

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 9 February 2017 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: B Smithson, J Frizzell, K McDonald (Chairman), J Miller, B Brown, L Morris, J Mann, M Scowcroft, N Chapman.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed new Councillor Larry Morris to the meeting

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

1. Apologies for absence accepted: Cllr S Willcox, Cllr F J Hart

2. To read, consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2017 were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Smithson.

3. Public Forum: A resident attended in relation to Cemetery issues to update on the current situation from the stonemason. No progress has been made. The Clerk will follow up with the relevant parties.

The speed watch co-ordinator attended to update Councillors on the proposed purchase of a SID machine for use in the village. CCllr Spicer presented Council with a cheque for £2,000 towards the cost of the equipment. The Chairman thanked CCllr Spicer for her generous donation from her locality budget and also thanked Mr Palmer for all his work in co-ordinating the purchase of the equipment and the siting of the poles. Further meeting to be arranged to discuss training requirements and health and safety issues. Clerk to make enquiries re these.

4. Report from:

a. CCllr J Spicer reported that she had been present at the County Council Budget meeting today. There has been an 0% increase in Council tax but an extra 3% added for social care provision.

In relation to Highways issues, the Keep Clear markings opposite Jasmine Cottage have been completed. The street light on the A143 junction has finally been replaced. The work outside the village store to remove the trip hazard and the reprofiling of the pavement is due to be completed w/c 20 February. The work to improve George Hill is an ongoing project. Issues around the Grundle have yet to be resolved and she will be fixing a meeting with all the relevant parties. The issues with junction lines at The Street has been reported and is being looked at by Richard Mortlock.

Liaison with Abbey Homes continues to ensure outstanding issues are kept on the agenda.

CCllr Spicer reported that she had been notified that the planning application for the Old School in Bury Lane was due to be submitted shortly by Suffolk County Council and suggested that a separate public meeting might be a way to allow residents time to study the plans and ask questions. Clerk to arrange once the plans have been published. Cllr Miller raised the issue (on the agenda) about the maintenance of the site and the fact that it has been allowed to get into a very poor state especially on the frontage at Bury Lane. CCllr Spicer asked that photographs be sent to her and she will report the issues back to the County Council to speak to the site security.

b. B Cllr J Thorndyke reported that the next Parish Forum is on 24 April at Ixworth.

The Westley Bridge has now been closed for repairs and will be for up to 8 weeks so delays expected in and around Bury St Edmunds at peak times.

BCllr Thorndyke received a letter from a Mrs Walden of Shepherds Grove in relation to the bus timetables and also a petition of signatures. The Clerk has also received a copy. He will arrange to see her to discuss the issues.

The St Edmundsbury precept has been raised by 1.9%.

Cllr Chapman asked whether the street light programme is ongoing as there appear to be random lights still waiting to be replaced and the ones in Hilltop are now very ineffective as they seem to be covering less of the area they did before. BCllr Thorndyke confirmed it is ongoing.

c. A Police report was obtained by The Clerk from the website of Suffolk Constabulary and a precis of local crime in December 2016 obtained from the website – www.police.uk. Councillors agreed that although it was lacking in detail it gave an idea of what was happening in the village and was useful.

Crimes reported as follows – Crime Statistics (Police.uk) December 2016

1. Old Bury Road - Public Order offence. Under investigation.
2. Parkside – Criminal Damage and Arson. Investigation complete. No suspect identified.
3. Burglary – Duke Street. Under investigation
4. Hepworth Road – Anti social behaviour. No further details reported
5. The Knowle – Criminal Damage and Arson. Investigation complete. No suspect identified.
6. The Knowle – Vehicle Crime. Under investigation.
7. Violence against the person – Meadow Court. Under investigation.
8. Violence against the person – Newlands Close. Local resolution. Case closed.

5. Clerk’s Report: Issues in respect of the Cemetery Memorial stone are ongoing. Copies of correspondence sent to relative as requested.

