



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

Vice Chair – Phil Smith

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 9 February 2023 at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Roll call and apologies for absence

Present – Cllrs P Smith (Vice Chair), B Brown, K Davies, B McDonald, J Frizzell, A Kemp, L Frost, CCllr J Spicer, DCllr J Thorndyke.

Apologies for absence accepted – Cllrs F J Hart (Chair), C Harvey-Evers
Agenda item 10e was removed as Cllr Scowcroft not present

2. The minutes of previous meeting – 12 January 2023 were approved

3. Public Forum:

6 members of the public were present.

Representatives from Ixworth Parish Council wanted to note our objection to the Copart development and to also convey their concerns over the development, as it is much bigger than anticipated. Urged us to observe this application closely, as the impact of this operation affects several villages and there is no joined up transport strategy. Their concerns were noted.

Members of Stanton Football Club were present to discuss plans to develop local youth football teams which would require the marking out of two pitches and a storage facility for goals.

Action: Stanton FC will email Parish Clerk a proposal including costs and plans for review for consideration at the next parish council meeting.

Three members of the public left.

4. Report from:

a. D Cllr J Thorndyke

- The District Council element of council tax for 2023/24 is going to be £192.06 for a band 'D' property which is up £5 from this year.
- Changes to the Emerging Local plan because the Gypsy and Traveller Strategy is still not complete and forthcoming new changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, mean that the local plan will not go to WS council as planned, as the plan would be rejected by the inspector as incomplete. It should however, be ready by the end of the year. This means that the emerging local plan cannot currently be used to support the Bloor application so a decision may be delayed until the end of the year. There is always the chance that Bloor's could register an appeal on the grounds of non-determination. Cllr Thorndyke suggested the PC write to the LPA and ask for an explanation of what this delay will mean for Stanton when the parish council are contacted about this by residents. **Action:** Clerk to email LPA as suggested.

b. C Cllr J Spicer

- Apologised that she has been unable to attend recent meetings.
- She has requested footpath officers to check the Grundle footpath to see if it should be legally closed. Remedial work is due to commence in March.
- Visited the pocket of land behind the Old School site at Stanton with a County Councillor and professionals will now draw this up in order for a lease to be issued as current planning permission will soon expire.
- Upthorpe Road was also visited, at the field beyond Stanton Primary School, with intention of opening dialogue with the hospital again.
- Thanked Councillors for their photos of the work taken place at George Hill. Noted that the pavement is now on a resurfacing list. Councillors raised concerns that due to tree roots from hedges the problem is likely to reoccur. It was suggested a longer term solution would be a better outcome and that hedges should be removed to prevent the situation reoccurring before any resurfacing takes place.
- Double yellow lines are being considered.
- Delay to the local plan will have significant impact on Bloor who will have to wait or try to move quickly.
- Copart will not be held up by the plan delay as the site is already in the plan but it has a significant highways impact with an alarming traffic assessment. County Council are extremely worried about the quantity of traffic.

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

5. **Clerk's Report:** Cllr Brown asked for update on Wellington Memorial. No quotes came back from going out to tender. We have since received one quote and due another this week. **Action:** To discuss and agree budget at next meeting.

Cllr Kemp asked for an update on the brackets for the quiet lane signs. We have not heard that these are available yet. **Action:** Clerk to chase for an update.

6. **Declarations of Interest:** None

7. **Planning applications** – can be viewed at

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

a. New Applications –

DC/23/0119/TPO

Proposal TPO 248(1997) - tree preservation order - one Norway Maple (T1 on plan) repollard to previous points to five metres above ground level, one Oak (T2 on plan) crown lift to 1.5 metres above both garages, one Oak (T3 on plan) crown reduce limbs over no 78 Drovers Rise by three metres to reduce end weight and sail area of the branch, one Ash (T4 on plan) reduce limbs overhanging 9 Drovers Rise by two metres Location Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Suffolk IP31 2AY

b. Determined Applications

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk Decision	Decision date
DC/22/2129/HH	4 Michaelhouse Way, Stanton IP31 2XG	Approved	Approved	20/1/23
DC/22/1924/TPO	Berkeley Leisure, Shepherds Grove IP31 2AY	Approved	Approved	17/1/23

8. Public meeting

- a. **Cllr Frost** proposed a form to be available at the meeting for public without internet access, to tick and sign their objections and comments to go to planning. This was voted and approved. **Action:** Cllr Brown to devise and print forms to be available at the public meeting.

- b. **Cllr Frost** has put posters up advertising the public meeting and it is on our website and Facebook page. Resolved.

- c. **Cllr Brown** discussed the Bloor handout for the meeting previously circulated to Cllrs. Clarity has been sought in regard to the exit of the site. **Action:** Cllr Brown to amend the handout and review that it is factually correct. **Action:** Clerk to email invitation for a Bloor representative to attend the public meeting.

9. Kings Coronation

Working party was appointed. **Action** :Cllr Frost and Cllr Davies will get some quotes for consideration for funding at the next meeting. **Action**: Clerk to book Village Hall for 6 May 2023.

10. Matters for Discussion

- Following retirement of our Speed Watch Volunteers,Cllr Harvey-Evers has offered to take this over.
- Speeding and traffic in Duke Street North noted in respect of resident concern. **Action**: CCllr J Spicer will investigate signage options. For a long term solution, a working party could be formed. **Action**: To be discussed at next meeting.
- AGM and Community Recognition Awards to be 20 April 2023. **Action**: Clerk to book room and advertise in Steamer for nominations.
- No left turn sign for HGV vehicles from Upthorpe Road into Old Bury Road discussed and agreed sign was required. **Action**: CCllr J Spicer to research if sign was there previously and where it could go.
- Removed from agenda due to Councillor absence.
- Application for memorial approved.

11. Accounts

- The Bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2023 was approved. Current Balance £79921.35
- Direct debit of £10 per month for Clerks mobile phone top up approved.
- To approve and authorise the accounts as below. (General Power of Competence applies).

Table 1 List of payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS	Minute/cost code	Description	Net	VAT	Total
Days Sports	02 07	Leaving gift for Clerk	213.33	42.67	256.00
AW	02 03	Monthly internet contribution	15.52		15.52
AW	02 02	Stamps	3.80		3.80
Stanton Community Village Hall	02 10	Room hire	52.00		52.00
Salaries Various	02 01				2010.06
AW	02 02	Phone case for mobile phone	6.24	1.25	7.49
J Hart	Various	PPE/Retirement gift for cleaner/toilets rec	273.44	54.69	328.13
Suffolk County Council	05 29	Quiet Lanes initiative	250.00		250.00
Willowserve	03 28	Repair to burst pipes	100.00	20.00	120.00
Glasdon	03 18	Bin liners	174.24		174.24
RECEIPTS					
Allotment fees		Various			98.00
Lloyds		Bank interest			34.89
A E Thurlow		Burial Fees			145.00
West Suffolk Council		Recycling credit			1270.00

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

- NALC newsletter - noted

13. Other Correspondence

- S137 donation – thank you from St Edmundsbury Newstalk noted
- S137 donation – thank you from East Anglian Air Ambulance noted

Minutes signed as correct