



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

Vice Chair – Phil Smith

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 10 March 2022 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Roll call and apologies for absence

Present – Cllrs F J Hart,(Chair), P Smith (Vice Chair), L Frost, B Smithson, K Davies, J Frizzell, A Kemp.

Apologies for absence accepted –. Cllrs B Brown, D Cleland Smith, M Scowcroft.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 10 February 2022 were approved.

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

4. Report from

a. D Cllr J Thorndyke reported

- Consultation on Hackney Carriages is ongoing and Parish Council encouraged to respond to this.
- There will be a march against the Sunnica proposals for a vast solar farm near Newmarket taking place on Saturday 20 March.
- Community Governance proposals are now going out to consultation
- No updates yet from the Bloor or Shepherds Grove planning applications.
- There will be a Christmas event this year in Bury St Edmunds. The lights will switch on 17 November and there will be a number of events being organised by a partnership between the Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds Bid/Bury St Edmunds town Council and West Suffolk Council but no Christmas market as the event had become too large.

Cllr Smith asked if the lines outside the primary school had been enforced recently by the parking wardens. DCllr Thorndyke will ask the question.

b. C Cllr J Spicer reported

- The Road Traffic regulation order for the reduction of the speed limit on the A143 works has been sealed and will take effect from 14 March. The signage should be completed shortly afterwards.
- Old Primary school playing field in Bury Lane – No updates.
- The A1088 is to get some emergency repairs on potholes. There is a delay in getting the structural weight limit in place.

The Chair requested to bring forward item 9f – there were no objections.

Cllr Smith described that the recent flooding in the village had highlighted an issue at the bus shelter in the street where two large drains had been blocked by debris leaving them ineffective. Cars park over the drains which means that they are inaccessible for clearance and would the County Council consider that this could be dealt with by double yellow lines being put in place.

CCllr Spicer said that there would be a cost to having yellow lines at that location and especially as local businesses may object which would increase the cost – she suggested that a solid white line and ‘keep clear’ sign painted on the road may be a better way forward.
She will enquire with Highways.

5. **Clerk’s Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks report of the previous months activities. The Clerk has had ongoing conversations with Stanton FC about a lease for the Football pitch on the top of the Recreation Ground which has been historically maintained by them. No previous lease agreement can be found.

The Club has presented a draft lease which has been circulated. After discussion it was agreed in principle and Councillors requested that the lease be legal checked and brought back to the April Meeting to be signed off.

6. **Declarations of Interest:** - None.

7. **Statutory Business/Governance** – Council considered the details of a lease to Stanton Football Club for 25 years for the football pitch located on the top field of the Recreation Ground. After discussion Councillors were concerned that the document should be legal checked before agreeing to its content.
The Chair agreed to seek legal advice and report back to the April meeting.

8. **Planning Applications –**

a. **New Applications –**

DC/22/0191/HH | Householder planning application - conservatory to front elevation | Hillcrest Barningham Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 2DU

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

b. **Determined Applications –**

Table 1 Determined applications

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk decision	Decision date
DC/22/0046/HH	Willow Garth, George Lane	Withdrawn		

c. **Other Planning matters**

The Chair updated Council on a meeting he had attended at the Village Hall with Cllr Frost in respect of the application by Jaynic (on behalf of Copart.co.uk) to set up a vehicle reselling/recycling facility at Shepherds Grove.

The meeting had also been attended by Parish Councils from adjoining areas.

The developer had indicated vehicle movements to and from the site at around 240 per day which they considered would be less than the impact of 300 houses on the previous master plan.

The site would create up to 90 job vacancies.

There will be an access road from the A143 and a roundabout which would give scope for a roadside facility.

Construction traffic will use the concrete road off Summer Road until the new road is constructed.

Once the plans have been finalised, the application will go to public consultation to allow residents affected to see the full plans in due course.

