



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

Vice Chair – Phil Smith

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 14 July 2022 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Roll call and apologies for absence

Present – Cllrs P Smith (Vice Chair), K Davies, J Frizzell, B Smithson, M Scowcroft.

Apologies for absence accepted – Cllrs F J Hart, B Brown, A Kemp, L Frost, B McDonald.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 9 June 2022 were approved.

3. Public Forum: One member of the public was present to observe the meeting.

4. Report from

D Cllr J Thorndyke reported

- The planning application for the flat above the garages at Rosebank is going to the Planning Committee
- Applications for Community Chest funding will be opening soon and the Council is encouraged to consider any future projects that may require funding.
- West Suffolk has been given £270,300 to administer as discretionary grants to target at households identified as being particularly vulnerable to the impact of rising energy bills. Working with Anglia Revenues Partnership, they have identified households in Council Tax bands E-H that, due to income, are in the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCRTS). This includes those who pay by direct debit or other means. They have also identified households in Council Tax bands E-H that are in receipt of a Severe Mental Impairment (SMI) exemption or bands F-H that are in receipt of the Disabled Band Reduction (DBR). Band E Disabled Band Reduction households will have already received the Council Tax Rebate Grant under the main Government scheme.

All of the above will now receive a £150 grant – and in addition we have also decided to award a further £20 to all 8,877 households band A-H who are in LCTRS.

Letters will be going out this week from Anglia Revenues Partnership to all eligible households in LCTRS, DBR or SMI. The letters to the above households will explain what they have done and why, and that no action is required by the resident(s).

They will also be encouraging these households to ring ARP's dedicated helpline on 01842 756456 if they need any help.

Further details can be obtained from the website at

<http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/counciltax/council-tax-rebate-grant.cfm>

5. Clerks Report – There were no queries with the Clerks report previously circulated. Overgrown trees at the Duke Street North j/w the A143 have been reported to Suffolk CC as needing urgent attention. The broken street sign at Meadow Court has been reported to West Suffolk Council.

6. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Davies declared an interest in the payments.

7. Statutory Business/Governance –

a. Application for Co-option for position of Councillor – Charles Harvey-Evers. The application had previously been circulated to all councillors. It was confirmed that Mr Harvey-Evers was qualified to stand as Councillor. He was proposed and seconded and all in favour. He was therefore co-opted. He was unable to attend the meeting in person due to a previous commitment.

Action – Clerk to arrange to see Mr Harvey-Evers and submit necessary paperwork

b. The Annual risk assessment was approved by Council and signed by the Vice Chair.

8. Planning applications – can be viewed at

<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/vieworcommentonplanningapplications.cfm>

a. New Applications –

DC/22/1002/TCA | Trees in a conservation area notification - one Oak, one Silver Birch, and one Robinia (T1, T2, T3 on plan) fell | The Lodge Park Farm Drive Stanton Suffolk IP31 2DL
(This has already been granted by the planning officer)

DC/22/1003/HH | Householder planning application - single storey side extension with addition of gable to existing roof | 4 Wrenshall Farm Barns, Cart Lodge Uphorpe Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 3AS

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/22/1004/LB | Application for listed building consent - single storey side extension with addition of gable to existing roof | 4 Wrenshall Farm Barns, Cart Lodge Uphorpe Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 3AS

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/22/0987/EIASCO | Request for Scoping Opinion under regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - use of 27.56 hectares of the application site for storage and distribution use (B8 Use Class), in connection with the storing, distribution and processing of accident damaged and non-damaged motor vehicles, together with the erection of ancillary buildings, perimeter fencing and landscaping works. In addition, full permission for the construction of a new roundabout on the A143, framework landscaping areas and new road through the site between the A143 and Grove Lane. Outline planning permission is sought for general employment uses (Use Classes B2, B8 and E) on 1.3 hectares of land (Plot D), and commercial/roadside uses (Use Classes B2, B8, C1, E, and a hot food takeaway and pub/restaurant) on 2.7 hectares of the remaining developable land within the site adjacent to the A143 (Plots A, B and C) | Land At Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate East Sumner Road Hepworth Suffolk

RESPONSE – Council wishes to defer comment at this stage until after the presentation by Jaynic on 21 July

b. Determined Applications –

Table 1 Determined applications

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk decision	Decision date
DC-22-0486-HH	Willow Garth George Lane	Not considered	Approved	01/06/22

c. Planning – Other

Consultation event notice – Jaynic proposal for Shepherds Grove. Details have been circulated on the website, social media and on notice boards for this event taking place on 21 July. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

9. Fireworks Event

- a. Cllr Smithson provided an update on the event which is taking place on Saturday 5 November 2022.

Local resident Mr Greg Meadwell was present and has volunteered to get involved with the organisation of the event. There is still room for more volunteers. The request for help has been circulated on social media and on the notice boards and website and it is hoped that this will encourage more people to come forward. After further discussion, Cllr Smithson proposed a budget of £4,500 for the event. This was seconded and all in favour.

