

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 8 March 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Website – <http://Stanton.suffolk.cloud>

Present: F J Hart (Vice-Chairman), B Brown, J Mann, B Smithson, J Miller, L Morris, J Frizzell, M Scowcroft, N Chapman.

Also Present: County Cllr J Spicer, Borough Cllr J Thorndyke.

- 1. Apologies for absence accepted:** K McDonald (Chairman), S Willcox.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 8 February 2018** were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Mann.
- 3. Public Forum:** A resident attended seeking information about the proposal to develop land at Shepherds Grove and her concerns about the number of houses proposed. And whether the village infrastructure could cope with additional housing.
BCllr Thorndyke reassured the resident that the application was only at the concept stage. Very little detail was known at this stage. There is a proposal to improve the access to the Industrial Estate which would remove most of the heavy goods vehicles from the village centre and provide a roundabout from the new development to the A143.
CCllr Spicer is meeting with the planning team in Mid-April to discuss their proposals in more detail. There will be a public consultation once the detail is known and the Council will ensure that everyone has access to the proposed plans in due course.

Cllr Chapman gave a report on the last meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC). This item will be added to the Agenda for future meetings. The committee has asked for work to be done on 3 storm drain covers which are loose outside the front entrance to the hall and a drop-down bollard needs replacement. Clerk to deal.

The VHMC has also decided to purchase their own defibrillator to be installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall and would like details of the current purchased ones.

- 4. Ginny Lamboll** gave a presentation to Councillors about her new role as the **Stanton Village History Recorder**. The role will involve recording everything that happens in the village at the present time for future historians.
Ginny has lived in the village with her husband Darren for the last 15 years and is keen to ensure that the history does not get forgotten.
As there will be a financial implication Ginny asked whether the Council would support the role with a small donation for administrative expenses.
Councillors whole heartedly supported the role congratulating Ginny on offering her services as a volunteer and asked that she returned to the next meeting with a proposal as to what financial backing she was looking for. This would then be considered favourably as all felt it was a very important role for the village.
- 5. Graeme Hartley** addressed the Council as a member of the West and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Community Engagement Groups who are seeking help.
People living in Stanton are fortunate in having two GP Surgeries in their neighbourhood but they are under pressure. Money is tight, there is a shortage of doctors and nurses and hundreds of new homes being planned in Stanton and surrounding villages. There can be no doubting the professionalism of our GPs and colleagues but they feel over-worked and underpaid.
To meet the increasing demand for health and social care “the plan” is to improve linkages between the various services and charities, encourage mergers and identify more efficient ways of working. With the trend to more specialist services, focussing expertise on particular concerns, only the patient knows the whole story - the journey from early feelings of being unwell, to trying to make an

appointment, getting tests done, receiving treatment, organising after-care and perhaps long-term social care. Patients will need to be more knowledgeable about their treatment - be prepared to offer feedback on how the steps in their treatment might be improved: to say what works well and not so well?

Proactive participation by patients is welcomed by the Partners who own Ixworth and Stanton GP Surgeries. Both Practices have Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) who arrange regular consultation events throughout the year and they would like as many people as possible from every background and age group to help in shaping the future.

Should any individual or group like to be involved and would be prepared to come along to a meeting on a specific subject e.g. dementia, living with a particular illness or disability - say one or two evenings every year, be in contact with their PPG by email and receive information and respond to current issues, then they can leave details with their surgery receptionist or contact him directly for more information: graemenorris46@gmail.com

Council agreed to support the venture and will if required, facilitate and finance the cost of a meeting within the village.

Mr Norris will forward details to the Clerk for publication on the web site and Facebook page to promote.

6. Report from:

a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** wished to thank Shelbourne Reynolds for their assistance in **hedge cutting** on Old Bury Road. Clerk to send letter of thanks.

The proposed work on the **Grundle woody debris structure** is still going ahead and expected to be carried out in April.

The **pot holes** at the bottom of Bury Lane have been dealt with but the area further up needs attention and Cllr Spicer was advised that this will need 3-way traffic stop/go system and is lower down the priorities list. A lot of damage has been caused by the weather to the roads throughout the County and there is a huge amount of work to be done by the County in relation to pot holes and road signs.

Results of the **safety audit** on the traffic calming system in **Upthorpe Road** are still awaited. She will chase.

The **Park Farm Right of Way** claim is ongoing.

The **School Transport Consultation** has now closed and the results awaited.

Cllr Brown raised the issue of the **white lines** that had been painted on the wrong junctions in **Wyken Road** which had been reported last month and still not rectified. Cllr Spicer said that she would chase this up.

b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** reported that the Council tax has now been set for the year.

One of the first steps in the journey to creating a **single District Council for West Suffolk** will be creating a **new district-level warding structure** for West Suffolk. This process will form the electoral review before elections to the new Council in May 2019.

The warding review will not affect the external boundaries of either what is currently Forest Heath or St Edmundsbury, nor will it affect the external boundaries of any parish or town. It will use the current parish and town boundaries as the building blocks to create the district-level wards.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is responsible for setting the ward boundaries for a new council and communities will have an opportunity to shape the LGBCE proposals from the 7 to 28 March.

