



## STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Chair – Francis Hart**

**Vice Chair – Barbara Smithson**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 10 December 2020 at 7pm by Zoom Conference.**

**THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE COUNCILLOR JUNE MILLER ON ATTAINING 50 YEARS AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR. A PRESENTATION OF A BASKET OF FLOWERS HAS BEEN MADE TO HER BY THE VICE CHAIR WITH PLANS FOR A CELEBRATION POST COVID. AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT!**

#### **AGENDA**

##### **1. Roll Call and Apologies for absence:**

**Present –** Cllr Brown, Cllr Frizzell, Cllr Kemp, Cllr Scowcroft, Cllr Shelton, Cllr Smithson (Vice Chair), Cllr Cleland-Smith, Cllr Smith

**Apologies for absence accepted -** Cllr Miller, Cllr Hart.

**Also present –** DCllr Thorndyke.

**2. The minutes of the previous meeting** on 30 November were proposed for approval by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.

**3. Public Forum:** The public were invited to join the meeting by notifying the Clerk by email at [Stantonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Stantonparishcouncil@gmail.com) if they wished to take part in this meeting and to outline the question they would like to put to the Council in advance. 3 members of the public were present.

CH reported problems with youths at the bus shelter in the street and a youth on a moped causing a nuisance. CH was asked to report incidents at the time they were happening to Suffolk Police. The Police have already been contacted by the Clerk and others in the village and a message put on the website and Facebook page and in the last few days the problem seems to have reduced.

KC wanted to discuss ongoing vandalism at the allotments – this is an agenda item to be discussed later in the meeting.

SP asked to observe the meeting.

##### **4. Report from:**

D Cllr J Thorndyke reported

- **Civil parking enforcement** continues in the area with tickets being issued in Ixworth recently. He urged SPC to consider a review of areas in Stanton Village which could be considered for yellow line enforcement.
- The applications for a **Community grant** this year are being processed with applications amounting to £1.6m for the £400,000 available. Applicants are being sign posted to alternative grant sources.
- The **Standards committee** are meeting next Monday to consider the new Code of Conduct for Councillors
- A **planning application** has been received at West Suffolk for a development of 10 houses at the **old Nursery at Barningham Road** (George Hill)

- The **West Suffolk Local Plan consultation** closes on 22 December.

**5. Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks report of the previous months activities.

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

## 7. Planning Applications

### a. New Applications

DC/20/1891/FUL | Planning application - Improvements to access road to bring it up to adoptable standard | Grove Lane Link Road Grove Lane Stanton

**RESPONSE** The Parish Council are in favour of upgrading this piece of highway if it is to assist in reducing heavy goods vehicle movements within the core of the village

However, it is imperative that due regard is given to the comments made by the current land owners in respect of the impact on their business and land and the impact of introducing a cycle/footpath.

The Council would also seek clarification on the long-term plans for the use of this road in respect of access to the village once the link road is built. This is currently a derestricted area - will there be a speed limit introduced or restrictions as to which vehicles would be allowed to use it.

DC/20/1971/TCA | Trees in a conservation area notification - one Sycamore (T1 on plan) fell | Church Rooms Old Bury Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 2BY

**RESPONSE** There are no objections to this work being carried out. It will not be a loss to the treescape in the area

DC/20/1963/TPO | TPO/542(2013) tree preservation order - One Field Maple (on plan and within area W2 on order) coppice | Land Adjacent To 20 Goldsmith Way Stanton Suffolk IP31 2FD

**RESPONSE** There are no objections to this work being carried out

DC/20/1933/TPO | TPO248(1997) tree preservation order - one Ash (T1 on plan, within A1 on order) - crown lift over property by one metre and by 2 metres over road; one Oak (T2 on plan, within A1 on order) - crown lift over road to 5 metres above ground level and 3 metres above ground level over garden side; one Walnut (T3 on plan, within A1 on order) - crown lift to 5 metres above ground level; two Ash (T4 and T5 on plan, within A1 on order) one Thorn (T7 on plan, within A1 on order) - fell | Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2AY

**RESPONSE** - Councillors have asked that the tree officer be asked for his opinion of the condition of the trees T4 T5 and T7 prior to them being felled as it is felt that even dead trees can provide significant habitat for wildlife.

There are no objections to the crown lifting of T1, T2 and T3

### b. Determined Applications –

*Table 1 Determined applications*

PCM date	Reference	Address	PC decision	West Suffolk decision	Decision date
12/11/20	DC/20/0675/FUL	Roseway, Bury Road	Support	Approved	04/12/20

## 8. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. A notice of eligibility to fill Councillor Vacancy by Co-option has been issued by West Suffolk Council. The vacancy will now be advertised in accordance with the Co-option policy with applicants asked to submit applications by Friday 8 January 2021.

