their consequences.

The TVG application was made on the basis of the Commons Act 2006 s15(2) which is thus a claim that from 1998 to 2018, 20 yrs, a significant number of local inhabitants used the land for sports or pastimes as of a right on a regular basis and that such activities continue today. The wording of the act does not say regular but you will find that legal precedent has set that bar. The application form is sworn statement of truth so making a false statement is perjury, a criminal offence.

I and my wife have over 30 yrs knowledge of the land in front of . My mother owned the property there from 1986 and we visited very regularly as she did our house to see her grandchildren. Since 2015 we have been involved in (self) building work in and on and have overlooked this land. We have never seen any regular sports and pastimes taking place on this land either while working in and on nor on the very numerous occasions we visited over the years, nor did my mother ever mention any such activities in the course of the numerous and frequent conversations we all had. All of which strongly suggests that your claim of sports and pastimes use, implicit in ticking 15(2), is false. No evidence of such sports or pastimes use has been included with the application either.

Town and Village Greens are protected by section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 and section 29 of the Commons Act 1876. Section 29 says:

"any erection thereon or disturbance or interference with or occupation of the soil thereof which is made otherwise than with a view to the better enjoyment of such town or village green or recreation ground, shall be deemed to be a public nuisance"

A public nuisance is criminal offence so there is an absolute ban on *occupation of soil etc.* since you legally cannot give anyone permission to commit a criminal act. You can confirm this by googling Planning Inspectorate Common Land Guidance Sheet 2b or by asking a solicitor. All legislation is online at gov.uk so you can also google Commons Act 1876 to check the above.

Your application for TVG is therefore an attempt to cut off my property from the services that currently come to my house, drains, water, electric and gas, via the land you claim for this TVG.

When I sought to bring gas into [REDACTED] you claimed to own the land in front of my house. In 2016 I asked you to prove that ownership and you admitted that your claim was false. From my research I can document this false claim back to 1982 and it was part of a fraud committed against my mother by the parish council of 1986 (and also a fraud against the owners of [REDACTED] at that time). Given that the land was not listed as an asset in the parish accounts and that each year all councillors review these accounts I find it strange that nobody noticed the discrepancy.

Despite all councillors being informed of the new status of the land there was still interference by a parish councillor with laying of the gas pipe by the gas company. I therefore think it would be difficult for you to claim that this current attempt to cut services off from my house is accidental.

Attempting to cut off services from my property is a clear breach of the Human Rights Act. The First Protocol, Article 1 of the Human Rights Act is about the protection of rights for property. It states that every *“person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions”* which includes property. Article 8 of the HRA is also applicable. Article 8 includes “respect” for “his home” and “family life”. It forbids interference except in extreme circumstances, such as national security, public safety or the for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. In addition, HRA Article 14, prohibits discrimination, including discrimination due to association with a particularly property.

The rights and freedom of others are not affected by whether this land is TVG or not. It is my opinion that it is legally highway verge as I have stated and there is nothing to prevent people gathering on highway verge, nor would I wish there to be. However I find that I do object to some people treating my front boundary wall as public seat to make a point. This just bad manners as well actually being trespass.

It is unlawful for any council to act in contravention of the HRA hence making this TVG application is unlawful. Councillors wilfully acting unlawfully would also be committing misconduct in public office, a serious criminal offence that in fact carries a tariff of up to life imprisonment.

The case of fraud requires a false statement and a loss for the victim both of which are present in this TVG application hence it also satisfies the criteria for fraud. Fraud is a crime in its own right as well as also being misconduct in public office in this situation.

You are now informed of all the facts. All the legislation is online for you to read and I have highlighted other authoritative documents to search for online too. Plus of course you have the option taking advice from a solicitor. What action you take or don't take is now up to you but either way it will clearly be wilful and with knowledge of the results of your actions.

Malcolm Reeves

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5 January, 2021

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OPEN LETTER

Application to Register Town or Village Green in Lower Stanton

Your Refs: 2018/01, 2019/01

Dear Ms Green,

Please find below our comments on the applicants' reply pdf that you sent on 21 Dec 2020 which you have accepted as part of the TVG application process. Our question to you is why have you on the behalf of Wiltshire Council accepted documents which contain nothing related to the TVG case and furthermore are clearly libellous?

We also think that Mr Andrews trying to use the VE 75 celebration held in Lower Stanton St. Quintin is beyond the pale. It was bad enough that this event was actually organised. The government message at the time was "Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save lives". We were only legally allowed to leave our house and garden for essential shopping, work if we could not work from home, or 1hr of exercise. All public events were cancelled unless they had special dispensation. Over 40,000 more people have died since VE 75 day (8 May), many of those deaths are because of people breaking lockdown rules and organising events in defiance of the law.

Comments on Applicant's Reply

Executive Summary

The applicant's reply, contained in "Applicants comments on objections (final) reduced.pdf", consists of emails from Cllr Adrian Andrews, Chair of Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council, the TVG applicant, either making his own comments or forwarding on other people's.

Most of the applicant's reply is either irrelevant, misleading, untrue, libellous or all 4. None of it actually addresses any of the legal issues we raised in our letters. The applicant's reply should be attempting to prove what the applicant has claimed, 20 yrs usage prior to 2018 by a significant number of residents for sports or pastimes. If this claim was false then making this claim was perjury.

Where are the photos to support the vague claims of Royal Wedding, Queen's Jubilee, etc. events? Nobody can even say which wedding or jubilee, a date or a even the year. The only photos presented relate to events after the application was submitted in 2018, or to the Wee Free library, also opened after 2018 but it is not even on the land claimed for TVG but is in fact on highway land.

Instead the applicant's reply just makes or repeats various lies about us which is libel. These lies will all be debunked below and the evidence is attached. We would also point out that we would have happily provided this evidence had Cllr Andrews' had the courtesy to speak to us first before repeating these lies. Cllr Andrews' failure to do so is a breach of the code of conduct he has signed.

Cllr Andrews also claims that the letters which object to the TVG are all lies, libelling not just us but 6 other adults too. Cllr Andrews claims that all these letters must be lies because they all read the same. They are all describing the same period of time. Of course they sound similar as they are all recounting the same truth. Cllr Andrews has not even proved that any events took place on the land let alone that these events were so frequent that anyone claiming never to have seen or heard about a single event has to be lying.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The TVG application kicked off because we made an application for a new access direct to the road. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We are also concerned by Cllr Andrews' statement that the parish wants the area as protected green space "*children wish to play on*". What exactly is meant by that? A children's play area would require safety fencing which would cut off the access route to our house that the Fire Service said they would use. A route that has already been impeded by the installation of the picnic bench with no consultation with anyone, Fire Service included.

But we must thank Cllr Andrews for including the extracts of the Minutes Book which we had not been given before. These prove that the parish council **knew** in 1983 that they had no legal right to this land. This makes their actions **deliberate fraud**. Plus in 1983 they failed to register the land as common land so again it was a deliberate fraud to refer to the land as "Village Green" over these past 30yrs.

The parish clerk also seems to have missed all these entries Cllr Andrews has included when she wrote to me in 2017 [4] claiming about the Minutes Book "*I have been through it from 1970 - 1994 and there is no reference at all to either property.*" (meaning [redacted] or [redacted]). How do you miss 5 entries, 4 of which are actually titled 29 Lower Stanton?

Reference Documents

Ref	Description	File
[1]	Letter from Mrs Cullen [redacted] [redacted] dated 18 Sept 2016	20160918-CullenLetter.pdf
[2]	Letter from Mrs Cullen [redacted] [redacted] dated 5 April 2017	20170405-CullenLetter.pdf
[3]	Letter to parish council, with covering letter to clerk, dated 9 Aug 2020	SSQPC-TVGapplication-1 a.pdf SSQPC-TVGapplication-1.pdf
[4]	Email from Margaret Carey, Clerk to Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council, dated 22 May 2017	PCemail20170522.pdf
[5]	Letter to Mr & Mrs Cullen following the [redacted]	HouseAccess-6.pdf

Email 10 Dec 2020 11:26

The wording seems to imply that the Wee Free library has existed longer than Cllr Andrews has lived in the village. The Wee Free library was installed in June 2019. Cllr Andrews' home address is a mile away from the Wee Free library so we hardly think he is speaking from personal experience when he says it is used daily. In any case it is immaterial since the Wee Free library did not exist until after the 20 yrs that is relevant to the TVG application, 30 April 1998 to 30 April 2018. The Wee Free library is also sited outside of the area claimed for TVG so is doubly irrelevant.

Email 10 Dec 2020 11:10

Whether the land is Local Green Space in the Neighbour Development plan or not is irrelevant to TVG and the claim of 20yrs usage for sport and pastimes. And in fact the ND plan is currently in draft and open for informal comments.

The only Royal Wedding event I am aware of was in May 2018 so again outside of the 20yrs of the claim. What were the other Royal Weddings? Dates? Photos?

