

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 9 June 2016 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: A Shelton (Chairman), I Engall (Vice-Chairman), B Smithson, J Mann, J Miller, J Frizzell.

Also Present: County Cllr Joanna Spicer (Arrived later), Borough Cllr Jim Thorndyke, Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Kearton and Inspector Matt Dee.

- 1. Apologies for absence accepted:** N Chapman, K McDonald, F J Hart, M Scowcroft
- 2. To read, consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting:** 12 May 2016.
Approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Engall
- 3. Public Forum:** A number of residents were in attendance. The majority wanted an update on the outcome of the public meeting on 27 May.
One resident reported seeing police activity in the village including foot patrols and patrol vehicles and wanted it to be noted that this was the first time he had seen police in 11 years of living in the village and asked if this was going to be maintained.

In response to the query on the outcome of the public meeting, the Clerk read out a statement from Flagship Homes as follows

'As discussed, since the meeting on Friday 27th May, the below actions have been put into place:

- Multi-agency meeting took place on Monday 6th June to create co-ordinated approach*
- Meetings arranged with local complainants and statements taken if applicable*
- Local surgery will be held in June to gather further information and reassure local residents*
- High visual presence from Flagship in the locality on a daily basis for the next two weeks*
- Tenancy action to be taken where appropriate*
- We are working with the local authority to discuss local lettings for future tenancies*
- Regular internal team briefings to be chaired by Flagship's Regional Manager to co-ordinate response on any new matters arising*

The Police were then invited to present their report.

Insp Dee had been provided with a list of questions raised at the public meeting and read out his response to the questions. That document will be published in full in the Steamer in the July edition.

In brief – Insp Dee reported that the issue about the partial fingerprint had been investigated and it was found that cost had not come into the equation. After expert advice the print was found to be smudged and not viable.

In relation to resources, recent changes have not significantly affected the numbers of police available but they are now distributed around 5 operational bases in the Western Area. The policing model had been introduced after a professional and comprehensive review of policing and the Suffolk Constabulary remained committed to delivering a first class service.

The control room often takes 6-700 calls per day which have to be prioritised. Occasionally things go wrong and unfortunately mistakes happen. These are closely monitored and fed back to the relevant staff where appropriate for lessons to be learned.

The local police are responding to the residents of Stanton and have the support of senior officers to task the area with additional support in the short term for public reassurance hence the extra patrols seen in the area.

Insp Dee reassured residents that all intelligence passed to them is actively investigated to secure convictions and asked that they continue to submit intelligence where possible. They

are listening to concerns and will continue to involve all resources available to keep Stanton Safe.

Insp Dee produced an 'open letter' which has been circulated in the village prior to the meeting. It is also his intention to arrange some sessions in the village hall for crime reduction and drop in sessions to allow residents to voice their concerns directly.

Insp Dee reported that since the 27 May there had been three significant crimes in the village. In Hervey Walk a serious incident occurred where a car was approached by a number of offenders in balaclavas who smashed the windows whilst the occupants were in the car. This type of behaviour was of serious concern to him and was currently under investigation. In addition there had been a burglary of an unoccupied and boarded up dwelling in Bury Lane and an attempted burglary on Catchpole Way where no entry had been made but damage caused to the door lock.

Insp Dee said that he invited residents to contact him personally at any time with their concerns on 101 or -

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One resident from Michaelhouse Way wanted to know whether the street lights on The Chase would remain on saying that they paid for the service in their Council Tax and wanted a refund if the lights were going to be switched off again.

One resident from Bury Road wanted to raise an issue about speeding traffic on the slip road between Old Bury Road and the A143 saying that the traffic calming scheme was not working and he felt that there was going to be a major accident if nothing was done.

Both these issues were put later to CCllr Spicer who arrived later to the meeting – see response below.

4. Report from:

a. B Cllr J Thorndyke

BCllr Thorndyke reminded Councillors that there was a Parish Forum at Hawstead Village Hall on Monday 13 June.

The issues around the siting of the West Suffolk Operational Hub are ongoing with discussions continuing around where it will be sited. It looks like the Hollow Road site is the favourite which may cause problems of traffic building up between Barton Hill and Tollgate. Cllrs may wish to comment on the planning application when it comes around.

Devolution of Norfolk and Suffolk is very much in the pipeline. A lot of discussions going on about how this may look with decisions having to be made this month as to whether to vote in favour. If agreed, the deal, which needs to be put to 22 local authorities, would see the Treasury hand over £30m a year for the next 30 years, along with £175m of housing money. The new mayor, as chairman of a combined authority, would get to draw up spending plans for transport, strategic planning, and major government infrastructure projects.

b. S C Cllr J Spicer

CCllr Spicer was asked to respond to the issues raised at the public forum in respect of Street lighting and speeding in Bury Road.

