



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Jim Thorndyke

Vice Chair – Charlie Harvey-Evers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall

Councillors are summoned to attend.

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call and Apologies:** To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence.
- 2. To consider and approve minutes of previous meeting:** 12 October 2023 (attached)
- 3. Public Forum:** The public are invited to address the Council. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes (unless directed by the chairman of the meeting). A member of the public shall not speak for more than 5 minutes.
- 4. Reports from:**
 - a. District Councillor Jim Thorndyke
 - b. Suffolk County Councillor Joanna Spicer
- 5. Clerk's Report** (attached)
- 6. Declarations of Interest:** To declare any interest in remaining items on the agenda.
- 7. Statutory Business/Governance:**

To note that a meeting of the Parish Council to consider the Budget for 2024-25 has been arranged for **Thursday 30 November at 7pm.**
- 8. Planning applications:**

a. New Applications

i. DC/23/1770/TCA 36 The Street	Trees in a conservation area notification - one Silver Birch (T2947 on plan) crown lift to 2.5 metres above ground level to clear streetlight by one metre
ii. DC/23/1784/TCA Ivy Cottage, The Street	Trees in a conservation area notification - one Willow (T1 on plan) overall crown reduction by three metres

b. Determined Applications that were Rejected:

NONE

9. Matters for discussion:

a. NALC Pay Scales 22/23 and Local Government Pay Claim 23/24

Cllr Fizzell

As requested by the Personnel Working Party, the NALC Pay Scales for 22/23 are **attached** for reference. There has been no decision on the pay offer for 23/24, which was due in April 23. When forecasting outturns for this year, and budgeting for salaries for the coming financial year, an allowance will be made for any potential pay increase which would be backdated to 1 April 23.

b. SIDs – purchase of two batteries and a charger

Clerk on
behalf of Cllr
Harvey-Evers

To consider the **attached** quotation from Elan City for 2 batteries and a charger for the SID which is located on the A143 facing towards Diss. This location is shadowed by trees and does not get enough sun in the winter to run it. The additional batteries and charger will allow the batteries to be rotated.

To approve the purchase of 2 batteries and charger from Elan City at a cost of £348.58.

c. Winter Tubs – The Street

Cllr Brown

To consider the **attached** quotation from Hillcrest Nurseries for replanting the tubs along The Street with winter bedding plants.

To approve the purchase of winter bedding plants for the tubs in The Street at a cost of £246.00.

d. Christmas Tree Lighting Update

Cllr Brown

To receive a verbal update regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting event.

e. Defibrillator at Clock Tower

Cllr Smith

To consider a request to move the defibrillator situated on the Clock Tower to a new location due to the proximity of another defibrillator at the Co-operative store.

f. 5-a-side SUDS and tennis courts

Cllr Wright

g. Play Area Reports

Cllr Smith

To receive the Play Area Inspection Reports for 4 October 2023 (attached) and to receive a verbal report regarding list of works required so that a quotation may be obtained from IA Play Solution.

h. Firework Display

All councillors

To acknowledge the cancellation of the Firework Display on 4 November 2023 and to agree actions:

- To confirm that fireworks will be returned to Fantastic Fireworks who will store these securely free of charge as we are not licensed to keep these longer than 21 days from receipt and to

agree to pay mileage for David Smithson who is willing to return them.

- To consider whether a future event should be planned.

10. Accounts:

- to receive Finance Report as at 31 October 2023
- to approve payments as scheduled (Chairman to sign).

11. Correspondence received:

- a. Clarkes Christmas Event
- b. Bus Network Improvements
- c. Suffolk Constabulary County Policing Command – restructure
- d. SCC Highways – Footpath Sign at The Grundle – work ordered
- e. West Suffolk Civic Carol Service
- f. SCC Joanna Spicer – Road signs
- g. War Memorials Trust – advice on cleaning War Memorial
- h. Grass cutting review by West Suffolk Council
- i. Citizen Advice West Suffolk – raising awareness of Long Covid

12. Questions to the Chairman.

To consider any questions to the Chairman and whether items should be added to future agendas.

13. Date of next meetings.

To confirm the following meetings:-

- Parish Council Budget meeting on **Thursday 30 November 2023 at 7pm**
- Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 14 December 2023 at 7pm.**

Signed: *Fiona Osman*
Clerk to Stanton Parish Council
Date: 3 November 2023

Attachments:

Agenda item	Details
5	Clerk's Report – November 2023
9	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. E02-22 Pay Agreement 2022-23b. Elan City – Quotation for Batteriesc. Hillcrest Nurseries – Quotation for Winter Bedding Plantsg. Play Area Reports:-<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Pocket Parkii. Skate Parkiii. Village Hall
10.	Finance Report – November 2023