Resolved – Budget of up to £4,500 for fireworks event

10. Matters for discussion:

- a. Cllr Scowcroft raised the issue of the **multi-use games area** which is now past its best and consideration needs to be given to replacing the facility with something more modern and attractive similar to the facility at Walsham Le Willows which is in constant use – often by Stanton residents. After further discussions Councillors agreed that the way forward would be for the recreation ground working party to get together with Cllr Scowcroft and have a scoping meeting to bring suggestions and ideas together and formulate an action plan.
- b. Cllr Frizzell circulated an update on the **noxious fumes smell** which appeared to be emanating from land off Bardwell Road. Of particular concern was a report that a resident had suffered a sore throat, lung irritation, sickness and discomfort. At the moment reports are sporadic; but, when regular reports indicating adverse effects on parishioners are collated, Public Health will immediately be informed. Residents are also urged to also report any issues as they arise.
- c. Cllr Frizzell advised that a resident had reported to him that **the hedgerow at the bottom end of Duke Street North at its junction with the A143 was dangerously overgrown** and impeding the visibility at the junction, especially for pedestrians. The Clerk has submitted a report to Suffolk County Council for urgent attention to the area.

11. Accounts

- a. The **Bank reconciliation** as at 30 June 2022 was received. Current Balance £108332.22
- b. The **Budget report for the Platinum Jubilee event** was circulated. The accounts showed a spend of £2,212.60. Donations towards the costs (for the jubilee mugs) had been received from a locality grant from the District Councillor – Jim Thorndyke (£400), Stan Co co (£330), Stanton Steamer (£500) and a resident (£15). Total receipts £1,245. That left a spend of £967.60 against a budget of £1,000. The Chair congratulated Cllr Davies and Frost on keeping within the allocated budget.
- c. The accounts as below were approved for payment. (General Power of Competence applies)

Table 2 List of payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS	Minute/cost code	Description	Net	VAT	Total
KD	05/29	Platinum Jubilee sundries	14.64	2.94	17.58
KD	05/29	Platinum Jubilee food and prizes	149.37	24.78	174.15
CDC	05/29	Platinum Jubilee mugs	257.50	51.50	309.00
Gentworks	03/20	Spares for water fountain repair	100.00	20.00	120.00
KR	03/23	Allotment payment refund	11.25		11.25
Anglia Surface Care	9h 14/4/22	Play Area deep clean	380.00	76.00	456.00
Mark Wright electrical	4a 28/10/21	Installation cost of defib – Village Hall	350.00	70.00	420.00
WAVE	04/15	Water bill - Cemetery	12.78		12.78
WAVE	03/25	Water bill – Recreation Ground	160.64		160.64

Hillcrest	9d 14/4/22	Replanting of Village tubs	420.84	84.17	505.01
LF	05/29	Platinum Jubilee sundries	27.00		27.00
FJH	02/07	Chair Expenses - donation	50.00		50.00
Radworks plumbing	03/20	Water fountain repairs	154.00		154.00
Stanton Village Hall	05/29	Hire of hall for Jubilee	125.00		125.00
AW	03/20	Toilets Cleaning	45.00		45.00
HMRC	02/01	PAYE Q1	633.92		633.92
Staff Salaries	various	Clerk/street cleaner/litter picker	1313.15		1313.15
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank	01/39	Interest	0.93		
SH	01/38	Allotment fees	7.50		
Stanton Steamer	01/34	Donation to Jubilee mugs	500.00		
VHMC	01/30	Water refund – Recreation Ground	73.45		
BB	01/34	Donation for Jubilee mugs	15.00		

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

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports – Jun 22 – Noted. No areas of significant risk identified.
- b. Statement of Licensing Policy consultation – West Suffolk - Noted
- c. SALC AGM – 20 July @7pm – invitation. Volunteers to advise the Clerk
- d. Update on former school playing field – Council has received notice that the County Council are still in discussions with the developer in respect of access to the site and once that is established the Parish Council will reconsider the terms of the lease.

13. Correspondence –

- a. CT – to consider the provision of a library box in the village.

A resident asked Council to consider the idea of a wooden 'library box' to be installed in the village at a cost of £150 for the box. After discussions Councillors felt that they were unable to support the project for a number of reasons. The main one being vandalism which - although on a reasonably small scale - is quite a problem in the village centre around the bus shelter and in the Street.

Another reason is that the mobile library already visits several areas of the village and they were concerned that this may be compromised by books being available elsewhere.

They did however suggest that the resident could look for an alternative indoor venue for the project which might be easier to maintain and they were signposted to possible other venues.

Unfortunately, Financial regulations prohibit the Council from giving funding to an individual.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.35pm

Minutes signed as correct