The request for a **TPO for the trees at Tripp Batt** is being considered next week.

7. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks report on work carried out in the previous month. Emergency work has been carried out on the public toilets after a burst pipe occurred during the cold weather

8. Statutory Business/Governance

a. None

9. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

10. Matters for discussion:

a. The working party has met and **proposed changes to the Rules of the Cemetery** to clarify that the right of burial is reserved for residents of the Parish, ('Parishioners'), former residents within the last five years of the Parish and those with close relatives already buried within the Parish Boundary. The charges also to be increased with effect from 1 April 2018 to bring the Cemetery more in line with the charges of Cemeteries within the area. The proposed amendments were proposed by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Chapman. Clerk to amend and deal with updates on the web site and notice board.

b. Cllr Hart reported that **the Defibrillator project** is ongoing. The first defibrillator will shortly be installed at the Doctors Surgery. Some funding has been secured for the second defibrillator through the WI (£600) and Stan Co Co (£500). All contributing have been consulted as to the location of the second defib. As a result, it was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Chapman that the second one is purchased with the balance of the purchase (£1000) being funded by the Parish Council, to be located on the Clock tower and that the Parish Council be responsible for its installation and ongoing electricity costs.

Clerk to order second defib and advertise locally for a public spirited qualified electrician to offer installation if possible.

c. The tenders received for the **2018-2020 Grass Cutting Contract** were opened. Four Contractors had submitted their quotations and after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Frizzell that Vertas – who have held the Contract for the last four years – be appointed for the next two years. Clerk to advise all parties.

d. **Christmas tree** Cllr Brown is going to speak to Church Farm at Bradfield Combust about the cost of a 20-foot tree. He will try to attend the next PCC meeting in May to discuss the proposals. Pip Bedford has offered musicians to provide support music for the Carols. The Carol Service to take place on Friday 7 December 2018. Further work ongoing to identify lights for the tree and refreshments for those attending.

11. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

a. The Community Highways Consultation survey was discussed and completed. Clerk to submit.

12. Financial

a. Approval of the payments and receipts as below

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Extra Energy	189.43	31.57	157.86	Electricity Pump house	LGA 1972 S111
Extra Energy	8.05	0.38	7.67	Electricity - Floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
Stanton Village Hall	113.40		113.40	Toddler Group Hall Hire	LG(MP) Act 1976, s19
Command Pest Control	102.00	17.00	85.00	Mole treatment - Cemetery	Open spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
Talk Talk (Feb)	36.15	6.02	30.13	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Glasdon UK	91.57	15.26	76.31	Refuse Sacks and litter picker	LGA 1972 S111
Staff Salaries	883.55		883.55	Street Cleaner and Clerk	LGA 1972 S111
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank		2.68		Interest	
Saxon Memorials		80.00		Memorial Fees	
Meredith Greengrass		165.00		Burial	
Armstrongs FnrI Director		216.00		Burial	

Cllr Miller questioned the cost of the Electricity at the Pump House which was significantly higher than expected. The Clerk said that this was an estimated bill and contact will be made with Extra Energy once meter readings have been checked. This is a new contract and is still bedding in.

13. Planning Issues

a. New Applications received

DC/18/0224/FUL | Planning Application - Change of use from staff area/storage/office/meeting room to be used ancillary to GP practice (mixed use) to Clinic (D1) | 2 Parkside Stanton IP31 2XL (Dr Nicholas Redman)

RESPONSE – No Objections

DC/18/0236/TPO | TPO 185(1993) Tree Preservation Order - 1no. Beech Tree (T1on Plan) - Reduce canopy by up to 30% (3-4 metres) all over, | Dunham House Duke Street Stanton IP31 2AA (Mrs and Mrs Finley)

RESPONSE – No Objections

DC/18/0271/HH | Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension | Burnham Lodge The Street Stanton IP31 2DQ (Mr J McDonnell)

RESPONSE – No Objections

DC/18/0303/VAR | Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of DC/17/1034/FUL to enable the development to be carried out in separate phases | Willow Garth George Lane Stanton IP31 2UB (Mr Richard Holmes)

RESPONSE – No Objections

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-2270-FUL	Mount Farm Upthorpe Road	Support	Withdrawn	08/02/17

c. Other Planning issues

None

14. Correspondence and items for noting:

a. A letter from the **Rickingham Community Transport** project was read out and noted. No further action required. Will be considered for donation at the November budget meeting.

b. SALC Area Meeting Agenda – Bardwell on 13 March 2018 – Noted.

c. A Proposal to hold a production of a ‘midsummer Night’s Dream’ in June 2018 at St Johns Church by the Historic Churches Commission was discussed. The Council had concerns about the safety of attendees due to having to cross the main A143 but the Church is owned by the Commission and the Council wished to offer their support to the Church for the event.

The meeting concluded at 8.55pm

Minutes agreed as correctK McDonald (Chairman)