The VE 75 event on 8 May 2020 was in direct breach of Covid regulations. The government message at the time was "Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save lives". The law said that we were only allowed out of our home and gardens for essential shopping, work if we couldn't work from home, and for 1hr of exercise. All public events were cancelled unless they had special dispensation. Over 40,000 more people have died since 8 May, many directly or indirectly because of people ignoring the regulations and organising events. We find it shows a lack of integrity and leadership that Cllr Andrews should boast about the breaking the law, especially laws that were there to save lives.

In addition, the 8 May 2020 is after the TVG application was submitted so is outside of the 20yr period, plus the VE 75 celebration did not actually use the TVG claimed land as the photo in figure 1 shows. If anything this proves that highway verge can be used for events as we have stated, and therefore that TVG is not needed to "protect" the land.



Figure 1 – VE 75 Day Celebrations - 8 May 2020.

The 3rd paragraph is libellous. Cllr Andrews is accusing 8 adults of making false statements "all being told what to write", "like copying homework at school". Cllr Andrews should prove this or publicly retract it and write to all the people he has libelled to apologise. When all the letters are describing the same facts then of course they sound similar. The letters, roughly, all state that the writers have never seen any events or sports or pastimes taking place on the claimed land, nor heard about any, nor been told about any either. Where is Cllr Andrews' evidence that any events even took place? Dates? Photos? Cllr Andrews cannot even prove the writers are mistaken never mind proving that so many events took place that the writers must all be deliberately lying as he claims.

We bought our first digital camera in 2004 and they had been out a while by then. The number of photos people took exploded when photos went digital so how come there are no photos even between 2004 and 2018? We also have 23 photo albums prior to 2004 not to mention multiple shoeboxes of loose photos and GBs of digital photos after 2004, of our family and children. These record them visiting [REDACTED] down the years as well as visiting fetes in other local villages. Where are the photos of the events claimed to have taken place on

this land within the 20yr period of interest? Every parent takes photos of their children why weren't there any taken at these supposed events?

Cllr Andrews' statement that "*Older members of the village admit the children did visit but not as often as they say.*" is libellous since it claims those objecting to the TVG are lying and frankly it is ridiculous in its arrogance. This claim is then that "*older members of the village*" have such detailed and extensive knowledge of my mother's home and life for over 20yrs that they can authoritatively state they know better than the people who were actually there. Cllr Andrews should either provide proof of this claim or retract it and apologise.

And we have now read the other letters of objection, and unlike what is implied in Cllr Andrews' claim, these letters do not make any specific statement of frequency of visits but just give a general idea of all the different times they interacted with my late mother. We suggest the "*older members of the village*" stop hiding behind Cllr Andrews and put their names to their libel. We have plenty of photos to prove that my late mother was an integral part of our family until her death in 2014.

Cllr Andrews writes that we no longer live in the village. In fact it was my late mother who lived in the village as I mentioned in my evidence statement. We are remodelling my late mother's house as a self build project so in fact we are there more days than not including weekends. The house is currently not habitable. When we finish and the house is habitable again we as a family will live there. But this is totally irrelevant to Cllr Andrews proving 20yrs usage for sports and pastimes.

Cllr Andrews writes that my wife claims the boundary wall at the front of [REDACTED] belongs to [REDACTED]. In fact I also addressed this in the letter I sent to all parish councillors [3] where I mentioned that I found it bad manners to sit on a person's wall like you owned it. It is frankly risible to claim the wall belongs to any other property than the one that it fronts. Who else would it belong to? The parish council? The parish council has admitted they do not own the land and in fact they knew that in 1983 if not earlier. How can the parish council own a wall when they do not own any of the land either side of it? And why is it that we have to prove what is taken as a given for every other house in the village?

Highways do not own boundary walls so of course we own our front boundary wall. Highways do not even own the land the highway is on, unless we talking motorways. The argument that our wall is a public seat or public wall is ludicrous beyond words. Before making such ridiculous statements, like "*Can they prove it?*", Cllr Andrews should take advice on the law that applies to properties, as well as the law on libel.

We will give Cllr Andrew some advice though, which is not to bother trying to prove the parish council owns the boundary wall. In the parish council minutes of 20 Jan 1956 the owner of [REDACTED] asks that as the former pond has become a dumping ground for rubbish which is straying on to his property because of the lack of a proper boundary, whether the parish council would erect a fence or plant a hedge at the boundary. The parish council turn him down and tell him he is responsible for the boundary. We also have a letter from September 1964 to Wiltshire Council Roads department, again from the owner of [REDACTED]. This time he asks when are they going to move the chippings that have been on the former pond site since May as he wants to remove all the trees on the boundary and replace it with a tidy fence. The firm he has contracted to pull out the trees say they cannot be responsible if earth gets mixed in with the gravel. But it is not up to us to prove this, we just mention this to save him further wasting ratepayers' money. It is Cllr Andrews who has to prove that the default presumption does not apply in our case.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Fire Service access route is now further impeded by the picnic table installed after the TVG application and after the District Commander's visit to me in 2017, which was after he had come out at the Cullens' request.

Cllr Andrews then goes on about the parish council paying for grass cutting and tree pruning. This has nothing to do with 20yrs usage for sports and pastimes as grass cutting and tree pruning are not sports or pastimes, particularly when they are paid work. If cutting grass gave one ownership of the highway verge then everybody would be out cutting the grass verge in front of their house and claiming the verge as theirs. Again Cllr Andrews needs

some sound legal advice as well as to be more focused. But we do note that Cllr Andrews only claims the grass has been cut for 14yrs where as the TVG application claimed it was 50yrs. The extracts from the minutes in 1986 proves that the 50yrs claim everyone is repeating is false.

Cllr Andrews claims that we object to the verge being used for gatherings and children's play. This is false and I clearly stated our position in my letter to all councillors [3] where I said:

The rights and freedom of others are not affected by whether this land is TVG or not. It is my opinion that it is legally highway verge as I have stated and there is nothing to prevent people gathering on highway verge, nor would I wish there to be. However I find that I do object to some people treating my front boundary wall as public seat to make a point. This just bad manners as well actually being trespass.

Hence, his statement I object to gatherings and children playing is totally false and he knows this. This is libel and defamation of character.

But we are concerned by Cllr Andrews' wording saying that the parish wants the area as "protected green space" "children wish to play on". What exactly is meant by that? A designated children's play area would require a fence for health and safety which would cut off the access route to our house that the Fire Service have said they would use.

The Fire Service route has already been impeded by the installation of a picnic bench with no consultation with village, ourselves, the utilities, or the Fire Service, all of whom have a potential interest. Plus, even if our entrance was wide enough to allow a fire engine on to our land it is still likely that the Fire Service would want their path to the road unimpeded so as to be able to run hoses to the water hydrant which is in the central grass verge.

As I mentioned in my letter [3] in relation to people gathering on the verge in front of my house, we only object to the bad manners of people claiming our wall is public seat that they have a right to sit on. Given that this mild rebuke seems to have provoked an unreasonable response we should perhaps make it clear that it was not just bad manners but a clear intent to harass and intimidate as the CCTV footage shows. Both us and our guests were made to feel threatened and we were all distressed by it.



Figure 3 – CCTV slices - 19 May 2018.

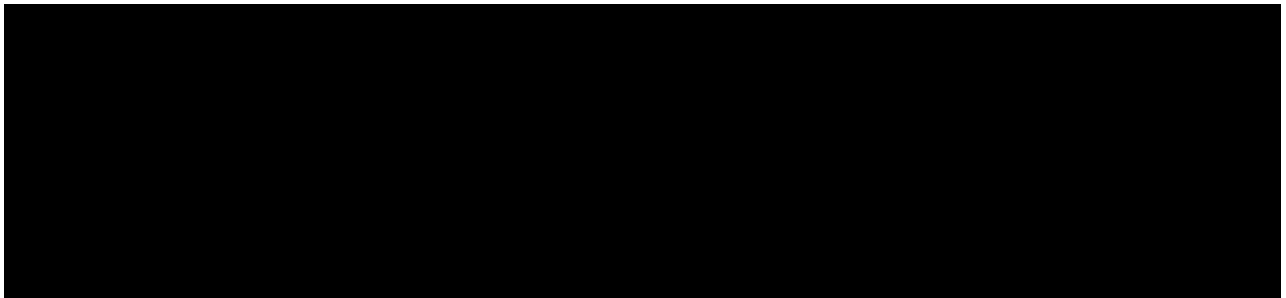
Slices from the CCTV footage are shown above in figure 3. The full CCTV footage shows that on the day of the event nobody uses the wall until we arrive at [REDACTED] with some friends at 14:39. People start to gather at our wall at 14:42 and two people sit on it. Different people come to sit, climb and even lean right over the wall and point at our flowerbed until we leave.

