

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 13 June 2019 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: F J Hart (Chair), B Smithson (Vice-chair), J Miller, J Frizzell, S Willcox, B Brown, A Shelton, P Smith.

Also Present: BCllr Jim Thorndyke. CCllr Joanna Spicer

1. Apologies for absence accepted: Cllr Martin Scowcroft. Cllr Alan Kemp.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 9 May 2019 were approved.

3. Public Forum:

Cllr Miller raised issues reported to her by residents – a good deal of straw has been left on the road at Wyken Road and is a hazard which will cause blocked drains after they have recently been cleared (due to flooding in the area). Cllr Frizzell said he understood that there was a requirement for straw to be covered when transported. Also, the white lines at the junction of Bury Lane and The Street need repainting. The Clerk will report the straw on the road to Highways and in respect of the lines it should be noted that Bury Lane is due to be resurfaced in the coming weeks and the lines will be repainted afterwards.

4. Presentation from Boyer Planning.

Councillors listened to a presentation from Boyer Planning representing Bloor Homes regarding a potential development of land at Fordhams Farm - land east of Bury Road, Stanton for an additional 250 new homes. Two members of the public were also present to hear the presentation.

After the presentation, Councillors voiced significant concerns over the capacity of the Village amenities to cope with the number of extra residents, including medical and school place issues and access issues both from Bury Lane and Bury Road.

It was suggested that the development may offer opportunities to improve access to the Recreation Ground and all agreed that the proposals should be developed further and a meeting called for the public to be invited to give feedback in due course.

5. Report from:

a. S C Cllr J Spicer reported that **Bury Lane, Stanton** – from Junction with The Street to Footpath after Doctors Hall – has received a proposed period for surface dressing repair works: 22 July – 26 July 2019. CCllr Spicer understood that the Village was suffering from a spate of Anti-Social behaviour. She was happy to assist in any way she could if the Parish Council wished to set up another working party to tackle the problems.

Cllr Shelton asked CCllr Spicer for an update to the **proposed drop kerb works** in Old Bury Road which had been promised some weeks ago. CCllr Spicer said she would make enquiries.

Cllr Brown asked CCllr Spicer for an update in respect of the **adoption of roads on the Mill View Estate**. CCllr Spicer said that she understood the County Council were in a position to adopt the roads and it may be pertinent to arrange a meeting with local engineer Sam Bye to discuss whether anything could be put into place to help with parking issues being experienced in the area.

Cllr Hart asked about the progress of the **A143 speed reduction** as the presentation from Bloor had indicated that the speed sensors that had been placed were not in fact Suffolk CC ones. CCllr Spicer thought that the speed monitoring equipment had already produced some figures but would now check as to where we were with the proposal.

b. B Cllr J Thorndyke (Arrived late due to meeting elsewhere - Not present for Boyer Planning presentation).

I am still on Development Control Committee but after seven years as chair at St Eds have now passed this on to Andrew Smith of Bardwell and am supporting him as one of two Vice Chairs so not much change in work load on that, also continuing on Standards Committee.

We have the same Leader – Cllr Griffiths – as at St Eds and largely the same cabinet members doing same as previous, notable change is Cllr Broughton of Great Barton who takes over the resources portfolio and Cllr Drummond from Newmarket who takes over the Planning portfolio.

Rural Panel is to be resurrected to look specifically at support for the many villages in West Suffolk and the new local plan process will be starting soon when hopefully all communities will be involved.

6. Clerks Report – there were no queries with the report submitted by the Clerk.

7. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. The item concerning Areas of Responsibility/Councillor portfolios was deferred until the July meeting.
- b. The Co-option policy was approved and adopted.
- c. The Risk Assessment 2019 was approved and adopted.
- d. The Discipline and Grievance Procedure was approved and adopted
- e. The Action Plan 2019-20 was updated.

8. Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest from Councillors on any item on the Agenda.

