

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 14 March 2019 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: F J Hart (Chair), J Mann, B Smithson (Vice-Chair), J Miller, J Frizzell, S Willcox, B Brown, C Jay, A Shelton.

Also Present: CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** M Scowcroft, A Kemp.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 14 February 2019** were approved.
3. **Public Forum:** A representative of 'Home-Start' attended the meeting to advise the Council about services offered by the organisation. Home-Start schemes are managed locally but are supported by a national organisation, Home-Start UK, which offers direction, training, information and guidance to schemes and ensures consistent and quality support for parents and children. Home-Start has a proven, lasting, positive impact on the development of children and the health and welfare of the family. They offer a unique service by recruiting and training volunteers, who are usually parents themselves, to visit families (with at least one child under 12), at home and offer them informal, friendly and confidential support. Home-start supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationship with their children and widen their links with the local community.

The organisation has received funding from the Military Covenant Fund for service families who are not housed on base. The intention is to use the funding to set up workshops and groups to help the military families to integrate with the local community for the time that they are stationed in the area and away from on base housing.

It is hoped that this will start within the next couple of months. The scheme has also been given a small amount of funding from the locality budget of BCllr Thorndyke.

Cllr Jay commented that the scheme would sit nicely with NHS Suffolk's five-year transformation plan which sets out how it will improve children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. (More details can be found at <https://www.westsuffolkccg.nhs.uk/local-health-services/mental-health-services/children-and-young-people-services-cyp/>)

Cllr Frizzell commented that the scheme should be supported fully by the Parish Council as an important link for the 67 or so RAF families currently living in the Village.

The Chairman thanked the representative for attending, and for their services to the Village and looked forward to hearing details of the Workshops.

4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that Cllr Brown has been a Champion for the problems on the **Mill View development and commended his work to date in chasing up the adoption of roads and problems with lorries and parking.** This really was now in the hands of the Planning Office at West Suffolk to enforce the completion of the plan so that the roads can be adopted. She understood that Crabtree Management had ordered signs as 'Not suitable for HGV' to be placed at either end of Gilbert Road and the parking problems are really an area that residents should address by parking in their allocated spaces at the rear of their properties. Once the signage is in place then the situation can be revisited.

Cllr Brown reported (item 8b on the Agenda) that a recent incident involving a very large HGV had resulted in fencing being damaged and the police being called. Had the vans parked on the pavement not been there then the damage may not have happened. It was imperative that the signs were installed as a priority. Could bollards be put up on the pavement opposite the play area to stop parking on the pavements? Cllr Spicer suggested that this was raised with Sam Bye for her opinion.

George Hill hedgerow has been cut and the footpath 'skirted'. It is requested that the Street Cleaner continues to sweep the area on a regular basis to avoid build up.

Cllr Frizzell proposed a vote of thanks to the County Council for the work as residents have now reported feeling much safer as the pavement has been widened significantly.

On 1 March, Suffolk County Council sent letters regarding **school transport charges** to parents. It is understood that the charges for transport are £750 a year. Thurston Community College are currently consulting with incoming pupil's parents with a view to running buses privately. No details are available as yet. Any parent who wishes to discuss the issue can contact CCllr Spicer directly – Joanna.spicer@suffolk.gov.uk

Cllr Spicer has written to the **Primary School in Upthorpe Road in relation to parking issues**. Unfortunately, there are still very selfish parents that refuse to take notice of letters and the only resort is enforcement by the Police but it is unlikely that it will be a priority for them. Residents should report any cars parked causing an obstruction across the pavement directly to the Police.

The **A143 traffic survey** should be installed during the last week of March.

The Consultation for the **Shepherds Grove Master Plan** is ongoing and CCllr Spicer encouraged the Parish Council to make some representations to the developer and consider holding a Public Meeting with residents to consider and report their concerns.

- b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** commented on the Shepherds Grove Master plan and offered his help in putting something together from the Parish Council.

The responses received by the development company from the consultation meeting on 21 February have not been made public so there is no way of knowing what residents are feeling about it.

Cllr Shelton suggested that the PC ask the developer ask for an extension to the original consultation expiry date so that a Public Meeting could be called to get an open and transparent view from the residents.

The Chairman agreed to contact the developer to ask for an extension.

It was agreed that the Parish Council will meet with BCllr Thorndyke on Friday 22 March to formulate a report and plan of necessary action.

Money from his **locality fund** has been donated to Home-Start, the library at Shepherds Grove Park and the Toddler Group which has completed his funding for this financial year.

The **last planning meeting** for St Edmundsbury BC will take place on 29 March and the new West Suffolk Council will take over from June so planning issues may be delayed over coming weeks.

The latest news and what's happening on West Suffolk Council can be accessed here <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/news/>

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the report enclosed with agenda.

6. **Statutory Business/Governance**

- a. The **Risk Assessment for the Annual Litter pick** on 16 March 2019 produced by Cllr Smithson was approved. The Chairman thanked her for her work on the RA and the arrangements for the litter pick.

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

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. The Chair reported that the proposal to install **Electric Vehicle Charging points** is ongoing with investigations into possible sources of power. CCllr Spicer has pledged £1000 contribution towards installation costs.
- b. **Parking and vehicle issues on Gilbert Road.** Cllr Brown raised the issue as item 4a above. In addition, he updated Council that every resident had received a letter from the Management company about parking and the types of vehicles permitted.
- c. Cllr Willcox updated Council that the Stanton pre-school has now taken over the running of the **toddler Group** which is being held at the Community Village Hall on a weekly basis. This is a great result for the Village and will encourage young mums to integrate and help with isolation. As has already been discussed, Home-start is going to offer Thursday morning workshops for young families. Details still to be confirmed.