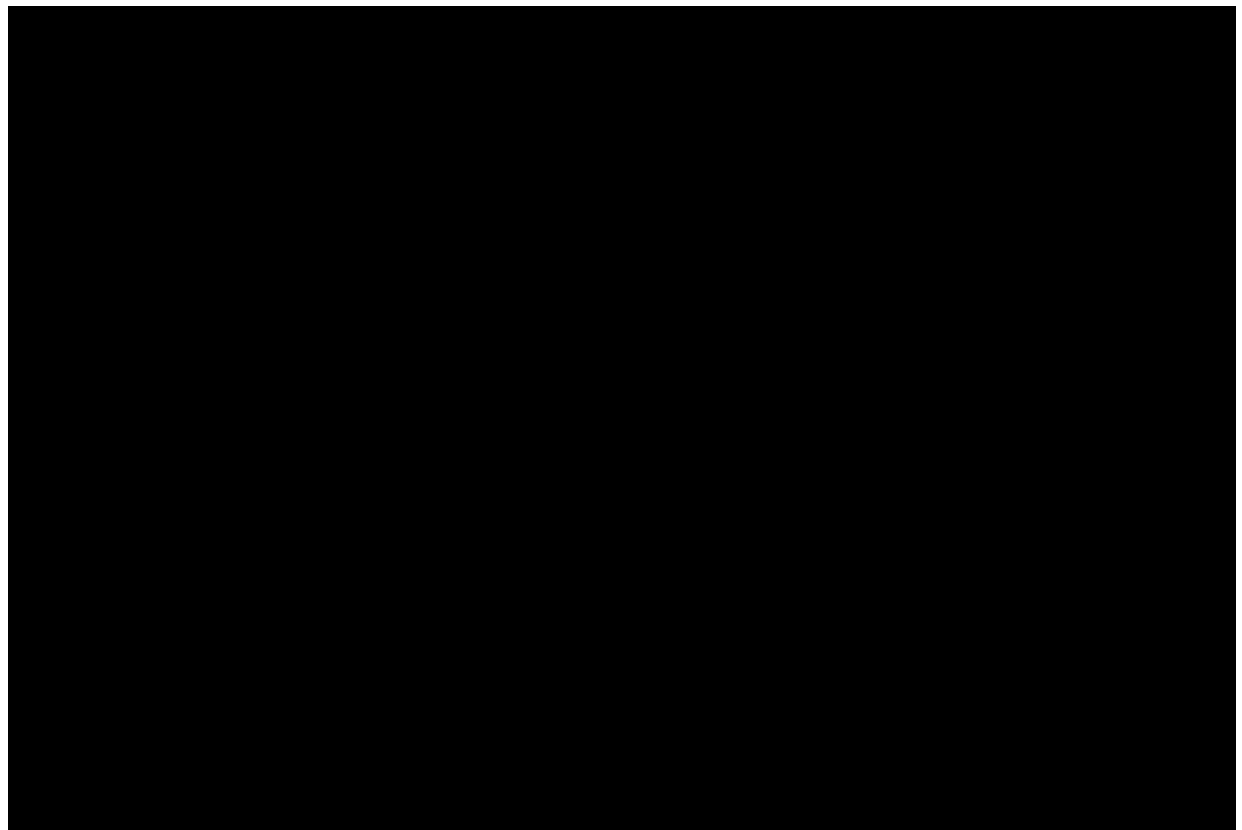
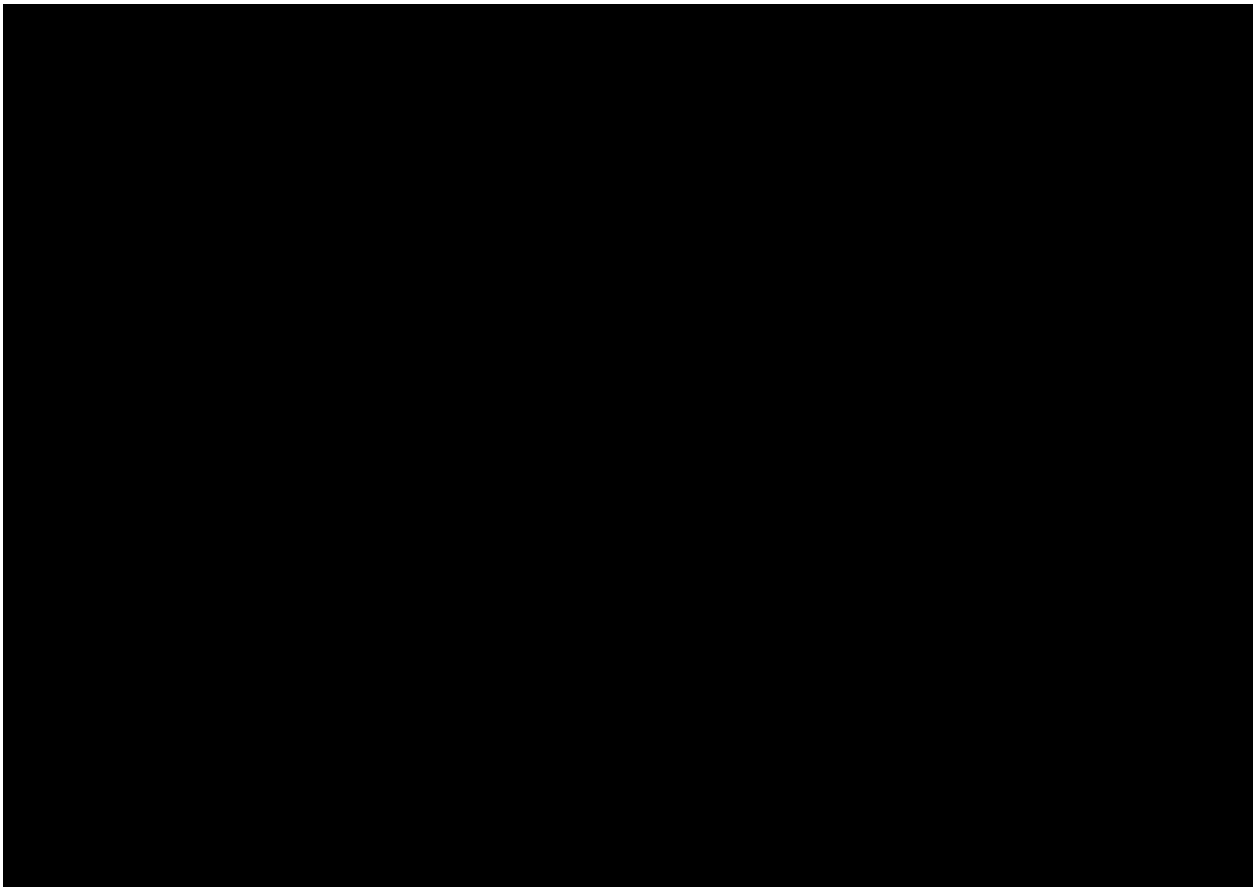
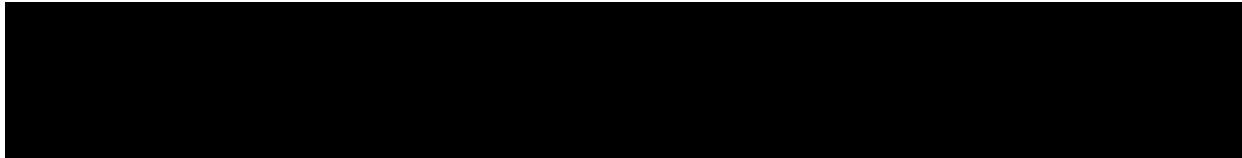
A few minutes after we drive away everyone stops sitting, climbing, and leaning over the wall and they never sit on it again for the rest of the event. The same has happened at the book sale with [REDACTED] deliberately sitting on our wall even though other seating was available. The purpose of these actions is clearly harassment and intimidation.