In response to the street lights Cllr Spicer said that the street lights had been turned on at the request of the County Council due to the dwelling burglaries that had occurred in the area. She could not guarantee that they will remain on as this is a decision for the County Council street lighting department in consultation with the Police and if crime levels drop then the decision to keep the lights on may be reversed. Any savings from the lights being switched off are reflected in the amount of Council Tax individual houses contribute and therefore if the lights remain on, any extra cost will be passed on to residents. Any comments to make in respect of your Council tax then you may address that to the Chief Executive,

Deborah Cadman, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich Suffolk, IP1 2BX. – **Clerk to write to resident.**

In response to the speeding cars in Bury Road, Cllr Spicer reported that the £20,000 traffic calming scheme had been put into place after consultation with all residents of Bury Road and at the time it was considered to be the best option. She was sorry that he was not satisfied but said it was very unlikely that any further major works would be carried out as there have been no incidents or accidents reported in the area.

Should there be any incidents or accidents in the future then they will be monitored and properly investigated. Any further comments should be notified to the Highways Department, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich Suffolk, IP1 2BX – **Clerk to write to the resident.**

CCllr Spicer congratulated the Parish Council on arranging an excellent public meeting which had allowed the residents to voice their concerns and especially successful was the use of microphones by Cllr Hart and Cllr McDonald which had allowed the meeting to take place in a controlled manner. She had asked for a meeting with the Chief Constable in the next few days to discuss the issues raised.

CCllr Spicer asked the Parish Council to consider a multi-agency impact event in the village to help Stanton recover its confidence. Cllr Smithson suggested that such an event may fuel the fear rather than reassure and it would have to be managed properly. CCllr Spicer said that she would speak to the West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership to get some ideas and report back.

5. Clerk's Report:

Matters arising from minutes of meeting 14 April

- Item 5 – Public Forum. Significant amount of additional work in compiling information and appropriate letters to Police, PCC, Flagship Housing and Matthew Hancock for the public meeting and liaison with County, Borough and Parish Councillors.
- Item 9d – Approval of supplier of plants for tubs The Street – Quote amended and approved.
- Item 9h – Damage to boundary hedge – Cooks Services contacted and will deal
- Item 9l – Village notice board - Colin Cotton contacted and will deal
- Item 9m – Jack Bacon Memorial Seat - Letter of permission sent to Mrs Aitken.

6. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. **Adoption of Training Policy** – (Cllr Engall) The previously circulated Policy was approved and adopted.
- b. **Emergency planning** After the resignation of Cllr Genn there was a need to identify a Councillor to take on the responsibility of emergency planning. All to consider.

7. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Miller declared an interest in item 10d payments to All Saints Church

8. Matters for discussion:

- a. **Resignation – Councillor Genn** - Has moved away from the area. Vacancy to be notified and advertised – **Clerk to deal.**
- b. **Proposed action after public meeting** – Chairman reported that notes of the public meeting including responses from the Police and Flagship will be published in the Steamer with a shorter version on Facebook page. Further meeting planned with Chief Constable and PCC to agree way forward. Police have promised some drop in surgery's in the village hall which will be circulated when known.
- c. **Jack Bacon memorial seat** Cllr Smithson asked whether some cleaning could be undertaken on the seat which is adjacent to the A143. **Cllr Engall will deal.**
- d. **New bench for village centre** Cllr Engall has sourced an appropriate bench and identified a resident who will help to remove the old bench and install the new one.

- e. **Best kept garden competition** Cllr Engall, Cllr Miller, Cllr Mann and Cllr Frizzell will walk the village and nominate gardens as appropriate. **Clerk to contact last year's winners** in respect of returning trophies.
- f. **Flower tubs – The Street** Have now been planted up. **Clerk to speak with street cleaner** to ensure that a watering schedule is in place.
- g. **Road markings Sturgeon Way and Wyken Road** Cllr Mann reported very faded road markings in Sturgeons Way j/w Bury Lane, Wyken Road and Grove Lane j/w Upthorpe Road. **Clerk to report** these via Highways on line reporting.

9. Recreation Ground & Car Park:

- a. **Public benches on recreation ground** Cllr Miller asked whether the metal benches at the top of the new piece of the recreation ground could be moved as they were not well used in their current position. **Chairman** will see how easy it would be to move them and report back.
- b. **Litter bins in new play area** Chairman asked for approval of the purchase of a new bin for the play area. Approved. **Clerk to source and order.**
- c. **Opening ceremony for new Play Area** Cllr Engall submitted plans from working party for the opening of the new play area on Saturday 15 July at 2pm and asked for a budget of maximum £200 for expenses relating to leaflets and refreshments. Approved.
- d. **Public toilets** (Chairman) – deferred to July meeting although a recent incident where a member of the public was trapped in the toilet has resulted in damage to a door. **Clerk to instruct Cooks Services to repair.**

