



STANTON PARISH

COUNCIL

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Chair – Francis Hart

Vice Chair – Phil Smith

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 12 May 2022 at 7pm at Stanton Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman:

The Vice Chair opened the meeting and asked for nominations for the post of Chair for the coming year. Cllr Hart confirmed that he was willing to stand. There were no other nominations. Cllr Hart was proposed by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Davies. All Councillors present voted in favour. Cllr Hart accepted the role and signed the Declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Hart then took over the Chair of the meeting

2. Election of Officers

a. Vice Chairman – Cllr Hart asked for any nominations the role of Vice Chair. Cllr Smith was proposed and seconded and confirmed he was willing to stand. There were no other nominations. All Councillors present voted in favour.

b. Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk – Cllrs approved Mrs Joy Hart to retain the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

3. Roll Call and Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence accepted – CCllr Spicer, Cllr Kemp

4. The minutes of the previous meeting: 14 April 2022 were approved

5. Public Forum: Two members of the public were present to observe the meeting.

6. Report from:

D Cllr J Thorndyke – not present (arrived later)

- Residents need to give serious consideration to the Local Plan. The proposed Bloor Homes development is likely to add 105 extra children to the school. There will be a public consultation and details will be circulated once the detail is finalised.

Cllr Frizzell asked whether there was any progress with the Co-op. DCllr Thorndyke said that the issue is between County Council highways and the developer and West Suffolk has no influence so that questioned needs to be put to the County Council.

Cllr Smith asked whether West Suffolk Council are adopting the new law relating to parking on the footpaths and if so would they be enforcing it in light of the recent plea by local resident Mr Shelton who raised a passionate plea on the Next door site for drivers to consider wheelchair users. DCllr Thorndyke said that he would 'ask the question' as he does not have an answer.

7. Clerk's Report: There were no queries with the report enclosed with the Agenda.

8. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Davies declared an interest in the accounts.

9. Planning Applications

a. New Applications

DC/22/0445/FUL | Planning application - ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with substations, inverter/transformer stations, grid connection infrastructure, grid cable route, site accesses, access gates, internal access tracks, security measures, storage compound, and ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements | Land East Of Firsfield Bowbeck Bardwell Suffolk

RESPONSE - Stanton did not have the benefit of the consultation carried out in Bardwell Village last October so this is completely new news to Stanton.

Whilst the majority of the land is outside the boundaries of the Parish, Councillors are really concerned about the impact of this planning application on the wildlife in the area.

A Stanton resident traverses the road between Bardwell and Fakenham Magna twice weekly. The road is known to be absolutely teeming with wildlife from stoats to pheasants, deer of all kinds, rabbits, hares and even a resident barn owl. This person has witnessed on two occasions very recently, two small roe deer jump out of the hedgerow on the Honington side and literally crash into the fencing on the other side of the road which has already been erected - a hare was also witnessed to do the same. This area is teeming with wildlife and there appears to be no allowances for them to pass through the proposed site.

Council would request that wildlife corridors are created throughout the site if the application is approved.

DC/22/0574/TPO | TPO 248 (1997) tree preservation order - 13 metre Conifer hedge (G1 on plan, within A1 on order) fell | 10 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Suffolk IP31 2AY

RESPONSE - There are no objections to this work being carried out but the Council ask contractors to be mindful of nesting birds.

b. Determined Applications - None

10. Matters for discussion:

- a. **'Best kept garden' competition 2022** - after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Davies/Smithson and Hart will arrange the gardens competition- Inspections to be carried out in late June/early July – date to be confirmed – with trophies being presented at the Village show on Saturday 16 July 2022.
- b. An **application for a memorial** for Benjamin King was approved
- c. **Rest Centre Training** – Cllr Frost and the Clerk were nominated to attend on 10 September.
- d. **Fireworks event – Saturday 5 November 2022.** After discussions Councillor Smithson proposed a budget of £4,500. This was seconded and resolved. Clerk to book St Johns, skip for rubbish and advise Stanton FC.

