



## STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Chair – Francis Hart**

**Vice Chair – Phil Smith**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 10 February 2022 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall.**

#### **AGENDA**

**1. Roll call and apologies for absence**

**Present** – Cllrs F J Hart,(Chair), L Frost, B Smithson, K Davies, J Frizzell, B Brown, A Kemp.

**Apologies for absence accepted** –. Cllrs P Smith (Vice Chair), D Cleland Smith, M Scowcroft.

**2. The minutes of the previous meeting** on 13 January 2022 were approved.

**3. Public Forum:** Two members of the public were present. SP wished to observe the meeting.

PP spoke to a letter sent to DCllr Thorndyke about the current state of the Co-op Planning application. DCllr Thorndyke responded that the developers had indicated that they would start work in early March and would be in contact with neighbours prior to any works starting.

PP asked whether the Council could look at improving the signage on the Recreation Ground which are dirty and ad hoc. The Recreation Ground working party will consider amalgamating the various signs that are in place.

PP also spoke to correspondence received from PB relating to request for a Memorial in the Village for 9 Airmen killed on 24 May 1942 when their Wellington Bomber crash landed on land near to the present Vajrasana Retreat Centre, formerly known as Potash Farm off Readings Lane.

After discussion it was suggested that the Cemetery on Bardwell Road would be easily accessible for relatives wishing to pay their respects and the Cemetery Working Party will arrange a meeting to consider where such a Memorial could be located.

**4. Report from**

**a. D Cllr J Thorndyke reported**

- He is on the Local Plan working group. This is ongoing.
- The bottle banks and paper bank have now been moved around to protect the telephone lines going into the Village Hall. It is hoped the textile bank will also be repositioned soon
- Code of Conduct has now been completed and will be going back to the West Suffolk Council in March for approval after which it is hoped that local Parish Council will be asked to adopt it.
- The Budget for next year has been approved and will go to Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Due to harmonising boundaries with the Former Forest Heath Council, it is likely that the most a Band D house in West Suffolk will pay is an extra 22p a week. There will be an increase in the cost of the brown bin and bulky items collections.

**b. C Cllr J Spicer reported**

- The Draft Grundle agreement – the Council has returned the response to Suffolk CC. The draft agreement is out of date due to works being carried out after the original agreement was drawn up and so it now needs revisiting by Suffolk County Council.
- The A143 works to reduce the speed limit has been scheduled for the end of March 22.
- Old Primary school playing field in Bury Lane – No updates. She has emailed Suffolk CC Quentin Cass to ask for update on progress.
- The A1088 is to get a structural weight limit from Stowlangtoft to Ixworth due to a weakened bridge. This may impact surrounding small villages as the HGV's try to find a way round. This will be monitored closely by SCC and the Police.
- No updates on the Abbey development although she understands that residents have had some progress on the matter (Cllr Brown to report as an Agenda item)

- 5. Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks report of the previous months activities. The Clerk has had ongoing conversations with Stanton FC about a lease for the Football pitch on the top of the Recreation Ground which has been historically maintained by them. No previous lease agreement can be found.

The Club has presented a draft lease which has been circulated. After discussion it was agreed in principle and Councillors requested that the lease be legal checked and brought back to the March Meeting to be signed off.

- 6. Declarations of Interest:** - Cllr Hart declared an interest in the accounts.

- 7. Statutory Business/Governance –** Council considered the details of six tenders received for the Grass Cutting Contract for the 2 years from April 2022 to March 2024. After discussions it was proposed and seconded that the contract be awarded to West Suffolk Council at a cost of £10,737.18

*Resolved – Contract awarded to West Suffolk Council at a cost of £10,737.18 (2 year cost)*

**8. Planning Applications -**  
**a. New Applications –**

DC/22/0046/HH | Householder planning application - conversion and extension of existing detached garage to form annexe | Willow Garth George Lane Stanton Suffolk IP31 2UB  
**RESPONSE** - The Parish Council has no objections to this application. Council noted that a neighbour has concerns about privacy and would therefore like to see some privacy measures such as fencing or screening included in the plans.

RECONSULTATION - DC/21/2392/HH | Householder planning application - a. single storey rear and front extensions b. two storey side extension | 6 Sturgeon Way Stanton IP31 2ED  
**RESPONSE** - There are no objections to this application.

DC/22/0147/TPO | TPO 248 (1997) tree preservation order - 17 Hazel (purple on plan) coppice | Berkeley Leisure Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2AY  
**RESPONSE** - There are no objections to this application.

**b. Determined Applications –**

*Table 1 Determined applications*

Reference	Address	PC Decision	West Suffolk decision	Decision date
DC/21/2288/FUL	Land adj Dewdrop, Bury Road	Observations against	Refused	12/1/22

- c. **Other planning matters** –Shepherds Grove development – Council has received an invitation for two Councillors (along with several other Councils affected by the proposals) to attend a private meeting with Jaynic to received details of their proposals for the land at Shepherds Grove on Thursday 24 February at 7.30pm at Stanton Village Hall.

This will be followed by a public meeting on a date to be advised. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hart and Frost will represent Stanton Parish Council.