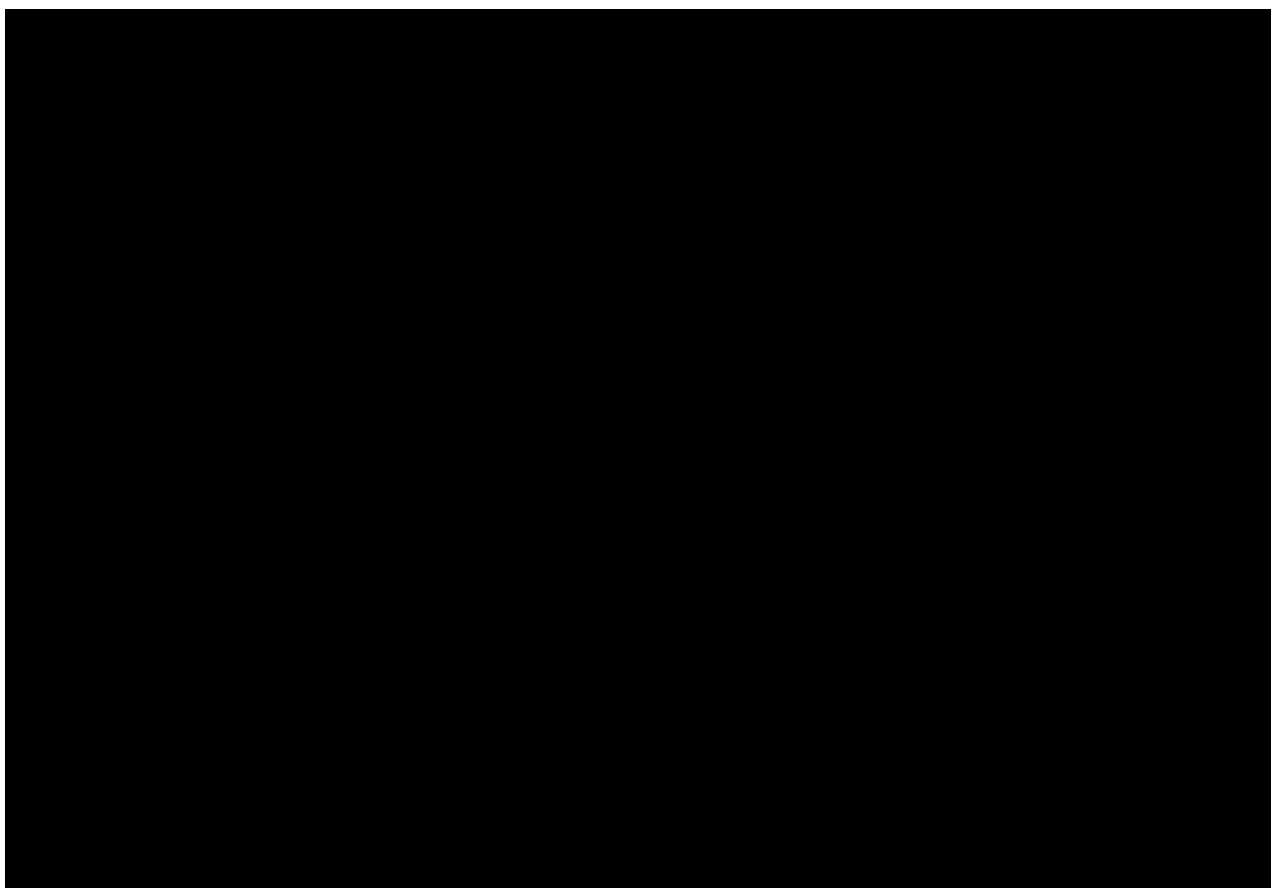
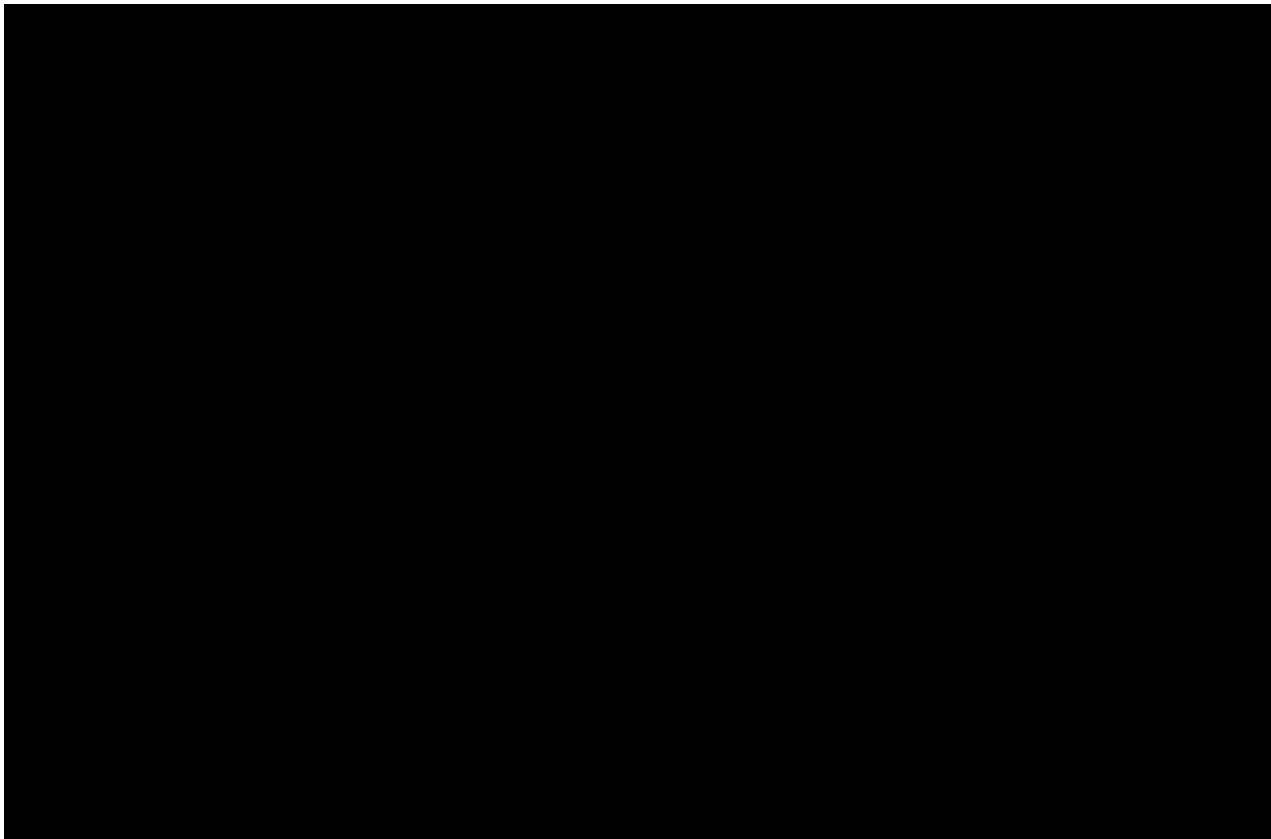
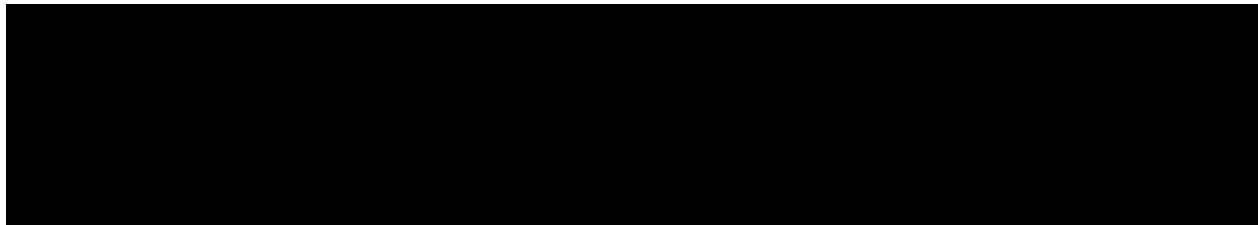
Cllr Andrews refers to Minutes Book extracts from 1983 prepared for me and either claims I "did not show" or is saying these were not shown to me. The latter is factual but I fail to understand why these were not emailed to me. Given that Covid makes personal inspection of the minutes inadvisable (or even banned) why weren't these emailed to me?

The final sentence is also misleading. As I explained in my letter [3] (and as one of the letters from the utilities explains in detail too) the restriction on pipes, cables, etc. under a Village Green is absolute and you **cannot** give permission for such works. They are a criminal offence. We do not object to people gathering on the verge outside my house, but we do object to having my services made criminal.

