



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

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Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 13 January 2022 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Roll call and apologies for absence

Present – Cllrs P Smith (Vice Chair), B Smithson, K Davies, J Frizzell, B Brown, D Cleland Smith, M Scowcroft, A Kemp.

Apologies for absence accepted – Cllr F J Hart, L Frost.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 9 December 2021 were approved.

3. Public Forum: Three members of the public were present to observe the meeting.

MJ asked whether the Council had any plans for the Platinum Jubilee. This is an Agenda item.

MJ also raised the issue of bin collections with DCllr Thorndyke and advised him that there had been significant confusion over the Christmas period and asked why the District Council had stopped issuing paper notices.

DCllr Thorndyke responded that there had been a schedule in the Steamer and notices on the notice board as well as on Social media sites and the lack of paper notices in all bins was probably a time and cost saving measure. He will ask the question of the relevant department.

4. Report from

a. D Cllr J Thorndyke reported

- He is on the panel for the Community Governance Review looking at Village boundaries which has been sent out to all Parish Councils for a response.
- He has expressed his annoyance at the planning department on the failure to circulate the EIA notification for the Land at Shepherds Grove proposals for a to the right people. This has now been rectified.
- Central Government are looking at a new waste strategy including a waste food, kerb side glass, and deposit return scheme. This is in its early stages.

b. C Cllr J Spicer reported

- The County Council are waiting on a response from the Parish Council in relation to the Grundle agreement – the Clerk reported that she was under the understanding that repairs needed to be completed before the Council could sign any agreement. She will follow this up.
- The Rights of Way officer has reported that cutting of all rights of way and footpaths has been completed in December. The Parish Council are still waiting on repairs to the footpath in The Grundle (goat track) which is now quite dangerous in places.

- No updates on the Abbey development

Cllr Brown reported that the residents are keen to take over the management of the development but have been put off by the outstanding matters. The residents and the Parish Council want to see the issues resolved and the development adopted. It is now 6 years since the development was completed and urged Cllr Spicer to encourage the County Council to have some effective dialogue with the Management company to get this resolved.

Cllr Brown asked that it be minuted that the residents are grateful for the work Cllr Spicer is doing in respect of her efforts to resolve the issues so far.

- Cllr Spicer has had communication from a resident about the Co-Op. She has had a clear statement from the County Council Highways that they are still awaiting details to be finalised in respect of a crossing.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will write to both Suffolk County Council and the developer seeking some clarification as the site is an eyesore and the uncertainty is causing concern.

Action – Clerk to write as above

- There was nothing to report in relation to the A143 Speed reduction or the Village Green on the old school site. These are all matters in progress.

5. Clerk’s Report: There were no queries with the Clerks report of the previous months activities.

Cllr Brown asked whether any response had been received from the police after they were sent an email by the Clerk on 12 November to ask for police attendance at a Parish Council meeting after damage was caused to the bollard outside the Village Hall and there was a spate of damage incidents.

The Clerk reported no response from the Safer Neighbourhood team.

Councillors asked that the email be escalated to the Inspector in charge of the team to ask why there has been such a poor response which was unacceptable and disappointing.

6. Declarations of Interest: - Cllr Brown declared an interest in the accounts.

7. Statutory Business/Governance – Councillors received the Q3 Internal Audit Report completed by Mr A Shelton. There were no queries.

8. Planning Applications -

a. New Applications – None

b. Determined Applications

Table 1 Determined applications

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk decision	Decision date
DC-21-1799-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	06/12/21
DC-21-2080-TPO	Haseena Park Farm Drive	No objections	Approved	13/12/21
DC-21-2162-HH	Jaranda Dale Rd	Support	Granted	29/12/21
DC-21-2157-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Granted	29/12/21
DC-21-2251-TCA	Church rooms Old Bury Rd	Support	No objections	29/12/21
DC-21-2198-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	05/01/22

- c. **Other planning matters** – The content of correspondence from Walsham Parish Council re Shepherds Grove Land development was noted. Once the full planning application is received Councillors will be able to fully consider the details.