9. Matters for discussion:

- a. The application for Co-option to the Parish Council was deferred to the July meeting.
- b. The Chair updated Council on the project to install Electric Vehicle Charging points. It now required a site visit which would be £130. This was approved.
- c. Cllr Brown has received complaints again about problems caused by inconsiderate parking on the Mill View Estate and abandoned vehicles in Upthorpe Road. An accident damaged mini has now been removed. Cllr Brown agreed to raise the issues with West Suffolk District Council when the roads had been adopted with a view to possible parking restrictions being installed.
- d. Cllr Brown asked BCllr Thorndyke for an update on the Rose and Crown entrance works. BCllr Thorndyke responded that he understood that the County Council has received the bond from the developer for the works to be carried out. Work was now being planned for the dropped kerb to be installed. Enforcement action is not advisable until dropped kerbs situation has been resolved as there is a fear the developer will walk away from the currently agreed process, were it not for this highways situation enforcement could have started quite a while back.
- e. Cllr Brown reported that the George Hill working party had met on site to consider future planting. However, it was necessary to clear the area of detritus first and the Clerk had previously circulated a request that the work be completed at a cost of £450.00 which was agreed by a majority of Councillors. That work has been carried out this week and the working party are now considering planting up to enhance the area but to leave it as natural as possible. Cllr Brown will get some costings.
- f. Cllr Shelton was concerned that cars are parking on the entrance road to the Recreation Ground when the gate is locked and possibly drug dealing. Councillors discussed possible solutions including better signage in respect of CCTV. Moving the gate to the bottom of the driveway would not be possible due to the size and expense involved and the hazard it would cause to vehicles turning in. Clerk to look at sourcing improved CCTV signage and to report possible drug dealing to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- g. Cllr Frizzell wished to report a defective sunken road surface on Dale Road which was causing damage to vehicles and Highways were refusing to remedy the situation. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will report the matter for urgent action.
- h. Cllr Smith submitted a paper to Councillors on proposed actions to be taken to tackle anti-social behaviour in the Village. It was suggested that the following actions could be taken
 - Encourage parishioners to report incidents to the Police via 101
 - Where the behaviour is a crime, report it as a crime (self-reporting on-line)
 - Where possible identify the offenders
 - Call on the Police and Partner agencies to develop a strategy to combat the behaviour, seeking a Service Level Agreement in respect of neighbourhood patrolling in line with the Police and Crime Plan for Suffolk 2017-2021.
 - Engage with those who are offending seeking solutions to promote an improvement in their

behaviour.

□ Consider youth representation on the Parish Council by seeking and Co Opting a “Youth Ambassador”.

Cllr Willcox agreed to contact the Senior Schools in the area in respect of the Youth Ambassador. The Clerk will report the crime to date on line and promote the use of the same via Social Media.

10. Accounts

- a. The HMRC response re error in VAT returns was noted by Councillors. The Clerk will obtain a second check on the figures before submitting them in future. No further action required.
- b. The accounts as below were approved for payment.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
ICO	35.00		35.00	Data Protection Annual Fee	LGA 1972 S150
Green Tech	2985.00	497.50	2487.50	Pavers deposit for car park extension	RTRA 1984 ss 57 and 63
Fenland Leisure	53.40	8.90	44.50	Replacement part - Play Area	LG (MP) Act 1976 s19
Now TV	26.00		26.00	Phone and Broadband	LGA 1972 S150
121 Computers	89.98	15.00	74.98	Lap top upgrade and repair	LGA 1972 S150
Village Hall	60.00		60.00	Room hire	LGA 1972 S150
Viking Office depot	112.86	18.81	94.05	Shredder/paper/copier inks	LGA 1972 S150
Mrs J Hart	32.98	5.49	27.49	Replacement padlock/shears	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Sutcliffe Play	52.32	8.72	43.60	Paint for rust - Play area	LG (MP) Act 1976 s19
Vertas	764.06	127.34	636.72	Grass Cutting Q1 - Rec Ground	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Vertas	344.30	57.38	286.92	Grass Cutting Q1 - Cemetery	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Vertas	448.49	74.75	373.74	Grass Cutting Q1 - Village	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Cardiac Science	2257.20	376.20	1881.00	Defibrillator	Public Health Act 1936, s234
Mr T Mansfield	150.00		150.00	Internal Auditor fee 18-19	LGA 1972 S150
HMRC	306.20		306.20	PAYE Q1	LGA 1972 S112
Staff Salaries	956.30		956.30	Street Cleaner, Litter picker, Clerk	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank Interest			3.73		
Wayleave payment			82.08		
Co-op Memorial			90.00		