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **Queens Platinum Jubilee event update** – June 2022. Cllr Frost and Davies updated Council on the plans for the Village picnic event, details of which were circulated. Cllr Davies proposed that Council purchase a commemorative mug for each child at Stanton Primary School. The cost estimated to be in the region of £3.50 per mug – final numbers to be confirmed by the school. After discussion this was seconded. All in favour.

Resolved – Commemorative mug to be purchased for Stanton Primary School children

DCllr Thorndyke said that he would be happy to contribute £400 of locality money towards the purchase and there may be an opportunity to get additional funding towards the total needed.

b. **Celebratory tree to commemorate Cllr Millers' 50 years' service.** Cllr Smithson proposed the purchase of a Euonymus (Spindle tree) which is Cllr Miller's choice. The Cemetery working party has agreed an area in which it could be planted. This was seconded and all in favour.

Resolved - Cllr Smithson to arrange the purchase of a Euonymus and its planting

c. **Letter from Green Ixworth re A143 corridor.** The writer is concerned at the increased housing proposed for the A143 area and the impact traffic will have on the environment and the road infrastructure.

After discussion it was agreed that the Chair will formulate a response to support the proposal of a strategic partnership.

Action – Chair to formulate response to Green Ixworth

d. **Torch Relay – Festival of Suffolk.** Councillors considered residents for nominations to take part in the torch relay through Stanton Village on Monday 16 May. Several residents were nominated.

Action - Clerk to make enquiries with the list to see who is available and willing.

e. **Parking restrictions in The Street** (Cllr Smith) – covered in CCllr Spicer report above.

f. **Improvements to the wildlife area on George Hill.** Cllr Kemp reported that he considered that the area of Common land at George Hill was looking tired and may benefit from some planting.

Cllr Frizzell reported that before lockdown, during the summer of 2019, a Parish Council working party consisting of Cllr Brian and Mrs Mary Brown, Cllr John and Mrs Moira Frizzell and Cllr Larry and Mrs Ann Morris spent a day digging beds, setting flowers, seeds and bulbs.

Sadly, the grass cutting contractors, not knowing, and with the best intentions, inadvertently mowed the area just as it was getting going. This will have set it back a year if not longer. A lot of work has since been done by the working party of himself, Mrs Frizzell, Cllr and Mrs Mary Brown and local residents Larry and Ann Morris with spring plants, bulbs and wildflower seed having been planted and the area would take time to establish. Cllr Frizzell commented that some wildflower seed takes up to 3 years to germinate.

Cllr Frizzell, Cllr Brown and the residents were thanked for the efforts made to improve the area. After discussion it was agreed that the area be monitored for the coming months and the matter be further discussed in September, having been able to see which, if any flower/plant growth has happened over the season. with a view to purchasing bulbs etc to enhance the planting.

g. An **application for a Memorial** for the late Robert Scowcroft was approved.

9. Accounts

a. The Bank reconciliation as at 4 March 2022 was received. Current Balance £55722.88

b. 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
PP	03/28	Travel expenses – SID repair	37.00		37.00
Pentagon Security systems	03/20	CCTV camera fault call out	70.00	14.00	84.00
AW	03/20	Toilets Cleaning	36.00		36.00
NALC	02/02	CilCa qualification admin costs	80.00	16.00	96.00
Staff Salaries	Admin	Clerk/Litter picker/street cleaner	1195.95		1195.95
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank	01/39	Interest	0.45		0.45

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

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports February 22 – Noted. No urgent matters.
- b. Battery energy storage system installed at West Suffolk - Noted
- c. Notice of consultation on Hackney Carriages – West Suffolk. Noted
- d. Quiet Lanes project update. (Stanton/Bardwell is Wave 3). Noted

11. Correspondence –

- a. LS – Benefit advice for local community. Councillors would be pleased to support a benefits advice surgery to be organised by LS and the Church in April. Further details to follow.
- b. JS – Mud on public walkways – The Clerk has reported the matter to Highways and advised JS of the response.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55pm

Minutes signed as correct