Planning issues outstanding – Abbey Homes Estate. Email sent to planning Office requesting a meeting. No response to date.

Preparatory work commenced on CCTV policy and updating FOI policy

Emergency repairs required for serious leak in mains water pipe on Village Hall side of meter. GKW groundworks responded. Water cut off for one day whilst repairs carried out which included digging up grass verge to locate split pipe connection.

Application for interment received for burial of Bahram Jolly on 9 February 2017. Notice Board header received for Cemetery and fitted by Cllr McDonald and Hart.

6. Declarations of Interest: Chairman McDonald declared an interest in planning matter DC/16/2800/FUL

7. Matters for discussion:

a. **Date for Annual Parish Meeting and Community Recognition Awards.** It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting and Community Recognition Awards will be on Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm. Clerk to circulate details of Community Recognition Awards nominations.

b. **Mill View estate update** Cllr Brown reported that he is attending a meeting on Thursday 16 February with Abbey Customer Care and Crabtree Management in relation to ongoing issues on the development. It is understood that the different types of lighting will be resolved. However, there are still problems to be raised especially with the central play area which has flooding, debris and lack of agreed planting.

c. **Car Parking Meadow Court** Cllr Miller reported problems with parking at the small car park at the rear of the Havebury bungalows in Meadow Court. Private garages belonging to residents in The Street have been blocked by inconsiderate parking. Also, cars have been driven over the grass verge and parked on pavements outside the bungalows. Cllr McDonald has already taken photographs and will report the issue to Havebury to see what can be done.

d. **Provision of a defibrillator** Cllr Miller reported that she has made enquiries in nearby villages in respect of a defibrillator. Wattisfield has just got one and have had to pay for fixing. In Rickinghall the WI has paid for training. In Coney Weston the Parish Council has paid for fixing and Market Weston is looking into it. Cllr Miller suggested that a village of the size of Stanton should have a defibrillator. Cllr Chapman agreed and said that he will make enqs to see what the cost of obtaining and maintaining a defibrillator would be. Clerk to also make enqs with other villages.

- e. **Dog waste bin – Old Barningham Rd** Cllr Miller reported that the dog waste bin at the end of Old Barningham Road was removed by Suffolk County Council when the street light was replaced. They will no longer allow waste bins on lamp posts but it was well used and it is important to consider a replacement. It was agreed that the Clerk make enqs with St Edmundsbury for a lock down bin to be sited in the area – possibly on the opposite side of the road where litter is being left in the entrance to the field. Clerk to deal
- f. **Disused School building in disrepair – Bury Lane** Cllr Miller raised the issue with CCllr Spicer who will report it to Suffolk CC to get some action taken.

8. Recreation Ground & Car Park:

- a. **Quotes for barrier and entrance work.** Five companies had been approached by the Clerk to quote for works to the barriers on the Recreation Ground. Only two had submitted quotations. These were discussed and the quote from GKW Groundworks was proposed by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.

9. Accounts

- a. The accounts were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Brown.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP.POWER
Talk talk (Jan)	50.45	8.41	42.04	Monthly Internet / phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
EON	17.00	0.85	16.15	Monthly electricity floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
EON	16.00	0.80	15.20	Monthly electricity pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
Vertas	54.00	9.00	45.00	Weed control Cemetery driveway	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9/10
Vertas	2249.10	374.85	1874.25	Grass Cutting 16/17 Quarter 3	Public health Act 1875, s164
St Eds BC	335.99	56.00	279.99	Lock down bin - Village centre	Litter Act 1983, ss5,6
Greenbarnes	156.62	26.10	130.52	Header Panel -Cemetery	LGA 1972, s214(6)
The Flower Hut	30.00		30.00	Floral tribute	Chairman's expenses
HMRC	273.80		273.80	PAYE	LGA 1972 S112
Pentagon Sec.	266.40	44.40	222.00	CCTV maintenance and repair	Lcl Gvt and Rating Act 97, s31
GKW	540.00	90.00	450.00	Water leak - Recreation Ground	Public health Act 1875, s164
Staff Salaries	832.80		832.80	Clerk and street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
Stanton PUF	500.00		500.00	Donation for equipment	S137 LGA 1972
RECEIPTS					
HMRC			6417.05	VAT reclaimed	
Suffolk CC			1085.00	Hedge cutting refund	

10. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. **Letter from the Mayors Office** – Clerk to write and invite the Mayor to the Annual Parish Meeting
- b. **Great British Spring Clean.** Cllr Smithson will organise Village litter pick on Saturday 25 March 2017.

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/16/2580/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Two storey side extension, (ii) single storey rear extension and (iii) conversion of existing garage to utility and store room | 5 Hilltop Way Stanton IP31 2EB (Mr Ian Shelley)

RESPONSE The plans for this extension are acceptable and Council has no objections

DC/16/2817/FUL | Planning Application - Double garage (following demolition of existing garage) | Land Adj 80 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Suffolk (Berkeley Leisure Group)

RESPONSE There are no objections to this application

DC/17/0049/TPO | TPO 078 (1966) Tree Preservation Order (i) 1.no Ash (T5 on plan, A1 on order) single out to 1 stem, (ii) 2no. Prunus Nigra (T6 and T9 on plan, A1 on order) pollard to 1.2 metres (iii) 1no. Cherry (T7 on plan, A1 on order) remove side limb approaching wall of house | 2 Church Close Stanton IP31 2BY (Mr Jefferies)

RESPONSE No Objections

DC/16/2800/FUL | Planning Application - Change of use of dwelling (C3) to staff area/storage/office/meeting room to be used ancillary to GP practice located at 10 The Chase, Stanton | 2 Parkside Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2XL (Stanton Surgery)

RESPONSE Council will have no objections to the change of use of a nearby residential bungalow to temporary office accommodation.

DC/17/0142/TPO | TPO 248(1997) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) T2 - Field Maple - Fell (ii) T4 Cherry- Fell (iii) T5 Field Maple - Fell (iv) T6 Ash - Remove broken branch from crown (v) T7 Ash - Fell (vi) T8 Silver Birch - Fell (vii) T9 Oak - Reduce crown by up to 3m to remove die back from crown (viii) T390 Ash - Fell (ix) C12 Elms - Fell (x) T13 Oak - Lift crown to clear property by 1.5m (xi) T14 Ash- Lift crown to clear property by 1.5m (T3 Oak - Exempt works - Remove major deadwood) | Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2AY (Berkeley Leisure Group)

RESPONSE Council accept that the works proposed are necessary for the health of the trees, however this application will result in the loss of 7 trees. Council would therefore request that the applicant gives consideration to replacing the lost trees with new trees planted elsewhere on the Park so that natural habitats of nesting birds can be enhanced in this area which is adjacent to a public footpath and relatively newly planted area of woodlands know as Sid's Piece.

DC/17/0150/HH | Householder Planning Application - rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) | Ecclesbourne Cottage Duke Street Stanton IP31 2AB (Mr Mark Lewis)

RESPONSE This would appear to be an enhancement to the current property and Council have no objections

DC/17/0067/HH | Householder Planning Application - Retention of porch | Miczoleajac 3 George Hill Stanton IP31 2AD (Mr and Mrs Rumsey)

RESPONSE The porch has been sympathetically built to suit the property and looks very attractive and in proportion. Council has no objections to the retention of the porch.

b. Previous applications

DC/16/2701/HH | Householder Planning Application - i) Single storey side extension ii) provision of access ramp | 8 The Knowle Stanton IP31 2AF

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12. Correspondence:

- a. UK Power networks – Assistance for vulnerable residents in power cuts.** It was suggested that the Clerk should distribute them to vulnerable residents via the Doctors surgery, the friendship Club and the local churches, Clerk to deal

The Meeting closed at 8.34pm

Minutes signed as correct..... K McDonald