Cllr Willcox has received a number of suggestions for **activities for young people in the Village**. However, all of the ideas need volunteers to come forward and run them and she encouraged residents in the Village to consider setting up sports and social groups. There may be an opportunity with assisted funding from the Parish Council.

Cllr Willcox has been made aware of advanced plans for a fun day in the Village on Sunday 18 August. Full details to follow in April.

Cllr Smithson commended Cllr Willcox for her energy and enthusiasm and the work she had done to get to where we were with the toddler group. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Willcox.

- d. Cllr Mann reported that the **Cemetery gates** are in need of painting. It was discussed and agreed that the Clerk will obtain quotes for powder coating if possible. Clerk to deal.
- e. The **application for a Memorial** for Derek John Plummer was approved. Clerk to advise Memorial Mason.
- f. The Clerk advised that she has received a communication from the Councils' Insurance Company to suggest that a **tree survey** should be carried out on a regular basis to ensure that the trees owned by Council are in a healthy condition. Most of the trees are located on the Recreation Ground.

In terms of liability, the law states that tree owners have a 'duty of care' in protecting people and property from harm, so its important to have an efficient tree inspection, maintenance and risk management process to ensure the safety of the Community.

At the current time there is no inventory of the trees owned and no inspection plan in place. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should approach a tree surgeon to ask for costs involved to formulate a schedule of trees for future planning and budgeting purposes. Clerk to deal.

9. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

- a. **Play Area Inspection Reports – February 2019.** Cllr Shelton asked whether the play area gate problem should be investigated although it is 'low risk'. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries to find someone to attend to the problem. Clerk to deal.
- b. Message from Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Waters re **Rural Services Network** – noted and circulated for individual Councillor response.

10. Shepherds Grove Master Plan

- a. **Update on the Master Plan** - as discussed above. A meeting to be held on 22 March at 4pm in the Terry Bray Room with BCllr Thorndyke to formulate a response.

11. Financial

- a. The payments and receipts as below were approved for payment.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Now TV	42.99		42.99	New set up Broadband contract	LGA 1972 S111
Talk talk (Feb)	40.48	6.75	33.73	Final payment Broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Suffolk Pest Control	105.60	17.60	88.00	Mole Control - Recreation Ground	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Mrs J Hart	15.44	2.57	12.87	Extra keys for new drop down bollard	Public Health Act 1875, s164
SALC	30.00	5.00	25.00	Election Briefing - Clerk	LGA 1972 S111
Suffolk Pest Control	139.20	23.20	116.00	Mole Control - Cemetery	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Anglian Water	1232.41		1232.41	Water Charges Recreation Ground Q4	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	13.19		13.19	Cemetery water Q4	LGA 1972 S111
Staff Salaries	909.29		909.29	Staff Salaries	LGA 1972 S111
HMRC	277.80		277.80	PAYE Quarter 4	LGA 1972 S111
RECEIPTS					
Bank Interest					3.18

12. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/19/0176/FUL | Planning Application - Double garage | 13 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AY

RESPONSE - The run off of water from the proposed garages may impact on the properties adjacent to the proposed new garages (Number 12 and 12A) and therefore Council would like to see a soakaway or drainage ditch to ensure water is directed away from adjacent properties so as not to cause a flooding issue.

DC/19/0240/VAR | Planning Application - Variation of Conditions 4 and 5 of Planning Permission DC/16/0163/FUL to allow use of revised drawing for access and manoeuvring. | Land East Of Bobbys Way Stanton Suffolk

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/19/0241/TPO | TPO 130 (1989) and TPO 248 (1997) Tree Preservation Orders - Mixed Species (18no. Oak, 7no. Ash and 1no. Field Maple) (all within Area A1 of Orders) - works specified in accompanying tree schedule | Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AY

RESPONSE - The trees specified to be felled are trees that are protected under a tree preservation order and there are no reasons for the trees to be felled (such as disease). There is no explanation for this request in the application. Shepherds Grove Park is known to be a Woodland area. Council consider the removal of mature Oak Ash and Maple trees will have a significant negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the residents of the Park as there will be an impact on wildlife and birds in particular. The trees are located next to a Woodland area (Sid's Piece) which has been set up by the Villagers to promote wildlife. Berkeley Parks promote themselves as 'situated in a superb woodland setting' with residents quoting 'idyllic and peaceful surroundings' set in a 'county of natural beauty'. In the opinion of the Council, the loss of such a large amount of mature trees will impact on the park hugely. Properties currently for sale on the park describe 'Quiet Woodland setting' and the Council feel; very strongly; that the TPO was put in place to protect these very trees from being removed and should remain in place to protect this amenity for the residents and future generations.

DC/19/0370/HH | Householder Planning Application - Single storey side and rear extensions with associated pitched roof (following demolition of existing garage and outbuildings) | 1 The Walks Old Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BX (Mr A Swallow)

RESPONSE - A well planned extension which will significantly enhance this property. There are no objections.

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC19-0058-FUL	Shelbourne Reynolds	Support	Approved	07/03/19

13. Correspondence and items for noting:

- a. H C re rubbish left on the Recreation Ground after football matches.** The Clerk has emailed Stanton FC in respect of a complaint of rubbish and abuse from a team player on a match day. The Club has dealt with the issue by suspending the player over the incident and will arrange litter picks after matches in respect of the litter. Clerk to advise the correspondent.
- b. J M – Friends of Ixworth library.** Information has been received from Ixworth Library with a view to gaining more help and support. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will circulate locally to get some volunteers.
- c. I E – re Damage to verges A143 and mud on road – Duke Street North.** The Clerk has taken photos and reported the issue to Suffolk County Council Highways. The Clerk has also written to the contractor and requested that they reinstate the verges and clean the highway.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.03pm

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