

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 13 September 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: N Chapman (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice Chairman), J Mann, B Brown, B Smithson, J Miller, J Frizzell, A Kemp.

Also Present: CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke

- 1. Apologies for absence accepted:** L Morris, M Scowcroft, S Willcox.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting** on 9 August 2018 were approved by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Mann. A slight amendment was requested by Cllr Smithson in respect of Music at the Beacon of light event which 'may' be provided by the Stanton Music Group and Honington Wives Choir. The amendment was signed by the Chairman.
- 3. Public Forum:** a resident representing the Methodist Church Hall attended the meeting to report that the Church would like to remove a large Leylandii hedge running down the side of the Methodist Hall. He has liaised with the adjoining residential property and as the trees are in a conservation area asked if the Council would have any objections. There were no objections once the necessary permissions had been applied for.

A resident was in attendance in relation to the George Hill telephone kiosk and immediate Area behind it. The Chairman brought forward items 8d, 8e and 8f as part of the discussion.

The resident produced drawings and a schematic plan and asked the Council to reconsider their decision not to adopt the kiosk as other Villages in the area had and turned them into such things as a book exchange and information area. The resident reported that she has up to 24 offers of help to sustain the project including from Stanton Woodland and Wildlife Action Group who would offer help to support wildlife in the area. The cost of renovating the kiosk would be in the region of £200 and the kiosk maintained by the Group.

After further discussion, some Councillors were concerned at the ability of the group to maintain the telephone kiosk which had been regularly vandalised and used as a toilet in the past and felt that this would in due course be left to the residents and Council tax payers of the Village to continue to maintain at considerable cost in the future. There was also concern that the land had been gifted to the Parish Council as common land and was already an area where spring flowers appeared regularly. Any disturbance and replanting of that environment could be harmful. In making the area more attractive that could in turn lead to road safety issues as it was not fenced and was bordered by a busy main road so unsuitable for general recreational use.

Some Councillors applauded the plans to improve the area and were more positive about the proposals, however, they felt that the removal of the dead trees would allow the area to be opened up naturally and allow plants to regenerate in a natural environment. Any additional planting could be considered next Spring once the natural planting had finished flowering. Assuming the necessary tree work agreed at the August meeting is carried out then one Councillor suggested that the branches and clippings could be used at the rear of the area as a Wildlife bug hotel.

The Chairman asked Council to vote by a show of hands on four specific items in relation to George Hill.

1. A proposal to **rescind the previous decision to remove the telephone kiosk**. As a show of hands, 5 Councillors voted to allow the kiosk to be removed. 3 Councillors voted to keep it therefore the decision was to remove the kiosk in due course.
2. The proposal from the George Hill Working party to **approve the works to trees** by David Brown (Agenda Item 8f). This was moved with a unanimous vote.

3. A proposal to **consider further planting of Spring Bulbs** in the area to enhance the natural environment once the trees had been cleared. This was moved with a unanimous vote.
4. A proposal to **replace the old notice board** to enhance the area. This was moved with a unanimous vote.

The Chairman thanked the resident for the work that she had carried out to produce the drawings.

4. Report from S C Cllr J Spicer

CCllr Spicer reported on Item 8a on the Agenda relating to the A143 issues and proposal for a speed reduction. She thanked Cllr Frizzell for his work and was keen to get this proposal to the County Council so the Parish would get some idea of the cost of changing the speed limits before the November budget meeting.

The pedestrian entrance to the Rose and Crown development is underway and will provide a safer crossing area and she was confident that the site meeting with Highways officers had been useful in allowing them to experience the volume of traffic on the A143. The site would not be occupied until the entrance work was completed.

The dropped kerb at Old Bury Road has been approved by the design team and is in the list to be carried out.

There has been some progress in respect of potential flooding at properties in Park Farm Drive/Wyken Road. Plans have been drawn up by County Council Engineers to investigate the pipe system under the road. Letters have been sent to landowners and the ditch at the rear of Park Farm Drive has already been cleared. This should make a significant impact on flooding over the winter months together with the Natural Flooding.

CCllr Spicer has arranged a meeting at Ixworth Fire Station on Monday 17th September with the new Leader (Matthew Hicks) and Deputy Leader (Mary Evans) of Suffolk County Council who has responsibility for Highways Issues. Rather than just drive them round her "patch", she would like to invite a representative of the Parish council to join the meeting for an hour of very informal discussions with the Leader and to give him your views of how you think we should best be tackling the challenges of the next few years and priorities for rural villages. The Clerk agreed to attend on behalf of the Chairman.

B Cllr J Thorndyke – reported that the land owner at the old Parrot Rescue site on the Industrial Estate had started work on clearing the site as heaps of rubbish had begun to appear on the abandoned site and it was becoming an unauthorised waste tip.

