

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 8 December 2016 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: B Smithson, J Mann, J Frizzell, K McDonald, J Miller, N Chapman, F J Hart, B Brown

Also Present: County Cllr Joanna Spicer, Borough Cllr Jim Thorndyke,

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chairman - Councillor Hart

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence accepted: Cllr Willcox. **Apologies for absence not given or accepted:** Cllr Scowcroft

2. To read, consider and approve minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting of 17 November (budget meeting) were approved by Cllr McDonald and seconded by Cllr Smithson.

3. Public Forum:

A resident of Duke Street attended in relation to planning application DC/16/2557/OUT – Land East of Shaw's Corner. The resident explained his reasons for objecting to the plans and gave the Clerk a copy of the letter he would be submitting to St Edmundsbury BC Planning office. The Chairman thanked him for attending and advised that the issue would be further discussed later in the meeting.

A member of the public attended to enquire about the progress of Cemetery issues as reported on the minutes in September 2016. As an agenda item 8a, the Chairman brought the matter forward for discussion. After further debate Councillors wished it to be noted that they felt that the issues arising in respect of a memorial stone were not the fault of the Parish Council. However, to avoid unnecessary legal costs in resolving the matter through a solicitor, it was proposed by Cllr Smithson that a donation of £200 be made (without prejudice) to the stonemason towards the cost of a replacement stone. Cllr McDonald seconded the proposal which was agreed by all except one Councillor who was concerned that the stonemason seemed to be taking no responsibility for the issues and he therefore abstained.

Clerk to contact the stonemason concerned to ensure that the new stone is applied for in the correct manner where it will be signed off once the paperwork has been received and the proposed memorial agreed.

4. Report from:

S C Cllr J Spicer wished to record that she was sorry that Cllr Shelton had resigned and wanted to record her thanks to him for the enormous amount of time and effort he had devoted to Parish Business during his time on the Council.

CCllr Spicer reported that the plans for a new Doctors Surgery were on hold as the NHS has not offered funding until 2018/19 when they will provide 10% of the costs. The surgery is currently revising their plans on how to move this project forward. Cllr Miller said that this was devastating news for the village. They were a very caring practise and needed more support from the NHS. CCllr Spicer agreed that the news was disappointing.

CCllr Spicer reported that she had met with a group of Upthorpe residents about a number of Highways issues. She will ask Highways to consider suggestions in respect of the route used by heavy goods vehicles and also deal with the very bad pot holes in the area.

Parking lower down Upthorpe Road continues to be an issue. Cllr McDonald commented that the PC had identified an issue with parking provision when planning permission was granted to covert flats out of Field Court sheltered housing. There was insufficient parking in the area for Havebury tenants who then resorted to parking in Upthorpe Road which was causing some

of the issues with the traffic calming scheme. CCllr Spicer will liaise with BCllr Thorndyke to speak to Havebury about a way forward.

Sow to grow have put some new trees on the site. There is a problem with their hedge being overgrown and they have agreed to cut it back.

Cllr Brown reported that he had met with Samantha Bye from Highways about the problems on the Mill View development that he had raised with CCllr Spicer last month. The issues relate to traffic calming, street lighting and the children's play area. CCllr Spicer is aware and is monitoring it. She advised that the roads have not yet been 'adopted'.

Shepherds Grove residents have been given some money from her locality budget for their recreation room project.

B Cllr J Thorndyke reported that he has contributed to the Shepherd Grove project from his locality budget.

The Avey Walk street sign is in the wrong place and will be moved.

There are a number of street lights being replaced in the village over the coming weeks.

The burnt-out caravan on Shepherds Grove Park has now been removed.

No planning committee meeting in December.

5. Clerk's Report:

Local Planning. Responses sent to SEBC relating to the planning applications considered at the November Council meeting. Response as outlined on the minutes.

Governance Resignation of Cllr Shelton reported to the Returning Officer at St Eds BC. Notices posted. End date 13 December. Face book updated with vacancy.

Highways Issues Emails sent re outstanding Highways issues.

Matters arising from minutes of meeting 10 November (Not on the agenda this month)

6c New Bus Timetables Email sent to Simonds and Suffolk County Council. No response to date.