10. Financial

- a. Increase in hourly pay for the Clerk in accordance with a National Pay Rise - Approved
- b. Annual Governance Statement. - Approved
- c. Statement of Accounts 2015-16 - Approved
- d. Payments and receipts as below - Approved

PAYMENTS	GROSS	VAT	NET	WHAT FOR	EXP.POWER
AON UK Ltd	2009.41		2009.41	Annual Insurance Policy	LGA 1972 S111
Talk talk (May)	40.20	6.70	33.50	Internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
ICO	35.00		35.00	Annual Data protection reg.	LGA 1972 S111
Tripp Batt	50.89	8.49	42.40	Bus shelter repairs and padlocks	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1953, S4
SALC	788.86		788.86	Annual subscription	LGA 1972 S111
All Saints PCC	28.76		28.76	Water bill Churchyard	LGA 1972 S111
Stanton Village Hall	1000.00		1000.00	Donation to Village Hall boiler	LGA 1972 S137
Realise Futures	461.99	77.00	384.99	Bench for play area	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976, S19
Community Workshop Ltd	19.50		19.50	Flyers for public meeting	LGA 1972 S111
Coastline Graphics	15.84	2.64	13.20	Public Meeting signs	LGA 1972 S111
SALC	120.00	20.00	100.00	Training -Cllr Engall	LGA 1972 S111
Stanton Framing	53.50	8.92	44.58	Certificates community recognition	LGA 1972 S111
Sutcliffe Play Ltd	40873.88	6812.31	34061.57	Play Area equipment	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976, S19
HMRC	279.80		279.80	PAYE	LGA 1972 S112
Mrs J Hart	43.20		43.20	Mileage -course	LGA 1972 S174
Staff salaries	982.08		982.08	Staff salaries	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
	16.55			Bank interest	

11. Items for noting

- a. None

12. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. Play Area Inspection reports. - Noted
- b. Temp road closure U6448 Hepworth Road - Noted

13. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/16/0926/HH Householder Planning Application (Mr and Mrs Frost) - side and rear single storey extensions. The Bungalow Chare Road Stanton IP31 2DX

RESPONSE - The Council approves the redevelopment of this property which will enhance the area. It has been done tastefully and there are no concerns or objections.

DC/16/0693/OUT Outline Planning Application (Mr Graham Bettany) -1 no. dwelling. Merrifields Dale Road Stanton IP31 2DY

RESPONSE - The Parish Council is in support of development in this area. There is some concern about vehicular access which may be addressed in the full planning permission. This plan would appear to need access directly to Chare Road which has a number of Heavy Goods Vehicles using this narrow rural road to access two local businesses already. It would therefore be essential that any development would include sufficient off road parking.

Cllr Miller asked that it be noted that she wished to abstain from comment on this application

DC/16/0887/TPO - TPO542(2013)3 - Tree Preservation Order (Temples Estate management)- 3no. Ash (T1, T2 and T3 on plan within area W2 on order) fell. Land to The Rear of 16 Goldsmith Way Stanton Suffolk IP31 2FD

RESPONSE – No objections

DC/16/0753/TPO - TPO284(1997)77- Tree Preservation Order – (Mrs Pell) 1no. Ash (T1 on plan, within area A1 on order) pollard to 6 metres from ground level. 2 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AY

RESPONSE – No objections

b. Previous applications decided

DC/16/0748/TCA Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - (i) T1 - Pear - Crown re-duce by 30% (ii) T2 - Blue Cedar - Fell Beech Cottage The Street Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DQ

APPROVED

DC/16/0758/TCA Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - T1 - Norway Spruce - Fell Meadow Court Cottage Meadow Court Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AQ

APPROVED

c. Other planning matters

None

14. Correspondence:

- a. **Martin Staples** – Vertas re trees in Churchyard being a health and safety risk. Clerk to clarify which trees are causing an issue to grass contractors

- b. **Mrs Maureen Johnson** wished to praise the prompt actions of Cllr Genn recently in relation to items thrown into the river on George Hill. The letter was read out and Mrs Johnson thanked. Clerk to contact Cllr Genn to advise of correspondence
- c. **Mr Brian Brown** re public meeting. Mr Brown was in attendance at the public forum to hear the police response to his query.
- d. **Mr Arbon** raised issues around parking in Hilltop way with cars parking on pavements, the lack of a hard standing for the bus in Chare Road, speeding in George Hill and a suggestion for a toucan crossing on the B111 j/w A143 – the issues raised were forwarded to CCllr Spicer for liaison with Highways. Clerk to advise Mr Arbon of action taken.
- e. **Donation request** – Rickinghall Good neighbour scheme. Deferred to October Budget meeting. Clerk to advise.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Minutes signed as correct..... (A Shelton – Chairman)