Email 10 Dec 2020 9:55







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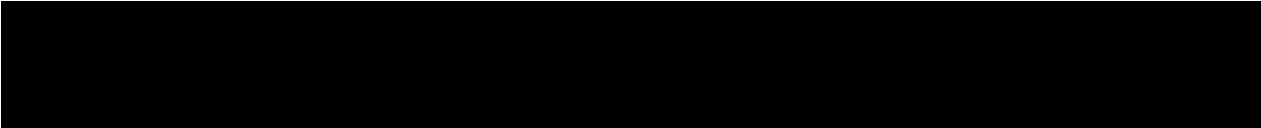
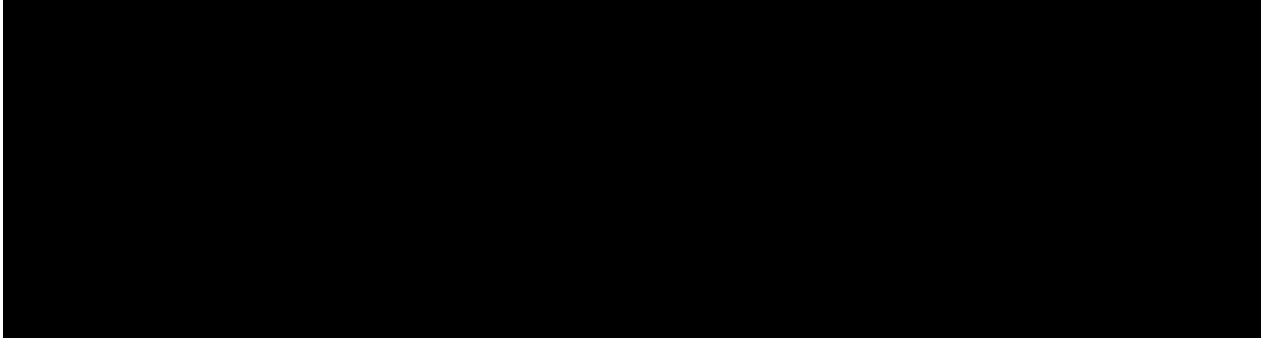
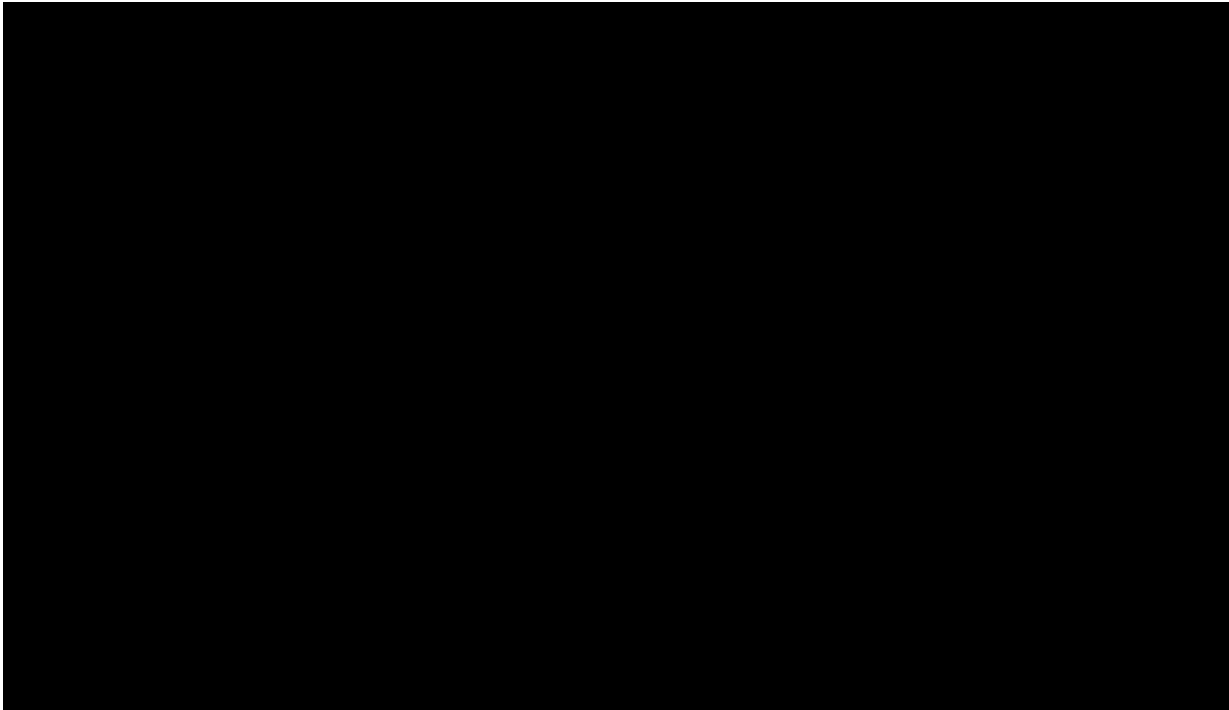
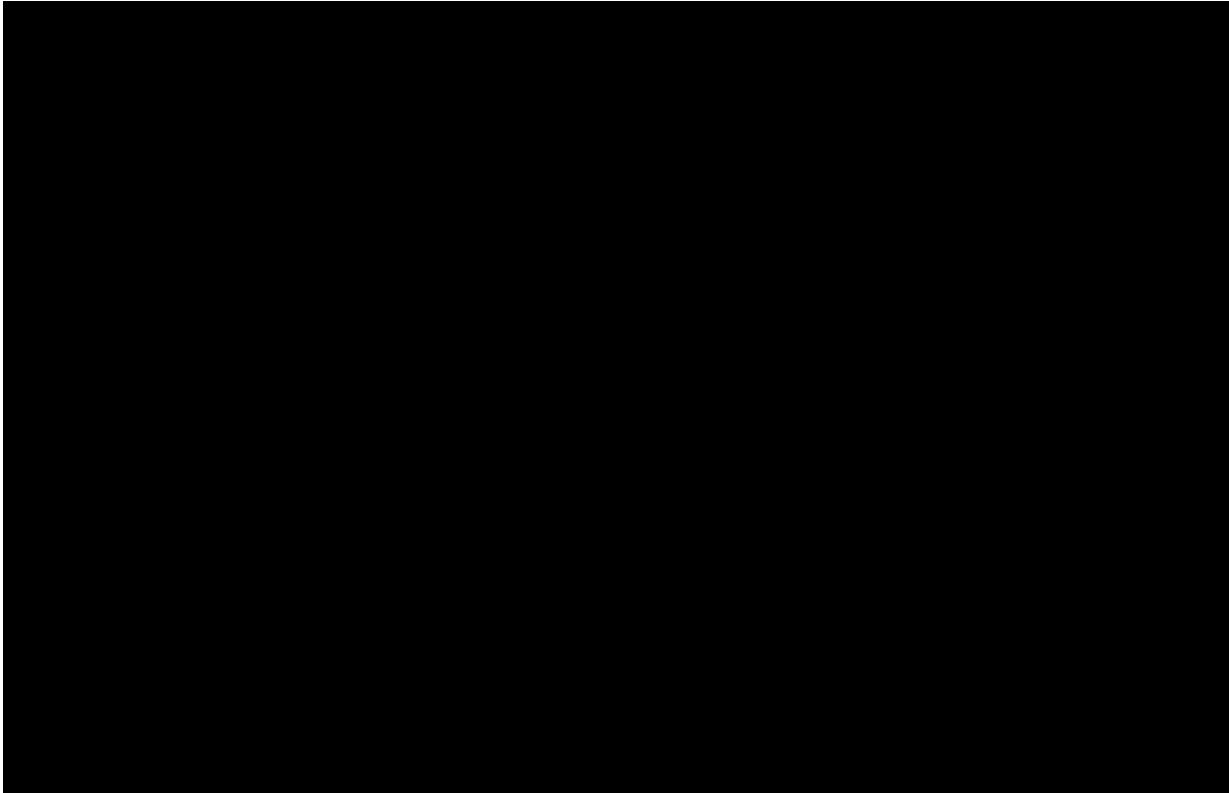
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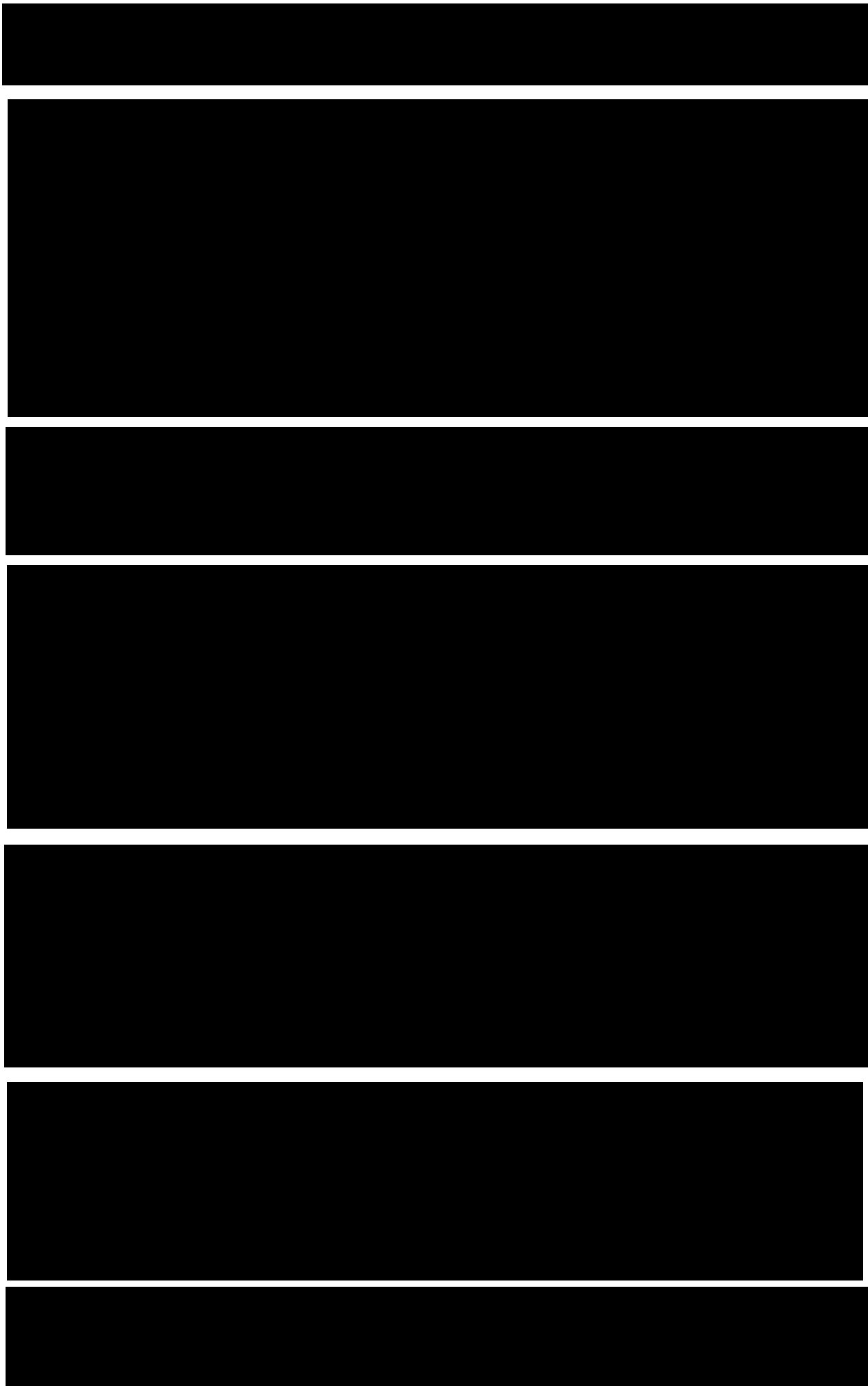
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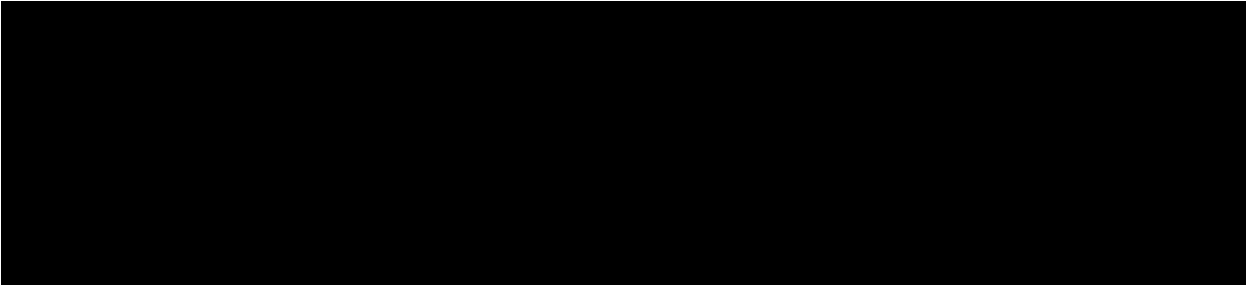
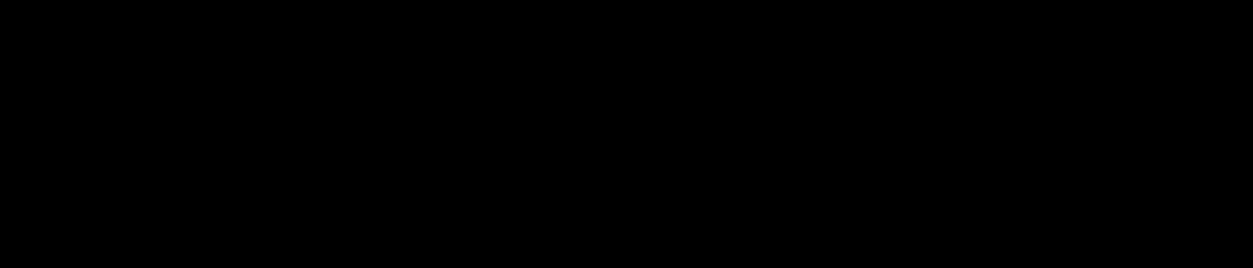
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However, to reiterate the point we made at the start, we fail to see how this is at all relevant to the issue of proof of 20 yrs usage for sports or pastimes. Nor indeed how it is in anyway relevant to the TVG application, nor why it has been accepted as relevant by Wiltshire Council and published. The Cullens' statements are untrue as shown above and libellous. Wiltshire Council have made themselves a party to this libel as has the parish council.