7a Trees on Recreation Ground extension David Brown (tree surgeon) requested to submit quote.

7c. Broken railings and access issues 5 Companies requested to quote for work to be carried out in the Spring. Two had responded so far.

6. Statutory Business/Governance

a. Election of New Chairman. The post was declared vacant after the resignation of Cllr Shelton. Cllr Smithson proposed Cllr McDonald. Cllr Chapman seconded the proposal. There being no other nominations, Cllr McDonald was elected to serve as Chairman and took the chair from Cllr Hart for the rest of the meeting.

b. Review of Councillor Areas of responsibility. Completed. Clerk to circulate

7. Declarations of Interest: Cllr McDonald and Cllr Miller declared an interest in the accounts.

8. Matters for discussion:

a. Cemetery Memorial stone Issues As reported in the public forum above.

b. Cemetery Closure – St Johns and All Saints The closure of the Churchyards will mean that the maintenance of such will go to St Edmundsbury Borough Council once it is finalised. The Parish Council has been asked if it is prepared to continue to use its own grass cutters until the end of the tender in April 2018. Councillors agreed that this has been budgeted for and is unlikely to cause any significant issues as it is not known how long the process will take to finalise. Clerk to respond to St Edmundsbury BC.

c. New Cemetery Rules Cllr Hart, Frizzell, Willcox and Mann have met as a working party to agree some minor changes to the Cemetery rules and clarification in respect of the

dimensions of memorial stones. Also the renaming of some areas of the new Cemetery which are more appropriate. The changes were accepted and the Clerk will arrange for the new rules to be circulated to Funeral Directors as appropriate and to be displayed on the notice board at the Cemetery.

- d. **Pre-school request for funding for outdoor play** Cllr Miller referred to correspondence received from the pre-school in relation to outdoor equipment needed for the new site. It was proposed that £500 of the profits from the Fireworks display be donated to them. All in favour. Clerk to contact.
- e. **Proposal for bus shelter mural** Cllr Hart has been approached by a local Art Student in relation to producing a mural in the bus shelter in the village centre. The proposals were circulated and approved. Clerk to arrange for shelter to be pressure cleaned before any work is started.
- f. **Lockdown litter bin – Village Centre** Cllr Hart proposed that the litter bin adjacent to the bus shelter in the village be replaced by a new lock down bin as it has corroded and is no longer useful. Approved. Clerk to order via St Eds BC
- g. **Weekend Litter Picker** Cllr Hart asked Council to consider the reinstatement of the weekend litter picker. It would not be appropriate to ask the village street cleaner to do the role as that would mean that he would be working every day. Cllr Smithson proposed that an advert be placed in the Steamer and on Facebook. Clerk to deal.
- h. **Garden Vacuum purchase** Cllr Hart asked whether Council would be interested in purchasing a garden vac from a local resident for use after the firework display and for leaf collecting. However, he had used it and found it to be quite cumbersome. The equipment was felt to be too heavy and not suitable for the street cleaner to use and the request was declined at the current time.

9. Recreation Ground & Car Park:

- a. No Issues

10. Financial

- a. **Switch from Lloyds Bank to Co-operative Bank Account.** Some issues have recently arisen with the bank account resulting in Lloyds wrongly rejecting direct debits and cheques issued. These have caused embarrassment and inconvenience to the Council. The business account is no longer receiving interest. It was proposed that the Council switch to a more convenient account with the Co-op which allows the use of the post office to pay monies in. The proposal was approved. Clerk to deal with transfer and signatories.
- b. **To approve and complete the ‘Application for Grant and Precept 2017/18’ form. (Budget 2017/18).** The application was approved and signed by the Chairman.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP.POWER
Talk talk (Nov)	50.45	8.41	42.04	Monthly Internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
EON	9.00	1.50	7.50	Monthly electricity floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
EON	22.00	3.67	18.33	Monthly electricity pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
Mr K McDonald	180.90	30.13	150.77	Fireworks event sundries	LGA 1972 S145
N H Rayson	300.00	50.00	250.00	Hedge Cemetery and playing field	Open spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
N H Rayson	1302.00	217.00	1085.00	Hedge Cutting B1111 and Old Bury Rd	S96 Highways Act 1980
Magpas	50.00		50.00	Section 137 Annual donation	S137 LGA 1972
Citizens Advice Bureau	50.00		50.00	Section 137 Annual donation	S137 LGA 1972
West Suffolk VAB	50.00		50.00	Section 137 Annual donation	S137 LGA 1972

