

Having considered all this, Stapleford Abbots Parish Council decided that when it is considering an application between meetings a notice to this effect should be put on the Council notice boards informing the Public and giving it the opportunity to contact the Clerk with any comments or questions. During my interview with Ian Willett I did tell him this. After a Parish Council meeting an open forum is held for Parishioners to ask questions or raise any subject they wish the Council to consider. This has now been changed, we hold Open Forum before the meeting starts for anyone to raise a subject on the agenda, which gives people the opportunity to talk about Planning Applications and the Open Forum at the end of the meeting is kept for any subjects not on the current agenda.

I hope our new procedures are in order and would be pleased to hear from the Standards Committee if it has any other suggestions for consideration of applications with a deadline for reply, that do not involve the Parish Council in more expense.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V.A. Bright' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Valerie Bright