Amalgamation procedures for the two Councils are ongoing.

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks Report.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
7. **Report from Village Hall Management Committee** The VHMC has agreed to take responsibility and ownership of the CCTV system. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council meet the cost of service before handing it over. There were no objections and an agreement will be drawn up between the Council and the VHMC for its future use.
8. **Matters for discussion:**
 - a. **To consider a report in respect of the A143 request for Action/speed reduction measures.**
Cllr Frizzell submitted his report to Councillors and outlined the arguments that it would be advantageous to the Village to have a 30mph limit with a buffer of 40mph from Alecocks Grave Junction on the West side and Goldsmith Way on the East side. Police data has confirmed that

there is a speeding issue and residents were very concerned about safety when crossing and especially across the Duke Street North and Chase junctions. CCllr Spicer said that she considered that there was a good case to reduce the speed limit and asked that the report include safety concerns of residents giving examples where possible, She will then pursue the report with Highways.

- b. To discuss and agree on Action in respect of the current state of the Rose and Crown development site.** Cllr Frizzell reported that since contacting the planning office, improvements have been made to the front of the building and the area cleaned up so no further action was considered necessary at this stage.
- c. To receive an update from WW1BOL working group** Cllr Smithson/Hart reported that arrangements are nearing finalisation and a schedule of events will be sent to the Steamer for publication.
- d. To receive an update from the George Hill Working Party** As discussed in the public forum.
- e. To consider and approve the private purchase by a resident of a memorial bench for George Hill area of telephone kiosk.** As above. Clerk to liaise with resident in relation to fixing the bench once tree works have been completed.
- f. To consider a quote from David Brown Tree Surgeon for necessary tree works – George Hill.** As above – Clerk to notify tree surgeon
- g. To discuss the issue of cars parked on the grassed area in Hilltop Way** Cllr Morris was unable to attend the meeting. The Chairman discussed that this was a problem in many areas of the Village and there was little that could be done. He will visit residents in the Hilltop area and try to resolve the issue.
- h. To receive an update on Christmas tree and Carols Project** Cllr Brown reported that the Xmas tree has been ordered and the lights delivered. He is waiting for approval from the Church in relation to exactly where it will be sited then will arrange for a hole to be dug and pipe inserted to stabilise the tree. Final details will be completed by the next meeting.
- i. To approve the budget for the planting of the Village Flower tubs** Cllr Miller submitted quotations for Winter pansies. It was proposed and seconded that Hillcrest Nurseries of Barningham Road be asked to provide the plants at a cost of £82.50 with small additional cost of £7 for Growmore.
- j. To consider and approve the Annual Report for the Parish Council and to consider printing options and costs.** The Clerk produced a draft Annual Report which was approved by Councillors for publication. The quoted cost of printing copies for each household was significant and it was therefore agreed that the report will be published on the Web site and Social media with a proviso that anyone wishing to obtain a hard copy could do so, free of charge, by request to the Clerk who would print the report locally.
- k. To approve an application for a Memorial Headstone for the late Bryan Sonnet** The Clerk circulated details of the Memorial stone which are in accordance with Cemetery Rules. The memorial was approved. Clerk to advise Memorial Mason.
- l. To consider the purchase of bulbs for a Spring display on various sites in the village** Cllr Mann proposed that 250 Spring bulbs be purchased at a cost of £65 to enhance the entrances to the Village This was seconded and approved.

9. Statutory Business/Governance - None

10. Accounts

- a. The accounts as below were authorised for payment
- b. The external Auditor Report and recommendations were considered with no further action required.
- c. The Quarter 2 budget figures were circulated.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges Pumping Station (Aug)	LGA 1972 S111
Extra Energy	0.83	0.04	0.79	Electricity charges - Floodlights (Aug)	LGA 1972 S111
Culford Waste	170.00	28.33	141.67	Skip Hire	LGA 1972 S111
Int Components	482.82	80.47	402.35	Festive lights	LGA 1972 S144
Talk talk (Aug)	37.50	6.25	31.25	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges Pumping Station (Sep)	LGA 1972 S111
Extra Energy	16.03	0.76	15.27	Electricity charges - Floodlights (Sep)	LGA 1972 S111
Mr L Morris	38.28	6.38	31.90	Hammerite paint for basketball	Public Health Act 1875, s164
PKF Littlejohn	360.00	60.00	300.00	External Audit charges 17-18	LGA 1972 S111
Vertas	3111.04	518.52	2592.52	Grass Cutting Q1 and 2	Open spaces Act 1906, ss 9 & 10
Mrs J Hart	16.62	2.77	13.85	Replacement keys - bollards	Open spaces Act 1906, ss 9 & 10
Staff	879.89		879.89	Clerks and street cleaner Salary	LGA 1972 S112
HMRC	323.20		323.20	PAYE Quarter 2	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds		3.97		Bank Interest	

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. **Response from Planning Officer re 5 The Walks** – The Planning Officer has visited the above property, met with the owners and explained the enquiry which has been received concerning Condition 5 of planning permission B/62/240. From her research it appears that a hedge has been in place for at least 10 years (the owners have said that they planted the hedge when they moved in around 12 years ago). However, the first part of Condition 5 states ‘no building, wall or fence’ – the low brick wall which appeared to be the original wall built when the dwelling was constructed in 1962 is no higher than 3ft, therefore no breach has taken place in relation to this element.