It is hoped that a meeting can be held involving all affected parishes.

9. Matters for discussion:

- a. **Queens Platinum Jubilee event update – June 2022** Cllr Davies reported that a meeting planned for early January had had to be cancelled due to COVID. The Clerk reported having emailed all Village Organisations on 31 December 2021 and the correspondence was also put on Next-Door Stanton, Facebook and the Parish Council website but there had been no response. Member of public MJ reported that the WI had not received anything nor had the Friendship Club (which has changed contacts).

After discussion it was agreed that a meeting be called for 20th January to gauge interest, Cllr Smithson and Davies will organise some posters and contact village organisations again.

- b. Application for Memorial – Shrinivas DIGHE – Approved
 c. Application for Memorial – Zara May Florrie WALKER – Approved

d. To discuss the **dangerous state of the footpath in George Hill Stanton.**

Cllr Frizzell reported that, over the Christmas period, a resident in a wheelchair had attended a family get together in Barningham Road having traversed the route from The Chase and in daylight. The pavement on George Hill is narrow and very overgrown and the resident was concerned at how narrow the pavement has become due to encroachment of greenery over years of low maintenance.

Unfortunately, on leaving the get together to travel back to The Chase it was dark and difficult to make out the edges of the pavement. The wheelchair was forced to firstly travel with one set of wheels on the road and the other on the pavement except that this made the wheelchair unstable and so forced the resident to move onto the carriageway for some considerable distance. On doing so the resident was faced with fast and oncoming traffic travelling in the direction of Barningham during the hours of darkness which was a frightening experience and a very real safety issue.

George Hill is the only pedestrian route from Stanton Village to the North side of the village. There is no other way for residents from the Hilltop area to access village services including the school, GP surgery and shops on foot. The road is busy day and night and he is very concerned about the situation and have asked that urgent works be carried out to reclaim the full width of the pavement and to that end have asked that an urgent meeting be set up with Highways Road safety officers to agree on the extent of the works which should include the removal of hedgerows, the skirting of overgrowth and repairs to the pavement surface.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact SCC with photographs and ask for a site visit.

10. Accounts

- a. The accounts as below were approved for payment. (General Power of Competence applies)
 b. The Bank reconciliation as at 31 December 2021 was presented for approval. Current Balance £64979.96

Table 2 List of payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS	Minute/cost code	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Stanton Village Hall	02/10	Room hire	154.00		154.00
BB	05/29	Christmas Tree event sundries	18.54	3.71	22.25
AW	03/20	Toilets Cleaning	27.00		27.00
Sports Courts	03/20	MUGA cleaning	425.00	85.00	510.00

Suffolk CC	05/29	A143 Speed reduction works	5000.00		5000.00
Irwin Mitchell	02/13	VAT on disbursements		21.00	
Vertas	03/22	Grass Cutting Q4	1349.05	269.81	1618.86
Staff Salaries	Admin	Clerk/Litter picker/street cleaner	1205.95		1205.95
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank		Interest			0.56
Fireworks event		Ticket sales - Hillcrest			326.00

11. Coronavirus Updates

- a. There are no updates or actions necessary in light of latest guidance from Government, County and District Councils relating to Covid 19.

12. Correspondence from SALC, NALC, Borough and County Councils and Police

- a. Play Area reports December 2021 - Noted
- b. Community Emergency Planning Group request for consideration – Clerk to consult with EPG
- c. Community Governance Review. - Chair and Vice Chair to complete
- d. Street lighting upgrade works notification. - noted
- e. Reclaim the Rain information – Suffolk CC Flood management. - Noted
- f. Precept Survey – PCC – Individual Councillors have completed this.

13. Correspondence –

- a. AB – Thanks for works to trees – Noted.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.26pm

Minutes signed as correct