



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Jim Thorndyke

Vice Chair – Charlie Harvey-Evers

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 11 April 2024 at Stanton Village Hall.

160. Roll Call & Apologies

The following councillors were present:

Brian Brown	Barry McDonald
Dee Burdett	Martin Scowcroft
John Frizzell	Phil Smith
Lorraine Frost	Jim Thorndyke (Chair)
Charlie Harvey-Evers (Vice Chair)	Martin Wright

Apologies for absence were received from the following councillors:

	Reason	Approved/not approved
Vic Dorling	Unwell	Approved

161. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

162. Public Forum

A member of the public addressed the council about a planning application which would be considered by the parish council later. He had objected and explained his reasons for his objections.

163. a. Report from West Suffolk District Councillor Jim Thorndyke:

- The government were introducing a scheme to reduce the number of holiday lets but this was unlikely to have many implications for Stanton.
- There could be a future change to waste collections with the introduction of a vegetable waste collection but with a possible reduction in the frequency of other collections.
- A deal for devolution for Suffolk for the County Council is out for consultation.
- The planning application for Shepherds Grove by Jaynic was refused. It is anticipated that Jaynic will appeal the decision.

b. Report from Suffolk County Councillor Joanna Spicer:

- Confirmation of the consultation for devolution – As no information had been received by the Clerk, SC Cllr Spicer would forward details. A leader would be elected rather than being chosen by the majority group but there would be additional funding available if it takes place.

- SC Cllr Spicer had met with Cllrs Burdett and Thorndyke at Grove Lane to discuss the possibility of extending the 30mph limit past Shepherds Grove Park.
- The Bridle Path along Wash Lane was very overgrown and may need to have an emergency closure until it can be cleared.
- A resident had complained about vehicles and HGVs using Duke Street north of the A143 as a short cut to avoid queuing at the Barningham Road/A143 junction at busy times. Although the road has been designated a 'Quiet Lane' this does not prevent vehicles using it.
- The School Crossing Patrol sign had now been replaced.
- SC Cllr Spicer had granted £500 to Stanton Primary School PTA towards training for staff to run a Forest School.
- The directional sign that had been knocked down on the A143 some months ago, was now on the list to be repaired.

SC Cllr Spicer left the meeting at this point.

164. Clerk's Report

A report had been circulated with the agenda and the Clerk highlighted the following items:

- The Clerk clarified the rules regarding councillors' non-attendance at meetings and the recording of apologies.
- Wyken Estates had kindly installed a new gate in at the entrance to the field adjacent to the Allotments which should improve security

165. Declarations of Interest - Cllr McDonald declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9ai – Grant Application from Stanton Bowling Club.

166. Statutory Business/Governance – No items to consider.

167. Planning Applications

a. New Applications

DC/24/0384/OUT – Land Adjacent Grove View, Upthorpe Road	Outline planning application (Means of Access to be considered) – two dwellings	Objection due to concerns raised relating to visual impact and drainage. Proposed By Cllr Frizzell, seconded by Cllr Frost, and all in favour.
DC/24/044/TPO – Berkeley Leisure, Shepherds Grove Park	TPO 248 (1997) Tree preservation order within A1 on order - a. two mixed Hedges (H1, H2 on plan), mixed Shrubs (G1), and three Conifers (G2) fell; b. three Hazel (T4, T5,T6) coppice to one metre above ground level; c. one Ash (T1) and three Maple (G3) coppice; d. one Sycamore (T2) remove self set under tree; e. one Sycamore (T3) crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level; f. one Field Maple (T7) reduce to growth points at up to five metres above ground level	No objection – proposed by Cllr Burdett, seconded by Cllr Brown, and all in favour.

b. **Determined Applications that were rejected:**

DC/22/2190/HYB – Land at Shepherds Grove, Bury Road – The application was refused on 4 Apr 24.

168. Matters for discussion

a. **Grant Applications**

- i. **Stanton Bowls Club** – It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Frizzell and all in favour to donate £1,000 to Stanton Bowls Club.
- ii. **Stanton Primary School** – Councillors requested that this application be deferred until closer to the event, by which time, they hoped that the PTA would have their own bank account and be more established as an association with regular meetings and minutes.

Cllr Scowcroft left the meeting at this point.

- iii. **Parochial Church of All Saints** – Councillors requested that this application be deferred until such time as further funding for the refurbishment project has been obtained, the project is underway and they would then consider applications for equipment from any groups that would be using the facilities.

b. **Monthly Play Inspection Reports** – the reports were noted by the parish council.

Cllrs Smith and Wright would provide the Clerk with a list of parts required to rectify some of the observations made in the reports.

c. **Play Area Inspection Training** – Cllr Wright would take the booked place on this course.

d. **Electricity Provider** – Councillors considered the quotations received.

It was proposed by Cllr Burdett and seconded by Cllr Wright and with all in favour, to appoint Octopus as the provider on their Green Octopus Business 24m Fixed contract with effect from 1 May 24.

e. **Community Recognition Award nominations** – nominations were considered for 1 individual and 2 businesses.

It was unanimously agreed that all should receive Community Recognition Awards at the Annual Parish Meeting.

f. **Summer Planting – Tubs in The Street** – It was proposed by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Frizzell and all in favour to approve a budget of £600.

169. Accounts

a. **Cleared transactions since last meeting**

Cleared receipts £425.50
Cleared payments £656.82

b. **Bank Reconciliation**

This was received and signed by the Chair of Finance Committee.

Balance per Bank Statements	£82,508.30
Unpresented payments	£1,689.96
Unpresented receipts	
Adjusted Bank Balance	£80,818.34

c. Authorisation of Payments – The following payments were authorised:-

Salaries (all)	£1,752.02
VH Room Hire	£170.00
Scribe Accounts Annual Fee	£673.92
SALC – Playground Inspection Course	£288.00
Suffolk Cloud – website hosting	£120.00
SALC – Membership Subscription	£851.02

d. Budget v Actual Spend

	Annual Budget	Spend (12/12 months)
Income	£71,010	£87,808
Expenditure	£79,010	£76,152

The Finance Report was approved by the Parish Council and the Chairman signed the Schedule of Payments as listed in c. above.

170. Correspondence received

- a. West Suffolk Council Chairman Civic Dinner Invitation – 10 May – noted.

171. Questions to the Chairman

Cllr Smith had previously addressed the council under Public Participation as representing Stanton Football Club to request permission from the Parish Council, as landowner, for them to install a new fence around the pitch.

It was proposed by Cllr Harvey-Evers, seconded by Cllr Frost and all in favour to grant permission for a new perimeter fence to be installed.

172. The next Parish Council meeting is on 9 May 2024 at 7pm

173. Meeting concluded at 8.22 pm

Signed by:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____