## 9. Matters for discussion:

- a. **Queens Platinum Jubilee event update** – June 2022 Cllr Frost/Davies/Smithson updated Council on their plans for a picnic style Jubilee Street Party which will take place on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 4 June from 1pm with music and entertainment. Final details are yet to be confirmed. The group met with representatives of other Stanton Organisations on 20 January and will next meet on 17 February. Cllr Davies will prepare a poster for the Steamer.

- b. **Overgrown fir tree at the Allotments** Cllr Brown reported that an allotment holder had requested an overgrown fir tree be removed on the allotments. The Clerk has been given permission by Wyken farms to get it removed and has one quote for £625 + VAT. After discussion it was requested that further quotes be obtained and work authorised up to a value of £600.

*Action – Clerk to obtain further quotes*

- c. **Report on Christmas Tree Event** Cllr Brown reported that the Christmas Tree Event has come in under the £500 budget. He would like to record his thanks to all involved for their help in erecting and removing the tree and this had also been recorded in the January Steamer.

- d. **Mill View issues** Cllr Brown reported that he has made personal contact with Suffolk CC Chief Executive Nicola Beech in relation to the ongoing problems in getting the development adopted. With her help it would appear that Abbey homes and SCC are working harder to bring these matters to a conclusion.

- e. **Annual Litter Pick.** Cllr Smithson proposed a date of Saturday 2 April 2022 for the Annual litter pick. All in favour. Cllr Smithson will prepare an article for the Steamer.

- f. **Cleaning of play area equipment** (pressure washing) Cllr Hart proposed that the play Area is in need of professional cleaning due to a build-up of moss and dirt. This was seconded and all in favour.

*Action - Clerk to ask local company for a quote.*

- g. **To establish the boundary between the Recreation Ground and The Mill House** Cllr Hart has been in discussion with a resident over the area of brambles recently cleared at the bottom end of the Recreation Ground. The resident has put up a temporary fence where he wishes to establish a boundary and is willing to pay for Land registry charges on his own property to confirm it. The Clerk has obtained a copy of the Land registry for the Recreation Ground which does not give a clear indication of the boundary line. The small overgrown area is of no practical use to the Recreation Ground and therefore Cllr Hart proposed that the fence line erected by the resident be accepted. This was seconded and all in favour.

*Action – Clerk to advise householder.*

- h. **Brambles behind the houses bordering the recreation ground** (Fordhams Close) Cllr Hart had received a report that brambles growing behind the housing on Fordhams Close was affecting residents' gardens. This area could be an attraction for wildlife such as hedgehogs etc. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to all those properties whose gardens back on to the Rec to confirm that they wanted the brambles and overgrowth removed.

- i. **Wellington Memorial proposals** – as per the public forum above.

- j. **Update on noxious fumes survey** Cllr Frizzell circulated a list of the reports that had been received which he will continue to amass. Residents are encouraged to contact West Suffolk Environmental Health on any occasion they may experience the smells and to email Cllr Frizzell at [john.frizzell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:john.frizzell@yahoo.co.uk)

## 10. Accounts

- a. The accounts as below (General Power of Competence applies) were approved for payment.  
b. Bank reconciliation as at 4 February 2022. Current Balance £57,941.21

Table 2 List of payments and Receipts

PAYMENTS	Minute/cost code	Description	Net	VAT	Total
M & TJ's	03/28	Hedge cutting	380.00	76.00	456.00
Mrs J Hart	02/02	Stationery	57.76	9.97	67.73
AW	03/20	Toilets Cleaning	36.00		36.00
Realise Futures	9d, 9/9/21	Cemetery Memorial bench	680.02	136.00	816.02
SALC	02/04	Councillor Training	150.00	30.00	180.00
Mr F Hart	04/16	Replacement gate padlock	33.34	6.65	40.00
Staff Salaries	Admin	Clerk/Litter picker/street cleaner	1195.95		1195.95
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank	01/39	Interest			0.57
Allotment holders	01/38	Rent 2022			232.50
L Maddox	01/32	RBL Memorial Bench donation			288.00
K Bird	01/32	RBL Memorial Bench donation			288.00
D Sexton	01/32	RBL Memorial Bench donation			104.02
Hanchetts	01/32	Memorial Stone - Dighe			95.00
SCVH	01/30	Water Bill contribution			303.90
Stanton FC	01/36	Floodlights – Season 20-21			47.37
EDF Energy	01/33	Electricity refund - Clocktower			42.96

## 11. Coronavirus Updates

- a. There were no updates not previously circulated and no actions necessary in light of latest guidance from Government, County and District Councils relating to Covid 19.

## 12. Correspondence from SALC, NALC, District and County Councils and Police

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports January 22 – Noted. No immediate works required.

## 13. Correspondence –

- a. Royal British Legion – thank you for S137 donation - Noted  
b. MB – Re defibrillator for Village Hall. On behalf of the Tea Dance, a proposal has been received to provide a defibrillator at the Village Hall. This has also been presented to the Village Hall Committee who are working on the costings of the proposal. Councillors have no issues with the defib being placed on the outside wall and can assist with the costs of a cabinet and installation from recycling credits. Project is with Stanton Village Hall at the present time.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55pm

Minutes signed as correct .....