*Action – Clerk to post on website and Social Media.*

## 9. Matters for discussion:

- a. After discussion Councillors agreed to a provisional meeting via Zoom conferencing to discuss **improvements to the Recreation Ground/** expansion of the MUGA on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Clerk to advertise it to local organisations through Social Media, the website and the Stanton Steamer. Council lead will be Cllr Phil Smith.

*Action – Clerk to produce notice for Social Media/Steamer*

- b. Cllr Smithson raised the issue of problems with the **emptying of the Recycling facilities** on the Recreation Ground. DCllr Thorndyke was asked for his input. He will take the issue back to the portfolio holder at West Suffolk and report the issues with the contractor. DCllr Thorndyke asked to be notified if the banks were full at any time.
- c. Cllr Smithson reported ongoing **concerns regarding parent parking and the resulting traffic congestion** in the surrounds of the school on Upthorpe Road. As a means of enforcement is now available through the Civil parking enforcement officers it would be a good time to assess which areas of the Village could benefit from parking restrictions. After discussion it was agreed that a working party would be convened to start the process of identifying areas for Traffic Orders. There will be a cost to the Council so it is imperative that areas are carefully considered. Cllr Frizzell and Cllr Smith will lead. CCllr Spicer will be invited to have an input.
- d. Cllr Brown reported that **vandalism and theft at the allotments** had now been reported to Police and he has a direct point of contact – all future incidents should be reported to Police as they happen by the allotment holders so that a pattern can be established.  
 In relation to crime prevention measures there were several options. A gate was considered as too expensive and permission would be required from Wyken Farms. The alternative would be hedging on the rear fence at a cost of around £150 but this would take time to grow to be effective.  
 An electric fence would cost around £300 plus batteries and it would need regular charging, however as theft had already taken place it was possible that the batteries could be stolen.  
 After further discussion it was agreed that Cllr Brown would ask Suffolk Constabulary for a crime prevention visit to assess what action can be taken. He would also request that allotment holders keep a record of incidents and dates that they occur.  
 The Clerk has received Crime prevention advice from Suffolk Police and will forward that to Cllr Brown for consideration.
- e. To receive an update on **Diversity and Equality Training** available – this item was deferred due to advice awaited from legal proceedings pending
- f. Incidents of **Anti-Social Behaviour at the bus shelter** in The Street were discussed. This has been reported on Social Media and the Next-Door site and been reported to Police by residents and the Clerk. As a result of the recent publicity the situation seems to have eased but residents are encouraged to report issues as they arise – either via 101 or on line or if urgent by use of the 999 system.
- g. Cllr Smithson, on behalf of Cllr Hart reported that during a recent service of the **Clock Tower** the engineer had suggested that the lighting should be replaced by LED. Cllr Kemp agreed to inspect the lights and cost up replacements.

## 10. Accounts

a. The accounts as below were approved. (General Power of Competence applies)

b. Bank Account total as at 30 November - £68954.78 - noted

Table 2 List of payments and receipts

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR
Vertas	1618.92	269.82	1349.10	Grass Cutting Q3
Wave	13.24			Cemetery Water
Wave	114.02			Recreation Ground Water
G Miller	162.00			Toilet Cleaning Sept – Jan 21
Staff Salaries	1180.00			Street Cleaner, Litter picker and Clerk
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Burial Memorial	90.00			
Lloyds Bank Interest	0.64			
HMRC VAT Q2 20-21	4461.77			

### **11. Coronavirus Updates**

- a. The skate park and outdoor gym has been reopened following the lifting of Govt restrictions. The street cleaner continues to sanitise the area on a daily basis unless there has been overnight rain.

### **12. Correspondence from SALC, NALC, Borough and County Councils**

- a. Play Area Reports – Nov 2020 – noted – no significant issues
- b. SALC – Good Neighbour Scheme - noted
- c. SALC – Member Survey – noted. Councillors to respond as individuals if they wish or report back to the Clerk who will report on their behalf.

### **13. Correspondence**

- a. RO – Thank you to County Council for work in Grundle - noted
- b. AS – Re Minutes – Clerk has responded. No further response required.
- c. PP – Stanton Village Plague/Vinegar stone - noted
- d. Thank you for S137 Donation – SARS - noted
- e. CH – ASB at the bus shelter – dealt with at Agenda item 9f
- f. East Anglian Air Ambulance – Thank you for S137 donation - Noted

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

**Part Two – Section 1 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.35pm