Email 23 Nov 2020 15:30




Email 23 Nov 2020 15:24

Cllr Andrews states that extracts from the Minutes Book were prepared for me to view. Maybe Cllr Andrews can explain why these weren't emailed to me then? They seem to have been emailed to Ms Janice Green easily enough. As Cllr Andrews' states my FOI request came via the What Do They Know web site. This is run by a registered charity (1076346) so its aims have to be above board and for the public good, otherwise it could not be a charity. Cllr Andrews seems to be implying there is something shady about this but in fact WDTK serves the important function of making FOI results available to everyone. This saves repeated FOI requests for same information, which is an aim supported by the ICO.

It would also be more correct to say I haven't made an appointment to view the Minutes Book yet. The country is in the middle of a Covid crisis and unnecessary meetings in person are to be avoided where possible since they increase the R rate. A fact which seems lost on some people as we noted at the VE day celebrations when lockdown was breached. Since it seems that data can be scanned and sent to Ms Green readily enough why it is so difficult to do this when I send in an FOI?

Again, how is this relevant to the TVG application and the need for the parish council to prove 20 yrs usage (or indeed answer any of the other legal points)?

Email 23 Nov 2020 14:35

This is forwarding an email from the parish clerk dated 19 Nov 2020 which contains extracts from the Minutes Book. These extracts show there is a case of misconduct to be answered. In 2017 I wrote to the parish clerk [4] saying:

May I ask if the records of Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council go back as far as 1986/87? I'm interested to know if there is anything pertaining to [REDACTED] or it might have been [REDACTED] (not sure if that was [REDACTED] then) as [REDACTED] sold off the plot that became [REDACTED]

and

I forgot to say that I'm willing to do the searching myself. I didn't mean to burden you with any work :-). If you have records going back that far that is. I can do the searching at wherever suits you as I can understand you might not be comfortable with me taking them away.

The parish clerk replied:

The only record I have is the old minute book. I have been through it from 1970 - 1994 and there is no reference at all to either property.

How do you miss all 5 entries which reference [REDACTED] Lower Stanton? 4 of these entries are even titled [REDACTED] Lower Stanton.

Dealing with these minutes entries in detail:

14 April 1983

This entry shows that the parish council knew that they had no legal basis to claim ownership of the land by 1983. It also shows that rather than pay to settle the matter one way or another they decided just to carry on claiming that they did own it and to prevent the permitted access to the building plot being used. There is no doubt that this was fraud. They had no legal grounds to claim ownership, yet they did claim this causing a loss to the building plot and whoever owned it. Hence they meet the 2 requirements for a simple case of fraud, a loss to the victim and a (deliberate) false statement.

19 May 1983

In summary this entry shows that the parish council decided that if they cannot register the land as common land then they will make some money out of it by selling it, even though they know they have no proof that they own the land so have no basis to sell it. Again clearly fraud.

22 September 1983

There is no record in the minutes of what price the District Valuer proposed or even if he agreed to value the land as we think it is quite possible given his experience he might have questioned if the parish council had some proof of ownership. The County Surveyor who produced a sketch map in 1986 labelled the land wide verge, not village green. The District Valuer could have come to the same conclusion. We find it odd that there is no record of even an estimated value from the District Valuer, surely the parish council would be interested in what they could get for the land?

However, the important fact here is that the minutes report it was not possible to register the land as common land, that is as a Village Green, yet the parish council continued to call it the Village Green and even do so today. The term Village Green is a legal term, hence this legal application to make the land a Village Green. This term implies certain rules and laws apply to the land. The 1986 planning committee was told the land was a Village Green as they call it that in their minutes, this was clearly another example of false representation of the facts.

9 February 1984

We presume this refers to Mr Heredge, the previous owner of [REDACTED] and that the parish council were aware the sale had been completed (19/8/1983). Hence we can only presume that without a buyer for the plot at this time Mr Heredge did not see the point in spending money to acquire the land, unless the parish council were still sending letters addressed to the previous owner Mr Smith.

My late mother bought the building plot from the Heredges in 1986. There is nothing in the minute extracts around this time about negotiating with my mother (or the Heredges) on the sale of the access land, or indeed instructing the District Valuer to start new negotiations.

There was clearly some compelling reason for the Heredges to give up ~90m² of their front garden for the right of way access that was used instead of the direct access which had planning permission. The construction of the long replacement access and what is now the Cullens' front fence was paid for by my late mother (which we can prove by the way). It would have been cheaper or about the same just to use the direct access, so either the price demanded by the parish council was ridiculous and the district valuer not involved, or the parish council refused permission. Giving up ~90m² of garden is not something done on whim. But either way is moot since the parish council did not own the land as they record they **knew** in 1983. The land was highway so they had no right to block access across it nor to ask for money to allow access, or to sell it. My late mother was not aware she had a legal right to a direct access to the road, otherwise that is the route that [REDACTED] would be using today.

16 October 1986

Shows that the parish council claim to have maintained the land for 50yrs is false. They wouldn't even contribute to cutting the grass in 1986.

28 January 1988

My mother never knew about plans to re-install the pond as she would have certainly objected on safety grounds alone as at this time she had 2 grandchildren, aged 4 and 2, who regularly visited her and another grandchild on the way, never mind the nuisance factor of midges and possible flooding.

By 1988 this land had drains and electricity cables running under it serving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. No consideration has been given to those in relation to the pond.

19 May 1988

No mention of contacting the owners of [redacted] and [redacted] to canvass their opinion nor indeed what the rest of the village thought about losing their green space for a potentially dangerous pond. No mention is made of how they planned to overcome the issue of the drains and electricity cables now running where the old pond had been, or the cost of rerouting these. The trees they planted instead of the pond were recklessly planted on top of these drains and cables as well as under telephone wires. Both the telephone wires and the drains would be obvious. There is an access chamber for drains on the grass and how do you miss a telephone pole?