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- c. Play Area Inspection Reports May 2019 – noted. Work has been ordered to remedy the low risk defects found by the Play Inspector.

12. Planning Applications:

d. New Applications received

DC/19/0281/HH | Householder Planning Application - Convert existing outbuilding into detached annexe with integrated double carport | Mulberry Barn Duke Street Stanton IP31 2AA

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/19/0958/HH | Householder Planning Application - Single storey side/rear extension to include a new bedroom with ensuite | 9 Michaelhouse Way Stanton IP31 2XG

RESPONSE - There are no objections to this application. However, there are some concerns in respect of construction vehicles in such a tight parking area and it is requested that vehicles be parked considerately so as not to cause an obstruction or inconvenience to neighbouring properties.

DC/19/1013/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Construction of rear Lean-to Extension (ii) Construction of Front Lean-to Porch (iii)Relocation of existing side garden fencing | 2 Culvers Meadow Stanton IP31 2XT

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/19/1054/HH | Householder Planning Application - Detached garage (previous application DC/19/0438/HH) | 7 North Close Stanton IP31 2BL

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

e. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC19-0452-TPO	Church Close trees	Support	Approved	09/05/19
DC19-0486-TPO	19 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	10/05/19
DC19-0487-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	31/05/19
DC19-0645-FUL	George Hill Caravan	Support	Approved	30/05/19

13. Correspondence

- a. AM reported that the Village Sign was missing at Hepworth Road. The Clerk reported that this has been ordered by the County Council. Also asked for consideration of a rubbish bin at Hepworth Road layby – the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries in respect of this.
- b. LC reported broken glass on tennis Courts. This was cleaned up by the street cleaner and has been reported to Police by the Clerk with Video Evidence forwarded by a member of the public.
- c. RC reported further problems with parking on Mill View Estate and Upthorpe Road. Cllr Brown is seeking a meeting with the District Council to discuss what can be done to alleviate the problem. A crashed car has been removed already.
- d. SSAFA re VE Day – 8 May 2020. Cllr Smith agreed to lead on this issue.
- e. KS reported a lack of grass cutting in St Johns Churchyard. The Clerk has reported it and it has now been remedied.
- f. MR reported a lack of grass cutting and rubbish left in Hilltop Way/George Hill. The Clerk has reported this and it has now been remedied.
- g. FM reported that the street cleaning machine had visited the Village and missed out the blocked paving area of Michaelhouse Way for the second time. The Clerk has liaised with the District Council and the sweeper has been asked to return and include the area in future.
- h. Historic England reported that they are seeking listed building consideration for the Stanton War Memorial. After discussion Council agreed that at the present time they did not want the Memorial listed as it would cause significant difficulties if any work is required in the area. Clerk to respond to Historic England.
- i. TB asked why she was not allowed to use the MUGA for dog training. The Clerk has responded that the Tennis Court and MUGA is subject of a Public Space Protection Order granted by the District Council and as such, dogs were not allowed to use the area. The Parish Council had agreed to the PSPO in 2017 in an effort to reduce dog fouling on the Tennis Courts.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.05pm

Minutes signed as correct..... F J Hart