



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Frances Hart / Jim Thorndyke

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 11 May 2023 at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

As Chair Cllr Hart sent apologies Cllr Brown was elected to chair the meeting.

1. Election of Chairman – Cllr / D Cllr Thorndyke nominated and seconded - elected by Cllr vote and accepted. Signed declaration of acceptance.
2. Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr Harvey-Evers nominated and seconded - elected by Cllr vote and accepted.
3. Roll call and apologies for absence: Present – Cllrs B Brown, B McDonald, J Frizzell, C Harvey-Evers, M Scowcroft, Cllr/DCllr J Thorndyke, Cllr Dorling, Cllr Smith, Cllr Burdett, Cllr Frost. Apologies from Cllr Hart. CCllr Spicer will be arriving later.
4. Approved minutes of meeting 13 April 2023. Cllr Smith raised an objection which was noted.

5. **Public Forum:** 4 members of the public were present.

Residents wanted to raise concerns about the sudden use of numerous farm vehicles coming down Bury Lane leaving a mess. This is since prohibition signs have been placed on their usual route. This was to be referred to CCllr Spicer to comment when she arrived.

6. a. DCllr Thorndyke report: Update on the election situation for West Suffolk. Conservatives need another 7 to form a Council. Independents have 19 seats and looking to join with Labour to form a Council.

6. b. CCllr Spicer report deferred until she arrives.

For all the latest news from West Suffolk – go to <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/news/>

7. Clerk report: verbal report. Clerk thanked outgoing Chair for service to Stanton for 7 years. Clerk is staying on past resignation period to train new Clerk who commences role next week. Thanked Councillors for the support received in role. Best wishes given to the new Council. General Power of Competence no longer applies.

8. No declarations of interest.

9. Planning applications – can be viewed at

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

New Applications –

a.

DC/23/0591/TPO | TPO 078 (1966) tree preservation order- a. 30 conifers (G1 on plan within A1 on order) height reduction by up to five metres b. 13 conifers (G3 on plan within A1 on order) height reduction by up to four metres c. 11 conifers (G2 on plan within A1 on order) two Robina (T2 T3 on plan within A1 on order) fell d. one Cherry (T4 on plan within A1 on order) height reduction by up to six metres e. one Eucalyptus (T5 on plan within A1 on order) reduce back limbs to give clearance on BT cables f. one London plane (T1 on plan within A1 on order) install tree brace | The Old Rectory Old Rectory Gardens Stanton Suffolk IP31 2BX – No objections

DC/23/0633/TPO | TPO 248 (1997) tree preservation order - a. one Ash (T1 on plan within A1 on order) remove leader growing over property back to fork at approx four metres above ground level b. one Ash (T4 on plan within A1 on order) crown lift to six metres above ground level | Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Suffolk - No Objections.

b. Determined Applications

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk Decision	Decision date
DC/23/0248/FUL	Land at unit 5 Obrien Grove	No Objection	Approved	14/4/23
DC/23/0307/TPO	Berkeley Leisure, Shepherds Grove	No Objection	Approved	18/4/23
DC/23/0308/TPO	Berkeley Leisure, Shepherds Grove	No Objection	Approved	18/4/23

c. Memorial application approved.

10 Matters for discussion

- a. Deferred for Cllr Spicer –
- b. Deferred for Cllr Spicer –
- c. Cllr Brown suggested a more recent report of vehicle numbers on A143 is required to assess the impact of the 30mph speed limit. Deferred for Cllr Spicer.
- d. Insurance renewal agreed. Cllr Smith agreed to do a weekly written report on the skate park as required.
- e. Handout reviewed of proposed locations of the new Speed Indicator Devices and was agreed. Cllr Spicer donating £4000 towards the cost from her budget. Further costs for new poles are going to be incurred of approx. £1700 and was approved.
- f. Additional hours worked by Clerk in April – approved.
- g. Two quotes received for fireworks. Supplier approved.
- h. Annual SALC subscription agreed and approved.

11. Statutory Business/Governance (Clerk)

- a. Review and adopt Standing Orders 2023-24 - agreed
- b. Review and adopt Financial Regulations 2023-24 – agreed
- c. Review and approve asset register – 3 new speed indicator devices to be added. Audit to be undertaken this year of the assets by Cllr McDonald and Cllr Burdett.
- d. Approve the Statement of Internal Control- approved
- e. Areas of Councillor Responsibility – to be discussed at June meeting.
- f. To Approve action plan 2023-24 – to be discussed at June meeting.
- g. To adopt the National Code of Conduct – Adopted.

12. Accounts

- a. Report received from Internal Auditor for accounts and annual governance statement 22-23
- b. Direct debit approved for electricity 2023-24
- c. Bank reconciliation received
- d. Approved and authorised accounts below.

PAYMENTS	Minute/cost code	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Salaries	02 01	Various			1695.79
Trevor Brown	02 09	Internal Audit Services			336.00
PWLB	02 13	Loan Repayment			10064.91
A Wray	02 02	Stamps			4.40
Central Design Ceramics	05 29	Mugs for Coronation	2572.00	514.40	3086.40
A Wray	02 02	Amazon Frames for Community Recognition Awards	34.98	6.99	41.97
GKW Groundworks	04 16	Wellington Memorial groundwork at Cemetery	600.00	120.00	720.00
A Wray	02 03	Internet Contribution			18.23

EDF	03 27	Clocktower			18.00
EDF	03 27	Floodlights			12.00
A Wray	02 03	Telephone			10.00
Viking	02 02	Paper / Ink		11.34	68.05
RECEIPTS					
West Suffolk Council	01 31	Precept			71010.00
Stan Co Co	05 29	Donation for Coronation Mugs			500.00
Memorial	01 32	Memorial			95.00
Lloyds	01 39	Bank Interest			46.80
Rosedale Funeral	01 32	Cemetery Fees			110.00
HMRC VAT	01 37	VAT refund			518.81
Village Hall	03 25	Refund			160.33

CCllr Spicer arrived

Resident concern agenda point 5 was raised. CCllr Spicer will investigate where the farm vehicles are coming from and the reason for the change in route. Requested residents send their video/photo footage of the vehicles to her by email. 3 members of the public left.

CCllr Spicer apologized for late arrival and report given (item 6b).

Welcomed new Councillors.

£4000 donated to SIDS, £500 towards Coronation mugs

Hepworth Road update and feedback.

Cllr Frost raised issue with posts for crossing seem far from kerb. Action: Cllr Frost to take photos and send to CCllr Spicer.

Grundle clearance starts next week.

10a Pocket park/ Village Green draft lease was circulated. Action : CCllr Spicer will organise a meeting on site with Cllr Thordyke, Cllr Frost, Cllr Smith to discuss with SCC.

10b Cllr Frost raised a request for a no left turn sign into the Village at where the new Co-op is. After discussion was decided to let things settle and normal driving habits resume after all the diversions and see if there is still an issue.

10c After discussion about traffic report on A143 it was decided to wait for new speed indicator devices to be installed as they can capture vehicle count data to be reviewed.

13.

a. Wellington Memorial event 20th May 2023 Cllr Brown attending

b. Play area inspection. Some low risk faults identified on report to be rectified. Cllr McDonald to contact Supplier for quotes.

Next meeting agreed to take place on **15 June 2023**

Meeting concluded at 9pm

Minutes signed as correct