With regards to the hedge, with no earlier enforcement enquiries having been received and investigated, it would be very difficult at this stage to prove that there has been a breach of Condition 5 for less than 10 years; rather, given the information received on when the hedge was planted, it would be reasonable to assume that any breach which might have taken place exceeds 10 years and is immune from any enforcement action. The decision has therefore been taken that it would not be expedient to pursue this case any further.

The owners were unaware of the condition and I have therefore given them a copy of the decision notice and the approved drawings for their information. Suffolk County Highways may be able to help further if there are any safety concerns.

- b. **New Grit Bin process – Highways** – noted – Clerk to retain for future use.

12. Planning Applications:

- a. **New Applications received –**

DC/18/1427/TPO | TPO078(1966) and TPO142(1990) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Beech (A1 on order) - reduce large over extended limb by up to 1.5 metres; (ii) Conifer hedge (A1 on order) - fell; (iii) 1no. Eucalyptus, 1no. Copper Beech, 1no. Sycamore and 1no. Beech (G2 and A1 on order) - lift crown to 5.4 metres and pull back limbs by up to 0.5 metres growing towards houses | The Old Rectory Old Rectory Gardens Stanton IP31 2BX

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this work which is considered to be necessary

DC/18/1473/HH | Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension | 41 Honeymeade Close Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2EF

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this extension which will not impact on the surrounding area

DC/18/1534/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - (i) 1no Norway Maple (T1 on plan) crown lift to 5 meters from ground (ii) 1no Acacia (T2 on plan) reduce lowest limb over garage by up to 2.5 metres (iii) 1no Cherry reduce overall canopy by 2.5 meters | Street Farmhouse The Street Stanton IP31 2DQ

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this work which is considered to be necessary.

DC/18/1719/TPO | TPO248 (1997) and TPO130 (1989) Tree Preservation Order (i) 1no. Oak (T1 on plan within A1 on Order), 1no. Ash (T15 on plan, within A1 on both Orders) - Fell, (ii) 1no. Oak (T2 on plan within A1 on Order) - Reduce lateral limbs over no. 3 by up to 2 metres, (iii) 4no. Oak (T3, T4, T6 and T14 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crown by 1.5 metres, (iv) 1no. Oak (T7 in plan, within A1 on Order), 1no. Silver Birch (T8 on plan, within A1 on Order) and 2no. Horse Chestnuts (T9 and T10 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crowns to 2 metres, (v) 2no. Oak (T11 and 12 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crowns by 1.5 metres, (vi) 1no. Ash (T13 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crown by 2 metres, (vii) 1no. Oak (T16 on plan, within A1 on both Orders) - Remove secondary stem on young tree, (viii) 1no. Ash (T17 on plan, within A1 on both Orders) - Remove lowest large lateral limb over property, (ix) 1no. Oak (T18 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crown to 3 metres to clear property by 1.5 metres, (x) 1no. Willow (T19 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Remove lateral limb over lawn and (xi) 1no. Oak (T20 on plan, within A1 on Order) - Lift crown to 2.5 metres | Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2AY

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this work which is considered to be necessary. However the Parish Council would like to see additional planting to replace the felled trees.

DC/18/1721/TPO | TPO 248 (1997) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Oak (T1 on plan, within area A1 on order) and 1no. Willow (T2 on plan, within area A1 on order) lift crown to 4 metres and (ii) 1no. Walnut (T3 on plan, within area A1 on order) lift crown to 3.5 metres | 71 And 80 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AZ

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this work which is considered to be necessary.

b. Previous Applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-1141-HH	Sky View Chare Road	Support	Approved	09/08/18
DC18-1157-HH	The Laurels Duke Street	Support	Approved	10/08/18
DC18-1281-FUL	Mount Farm Upthorpe Road	Support	Refused	06/09/18

13. Correspondence

- a. Mr B re speeding A143 – Clerk to add details to A143 report.
- b. Mr W re noise from breeding kennels – Bury Lane. The Parish Council is unable to deal with noise complaints and therefore the matter is to be referred back to Environmental Health for a response. Clerk to write to Mr W to advise of same.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.10pm

Minutes signed as correct..... N Chapman