2 October 1989

At most 2 cuts per year, not well maintained as claimed.

1 June 1990

This entry shows that the kids were used to having a kick-about on this grass. And now that trees were planted all over the grass they were being damaged by the ball games. Clearly if the whole village had been asked before these trees were arbitrarily planted there would have been objections to the loss of this space for children's ball games.

There is also no mention of canvassing the opinion of [redacted] and [redacted] before planting a load of trees in front of their houses either. Neither was any professional advice taken since the trees are planted far too close my boundary wall which is the reason it is falling over through root heave. And clearly any professional would have spotted the drains and telephone poles. Nor were any checks done with the utilities as they should have been.

But the point to be taken from this entry is that the parish council did not own this land so had no right to arbitrarily plant trees, especially with any consultation. And if the land had been registered as a Village Green then planting the trees would have been a criminal act too so either way their actions were wrong. A green is a place of exercise, hence the name and interference with that, as the trees clearly did for the ball games would be a criminal offence.

Email 23 Nov 2020 14:31

The first sentence is untrue and obviously so. The application date is April 2018 and the forwarded email included below starts off "Opening of the Wee Free Library June 2019" so these photos were taken over year **after** the application.

In regard to Cllr Andrews' second sentence what exactly was it that Mrs Creasey wanted to change in her statement and has been "persuaded" not to change? Mrs Creasey's statement was the only evidence supplied with the TVG and although it does not prove their case I wonder what she wanted to change and why.

Mrs Creasey's statement reads as though it was written about a planning application, why else would it mention in the last paragraph a new access to the road. Was her letter used for the TVG application without her permission? Mrs Creasey has publicly stated that this land was never the Village Green.

Email 9 Dec 2020 21:10

This email is not from Cllr Andrews, Chair of Stanton St. Quintin Parish Council, like all the others have been but from Serena Parker who is also as parish councillor. This is the only other parish councillor who has emailed. I also note that Ms Parker has not said how long she has been in the village. Ms Parker's current house changed hands in Oct 2017, a bare

7 months before the parish council claimed that there had been continuous usage for sport and pastimes in the preceding 20yrs.

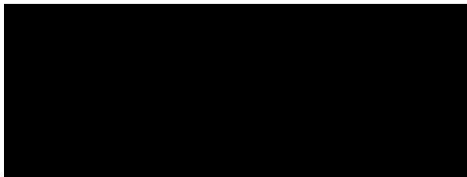
Ms Parker in paragraph 1 claims the land has been used as a village green without actually saying how, i.e. what sports or pastimes she is claiming have taken place there, and when, and by how many residents. Ms Parker fails to explain how she knows this and fails to provide any proof either. Given the short time she appears to have been resident in the village then this looks like she is just repeating what she has been told.

Ms Parker in paragraph 2 makes a general statement that would apply to any open grass area and does not require the land to be TVG. Paragraph 2 does not explain why the verge has to be TVG and the use of the highway verge for the VE 75 celebrations proves that the verge does not need to be TVG to used for events.

Ms Parker's final statement, in paragraph 3, that it is "*the only village green in the Stanton villages, there is no other suitable place the hold village events*" is patently untrue. We could be pedantic and point out that it is not legally a village green but instead we will take this as "green space" which is more the intent. The draft ND plan identifies 2 obvious green spaces which are far larger and far more suitable, the sports field (GS05) and Land to the rear of Valetta Gardens (GS01). And in fact historically the annual Stanton village fete has been held on GS05 which proves our point. The fact that Ms Parker does not know this suggests that she is a comparatively recent arrival and also just repeating what she has been told.

We believe the facts stated in this letter of comments are true.

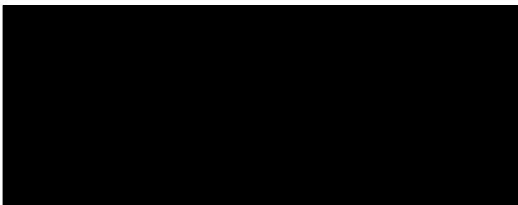
Signed:



Malcolm Reeves

5/1/2021

Dated:



Kathryn Reeves

Dated: 5th January 2021

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OPEN LETTER

Application to Register Town or Village Green in Lower Stanton

Your Refs: 2018/01, 2019/01

Dear Ms Green,

Please find below our comments on the representations reply pdf that you sent on 21 Dec 2020 which you have accepted as part of the TVG application process.

Comments on Representations

This file, "Representations scanned final (reduced).pdf" contains both replies from utility companies who all express their strong concerns that this will prevent them carrying out their work and those "in support" of the TVG application. Objections have been separated in to another pdf and I have no comments on them.

The utility companies in the main repeat the points I made in my objection, namely that they are concerned that the result of TVG would be that our services become criminal and that would not be able to carry out their work since any utility works are something that cannot legally be given permission. Wessex Water is probably the most fulsome analysis of the issues. This is something that the parish council's reply fails to address, nor do they seem to have taken legal advice on the issue as I suggested to them on 9 Aug 2020.

All of the "in support" representations seem to be under the false impression that if this land was just highway verge they would be prevented from gathering on it or using it. This is false and I stated this in my open letter to all parish councillors. The fact that all these representation are based on false information they have been told reduces their value as representations.

In the interest of proper governance, the next pack of information sent out to those who have made comments should make it clear that TVG status does not affect the right of people to gather or even hold events, but that it does however affect the supply of services to [REDACTED]

As has been repeatedly stated the legal case for a claim under Commons Act 15(2) has to show 20yrs usage for sports or pastimes as of right (ignoring the fact that this land is excluded by the Commons Act changes in 2013 that is). In all of the representations none addresses this point.

In summary the representations mention:

- Wee Free library – doubly irrelevant since not only was it installed in 2019, outside of the 20yr period in question, it is also not on the claimed land but on highway verge.
- Maintenance of the land by parish council – not a sport or pastime and claimed time range is over stated too as the minutes prove. According to the minutes, Mr Heredge of [REDACTED] was mowing the grass in 1986 and the parish council would not even contribute to the costs of that. The claim of 50yrs maintenance is thus clearly untrue, belied by the parish council's own Minutes Book. I also find it strange that Mr Seale repeats the 50yrs claim as we recall him telling us that it was only in recent years that the grass had been kept in a decent state. In any case, the parish council have the Minutes Book going back to 1966 so they could prove exactly when they maintained the land from that, if they feel it is relevant. Unsubstantiated repeating of the 50 yrs claim by people who have not been resident in the village long enough to attest to even a fraction of that time is pointless unless they can provide evidence to support their statement.



Figure 1 – VE 75 Day Celebrations - 8 May 2020.

- VE 75 celebration – irrelevant since outside the 20yr period in question and also because the vehicles were parked on the verge opposite the TVG claimed land as the photo in figure 1 shows. This proves the point that highway verge can be used for events. However, it should be noted that at the time of this event, 8 May, the UK

was in lockdown and the government advice was "stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives". We were told to stay in our homes and gardens and were only legally allowed out for essential shopping, to go work if we could not work home, or for 1hr of exercise. All public events were cancelled unless they had special dispensation. Frankly if people who attended or even worse were part of organising an event in breach of lockdown then they are putting down in writing the evidence to convict them. Over 30,000 people had died of Covid by 8 May. That total is now another 40,000 more and some of those deaths are directly down to people not following rules designed to save lives.



Figure 2 – Bench 1 - 21 Nov 2017



Figure 3 – Bench 2 - 21 Nov 2017

- Benches – these face the road so wouldn't qualify the site as a tranquil space under NPPF nor the pastime of admiring a view. Again as mentioned in the representations they are used primarily by walkers or cyclists passing through so do not meet 15(2). The photos I included in my objection letter (page 17,18), reproduced above in figure 2 and figure 3 show the poor condition of these benches in 2017 which belies the claim that they were in regular, even daily, use for years. And the claim should

specify what sports or pastime these benches facilitate, how many residents were doing this sport or pastime, and when and how often this sport or pastime took place, and evidence to support this.

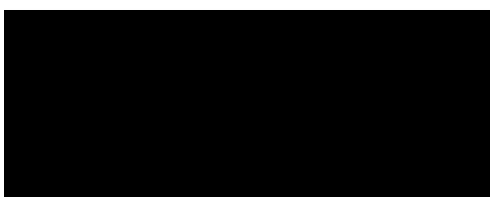
- Christmas lights – not a sport or pastime, and only a recent occurrence too so outside the date range. There are 3 small battery power strings up this year, 2 more than the 1 in 2018, the first year they appeared.
- Notice board – not a sport or pastime, irrelevant.
- Picnic table – this was installed without consultation, there is no reference in the parish minutes to this picnic bench and it is in fact on the route the Fire Service suggested they would use to reach our house. This picnic table is recent, not the several years that is claimed, but dates from after the application in 2018. Hence it is irrelevant to proving 20yrs use, plus as mentioned in the representations it is used primarily by walkers or cyclists passing through, which again does not meet 15(2) which is only interested in use by residents of the neighbourhood the TVG serves, in other words, Stanton St. Quintin parish.
- Other events – various claims have been made about open air church services (when?), Queen's Jubilee (which?) and Royal Weddings (which?). None of these specify a date or even the year or whose wedding was being celebrated. The only events that are given dates are those after the TVG application was submitted so are outside the 20yrs that are relevant. Likewise the only photos submitted are for events that that post date the application so are irrelevant.