Royal British Legion	50.00		50.00	Section 137 Annual donation	S137 LGA 1972
All Saints PCC	12.37		12.37	Water bill Churchyard	Open spaces Act 1906 ss9,10
Angela Burrows	25.44	4.24	21.20	Fencing - allotments	smallholding and Allotments Act 1908
Tripp Batt	88.57	14.76	73.81	PPE equipment - street cleaner	S137 LGA 1972
Staff Salaries	832.80		832.80	Clerk and street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Stanton Parish Council		4641.00		Fireworks event ticket sales	
St Eds BC		1105.70		Recycling Credit	
St Eds BC		10000.00		RIGS grant for play area	
Fairground		75.00		Donation	
Stanton FC		30.00		Floodlights	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/16/2557/OUT Outline Planning Application (Means of Access, Layout and Scale to be considered) - 1 no. dwelling. Land East Shaws Corner Duke Street Stanton Suffolk . (Applicant Mr Colin Bullock)

RESPONSE A resident attended the Parish Council meeting to raise concerns which he will be submitting directly. The Parish Council has noted that the application is the same as that submitted and granted in 2013 and therefore has no objections to the layout and scale. As this is a means of access application, Council would like it noted that there are concerns in respect of the allocated parking and access and egress from the property directly into the road which is used as a 'rat run' at times of heavy traffic on the B1111. In addition, this area is a flood risk area and the need for a ditch or significant run off for surface water needs to be addressed when full plans are submitted.

DC/16/2510/TE1 | Determination in respect of Development by Telecommunications Code systems operators - (i) Installation of 1 no. Monopole mast with associated antennae and cabinets | Telephone Exchange Duke Street Stanton IP31 2BJ

RESPONSE Council are concerned that this aerial is in the wrong place. It is very close to a conservation area and housing and would be more advantageous to be sited in an area on higher ground. Although there is no evidence to suggest any health issues there is still a fear that an aerial of this height is too close for residents to be comfortable. Whilst Council would welcome improved reception in the village it is believed it is not the optimum site for the best signal.

DC/16/2030/OUT | Outline Planning Application (Means of Access to be considered) - Residential development of 5 dwellings with new vehicular access | George Hill Nurseries Barningham Road Stanton IP31 2AD

APPEALED ON 16 NOVEMBER. No further response to be submitted as covered sufficiently on first submission

b. Previous applications decided

DC/16/1822/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. dwelling | Burnham Lodge The Street Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DQ **APPROVED**

DC/16/2143/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - Oak tree on the right-hand side of drive on entrance to property, to be reduced overall by up to 33%. Reduce oak tree behind garage overall by up to 33%. Reduce yew tree at the front of property overall by up to 33%. | Greenbanks The Street Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DQ **APPROVED**

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Council

- a. **Play Area Inspection reports.** Noted – Need to be dealt with in depth as several minor issues reported by the Inspector in relation to the new play area. Some work has been completed already. Recreation ground working party to deal.

12. Correspondence:

- a. **Notice of Proposed closure – All Saints and St Johns Churchyards** Noted – see agenda item 8b
- b. **Stanton FC re moles and dog mess.** A request for the Council to contribute to the cost of signage for dog mess was considered and declined on the grounds that it was unlikely to have any effect on the minority of dog owners who were irresponsible in cleaning up mess behind their dogs. Whilst sympathetic to the problem, signage was not felt to be a good use of public money and would most likely be vandalised. Clerk was instructed to try and find a mole catcher to address the problem on the recreation ground which was significantly worse than previous years.
- c. **Fireworks Debris – Mrs C Major** Cllr Hart has spoken to Mrs Major and dealt with the issue

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Minutes signed as correct..... K McDonald