11. Queens Platinum Jubilee Event. Cllr Frost and Davies updated Councillors with the programme of events for the day. This will be published to the Steamer. The commemorative mugs have arrived and will be distributed when packaged with a note to the Steamer for children for resident children not at the Village school to apply to the Clerk on a first come first served basis.

Cllr Frost is updating the Beacon with a new 'skirt' and the Chair agreed to speak to the Cock PH about lighting the beacon on Thursday 2 June in line with the rest of the country.

The Chair thanked Cllr Davies and Frost for their hard work so far.

12. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. Standing Orders 2022-23 was reviewed and adopted.
- b. Financial Regulations 2022-23 was reviewed and adopted.
- c. The Asset Register 2022 was reviewed and adopted.
- d. The Statement of Internal Control 2022-23 was adopted and signed by the Chair
- e. Councillor Areas of Responsibility was deferred to the June meeting.

- f. The Action Plan for 2021-22 was approved. To be reviewed August 2022
- g. The LGA National Code of Conduct was adopted.

13. Accounts

- a. There were no issues raised in respect of the end of year accounts, bank reconciliation and balance sheets previously circulated. *Clerk to publish to the website.*
- b. The Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 was completed and approved and signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chair.
- c. The Statement of Accounts 2021-22 was approved and signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chair.
- d. Councillors approved the Local Council Insurance Renewal due on 1 June and authority granted to pay premium of £2028.92 (last year 1927.38) by BACS.
- e. Bank account total as at 30/4/22 - £114,075.88
- f. Direct debits as per the list below were approved for a period of 12 months to May 2023.
- g. The accounts as below were authorised for payment (General Power of Competence applies)

Table 1 List of payments and receipts

| PAYMENTS | Minute/cost code | Description | Net | VAT | Total |
|----------------------|------------------|---|----------|--------|----------|
| EDF Energy (DD) | 03/26 | Electricity - Floodlights | 11.43 | 0.57 | 12.00 |
| EDF Energy (DD) | 03/27 | Electricity - Clock Tower | 13.30 | 0.70 | 14.00 |
| Now TV (DD) | 02/03 | Telephone and Internet | 26.59 | | 26.59 |
| Wave Utilities (DD) | 03/24 | Water – Clock Tower | 5.00 | | 5.00 |
| CDC | 9a 14/4/22 | Platinum Jubilee Mugs | 1227.20 | 245.44 | 1472.64 |
| KD | Budget 28/10/21 | Platinum Jubilee sundries | 35.67 | 7.14 | 42.81 |
| KD | Budget 28/10/21 | Platinum Jubilee sundries | 71.52 | 14.30 | 85.82 |
| Viking | 02/02 | Printer inks | 56.13 | 11.21 | 67.24 |
| BHIB | 02/08 | Local Council Insurance renewal | 2078.92 | | 2078.92 |
| Neil Reeve | Budget 28/10/21 | Platinum Jubilee entertainer | 140.00 | | 140.00 |
| Pentagon | 03/20 | CCTV failure call out | 55.00 | 11.00 | 66.00 |
| Leon Brown | 9b 10/2/22 | Fir tree removal - allotments | 325.00 | 65.00 | 390.00 |
| J Hart | 02/02 | Sundries | 12.00 | | 12.00 |
| AW | 03/20 | Toilet Cleaning | 36.00 | | 36.00 |
| Staff Salaries | | Street cleaner, Clerk and litter picker | 1303.15 | | 1303.15 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Stanton Village Hall | 01/30 | Water Charges refund | 95.69 | | 95.69 |
| HMRC | 01/37 | VAT refund Q4 2021-22 | 681.46 | | 681.46 |
| UK Power networks | 01/40 | Wayleave payment 2022-23 | 83.92 | | 83.92 |
| West Suffolk DC | 01/31 | Precept payment | 73710.00 | | 73710.00 |

14. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. **West Suffolk Local Plan consultation** – DCllr Thorndyke encouraged residents to respond to this consultation in respect of development in the Stanton area. Details will be published in the June Steamer
- b.

15. Other Correspondence - None

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.23pm

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