There is no evidence in any of the representations that any events took place prior to 2018 when the TVG application was made. Various unsubstantiated claims have been made but no dates, not even the year, have been given. Some claims, such as 50yrs maintenance of the land pre-date when the person moved into the village which makes their veracity suspect when there is no explanation of how they know this. Plus of course the parish council's own minutes prove 50yrs to be a lie. Most, if not all "in support" representations seem to be repeating hearsay and not speaking from their personal knowledge. This is ironic given the libels directed at the objectors, who did write from their personal experience yet were accused of making it up.

All the photos are for events post the TVG application but why? The Cullens have a daughter similar age to one of ours and there are other people, such as the former chairman who signed the TVG application, who have children in the right age range too. Doubtless there are more residents we do not know about who also have such children. We have 23 albums full of photos of our children, from before 2004, many taken at village fetes, and we took even more digital photos when I got my first digital camera in 2004. Why is it then that nobody can produce a photo of their child or family at even one of these events that are claimed to have taken place?

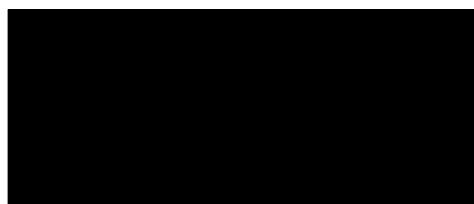
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Signed:



Malcolm Reeves

Dated: 5/1/2021



Kathryn Reeves

Dated: 5th January 2021

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 February 2021 09:13
To: [Green, Janice](#)
Cc: [Madgwick, Sally](#)
Subject: Re: Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green, Lower Stanton St Quintin - Parish Council Revised Statement
Attachments: [StantonTVGobjection-3-Addendum.pdf](#)

Dear Ms Green,

We have considered your email, please find attached our letter in reply. The letter which is an addendum to our letter of 5 Jan 2021, should be accepted into the TVG process along with our letter of 5 Jan 2021 and ideally attached to the end of our previous letter, that is attached to file StantonTVGobjection-3.pdf.

Regards

Malcolm Reeves

On Wed, 20 Jan 2021 16:23:01 +0000, you wrote:

>Dear Mr Reeves,

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>Commons Act 2006 - Section 15(1) & (2)

>Applications to Register Land as Town or Village Green - Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin

>Application no's 2018/01 and 2019/01

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>Thank you for your e-mail. Yes you are correct, the Chair has requested that pages 2-9 (inclusive) of the original document are retracted, which leaves pages 1 and 10 - 16 (inclusive, 8 pages), as per the revised document attached to my e-mail.

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>Thank you also for your comment regarding the reference on page 6 (of the revised document), to the photographs included, which is noted and will be of course be considered in due course.

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>Kind regards,

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Malcolm Reeves [REDACTED]

>Sent: 19 January 2021 14:51

>To: Green, Janice <janice.green@wiltshire.gov.uk>

>Cc: Madgwick, Sally <Sally.Madgwick@wiltshire.gov.uk>

>Subject: Re: Application to Register Land as Town or Village Green, Lower Stanton St Quintin - Parish Council Revised Statement

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>Dear Ms Green,

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>The chairman has thus asked to be removed, in total pages:

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>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

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>Leaving in just pages

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>1 and 10 to 16.

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>I would draw your attention to the lie on page 6 (old page 14) where in Cllr Andrews' email of 23 Nov 2020 14:31 he says "Here are some photos of events held prior events prior to applicatio" by which it is clear he is claiming the photos below, labeled as taken in 2019, pre-date the TVG application which is dated 30 April 2018.

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>I will consider your suggestion that I modify my submission. At this time I am not minded to anything more than add a note detailing the pages Cllr Andrews has retracted with an explanation that my reply to Cllr Andrews libellous emails is retain since these libels are doubtless a slander too which needs correcting with the truth.

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>Regards

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>Malcolm Reeves

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>On Tue, 19 Jan 2021 13:55:05 +0000, you wrote:

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>>Dear Mr Reeves,

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>>Commons Act 2006 - Sections 15(1) and (2) Applications to Register Land

>>as Town or Village Green - Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin

>>Application no's 2018/01 & 2019/01

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>>Further to my e-mail dated 21st December 2020, attaching the Applicants comments on the objections in the above-mentioned applications to register land as Town or Village Green, Lower Stanton St Quintin, the Chair of the Parish Council has now written to me to confirm that he wishes to retract parts of the statement made on behalf of the Parish Council, as per the attached e-mail. In addition the Chair has also requested that pages 3, 4 and 9 of the original document be withdrawn. The document which they refer to was included with my e-mail dated 21st December 2020 as "Applicants Comments on Objections" and once opened is entitled "Parish Council Comments on Objections & Additional Evidence (10th December 2020)".

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>>I would therefore be very grateful if you could remove from your records and securely dispose of the submission in full and replace it with the attached document which has the information withdrawn, as identified in the Parish Council's instructions. I can confirm that these pages will be removed from the Council's file and papers and they will no longer form any part of the consideration and determination process with regard to these applications.

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>>If you would like to make any further/amended comments regarding the revised statement from the Parish Council, (I am in receipt of your representations with your e-mail dated 5th January in relation to the Parish Council Statement in its original form), I would be very grateful if you could do so in writing before 5:00pm on Monday 8th March 2021, but please do let me know if you should require additional time. Please note that any representations submitted will be made available to all parties as part of the determination process.

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>>Kind regards,

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>>Janice Green

2 February, 2021

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Your Refs: 2018/01, 2019/01

OPEN LETTER

Application to Register Town or Village Green in Lower Stanton

ADDENDUM to our OPEN LETTER of 5 January 2021

Dear Ms Green,

This is an addendum to our letter of 5 Jan 2021 which was supplied to you as file:

StantonTVGobjection-3.pdf

Our letter of 5 Jan dealt with the libels of Cllr Andrews which you had seen fit to accept and publish as part of the TVG process. Cllr Andrews then asked you to delete the libellous pages, that is 8 of the 16 pages he submitted, as you informed us on 19 Jan. In your email you suggested that in the light of this change we should delete the libellous pdf of Cllr Andrews that you published. We will not be deleting this file, nor destroying the paper copy you sent since they are evidence.

You have also suggested that we could revise our letter of 5 Jan sent in reply to Cllr Andrews' libels. We will not be doing that either, except to add this addendum to explain our letter of 5 Jan and the reason we refuse to change it.

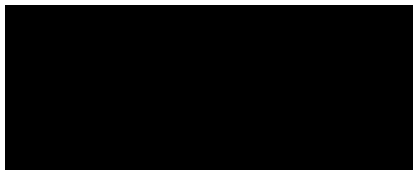
Our letter of 5 Jan addressed the libels in Cllr Andrews' emails to you, which Wiltshire Council published as part of the TVG process. You tell us that these libels are no longer part of the TVG process but we are sure that our letter gives the gist of these libels for readers to understand our comments. Our letter and the attached evidence provided proof that all of Cllr Andrews' defamatory statements were lies. Since these lies are certainly also slander too then it is still necessary to publish the truth that is contained in our letter to counter this slander. Hence our letter of 5 Jan 2021 stands and we will not withdraw it. Everything in the letter is true and backed up with evidence to show it is true.

In addition we note that Cllr Andrews has yet to make a written apology to us and it has been 14 days since you informed us that Cllr Andrews was deleting 50% of his comments. It is clear to us that Cllr Andrews deleting his libels only shows his concern to try to avoid legal action rather than any actual remorse for his actions.

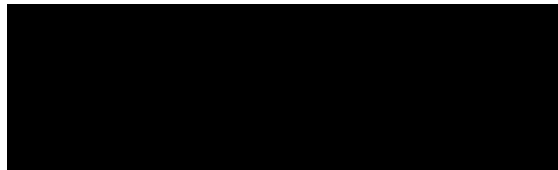
We also note that you informed us that Cllr Andrews had retracted his emails on Tues 19 Jan which was after Wessex Water's Senior Solicitor contacted you on Fri 15 Jan. Our letter was dated 5 Jan and emailed that day at 15:12 to you to be precise, and at 15:28 to your manager, Ms Sally Madgwick, since your automatic reply stated you were on leave until 11 Jan. Hence it also clear that the concern prompting the deletion of these emails was not our letter on the 5 Jan but Wessex Water's Senior Solicitor's request on the 15 Jan where she asked that she be sent the new TVG documents too.

Would you please ensure that this letter is attached to our previous comments in our letter of 5 Jan 2021 submitted to this TVG process, file StantonTVGobjection-3.pdf.

Yours faithfully



Malcolm Reeves



Kathryn Reeves