



STANTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chair – Charlie Harvey-Evers

Vice Chair – Greg Meadwell

Minutes of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 4 September 2025 at Stanton Village Hall.

57. Roll Call & Apologies

The following councillors were present:

Dee Burdett	Keith Marlow
John Frizzell	Greg Meadwell (Vice Chair)
Charlie Harvey-Evers (Chair)	Martin Scowcroft

Apologies for absence were received from the following councillors:

	Reason	Approved/ not approved
Brian Brown	Ill health	Approved
Barry McDonald	Work	Approved

The following councillor did not attend the meeting, and their absence was not approved:
Lorraine Frost

58. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2025 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

59. Public Forum: One member of the public attended:

Claire Bignall-Payne raised concerns about the event held at Brompton's Farm over the bank holiday weekend. There was loud music and which caused windows to vibrate and tannoys for 3 days in a row which ruined her planned weekend with family.

The Chairman explained that although Brompton's Farm had attended a parish council meeting in May 2025, the purpose then was to explain they were applying for a camping exemption certificate which eliminated the requirement for planning permission – this would limit them to 5 caravans and 30 tents. The parish council were not aware of the event. Brompton's Farm had applied for and been granted a Temporary Event notice by West Suffolk Council and therefore any complaint needed to be addressed to West Suffolk Council as the licensing authority.

60. Reports from:

a. West Suffolk District Councillor Jim Thorndyke:

- The planning application for Land East of Bury Road had been considered and approved by the Development Control Committee on 2 September 25. 12 Cllrs voted for, two against and one abstention. The next stage will be for Bloor Homes to submit a detailed planning application.
- The Development Control Committee also considered the application for reduced pavement width alongside the development at George Hill Nurseries.

The Planning Inspector had suggested a width of 1.8m, but the application was for a width of 1.2m. This application was rejected.

b. Suffolk County Councillor Joanna Spicer:

- Had chased for an answer on the replacement of street light at The Grundle but not received a response.
- The new road sign on Upthorpe Road was ready to be ordered provided Parish Council were happy with cost - £1k – CCllr Spicer offered to pay £600 with the Parish Council paying the remainder. All in agreement for CCllr Spicer to confirm order.
- The post situated outside the Methodist Church was ready to have a new 'Unsuitable for HGVs sign installed' but a tree within the churchyard would block the sign. The Clerk to liaise with CCllr Spicer and the Methodist Church to arrange for this to be cut back.
- Grove Lane proposed 'elderly people' sign – The Parish Council confirmed they wished this proposal to still go ahead even though, longer term, a new path and cycleway would be installed as part of the Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate application.
- A143 resurfacing now completed and road has been swept to remove loose gravel 3 or 4 times. Relining the road was a priority especially where ghost junctions exist. CCllr Spicer would stipulate that any road closures should not start earlier than advertised.
- Solar Farm application at Bardwell – an Action Group in Bardwell were objecting.
- Stanton Primary School – the Parish Council would build a rapport with the school
- CCllr Spicer thanked DCllr Thorndyke for his work with The Steamer and hoped this would continue for many years.

CCllr Spicer left the meeting.

61. Clerks Report – The Clerk's Report had been circulated with the agenda and the following was highlighted:

- The Clerk had circulated separately a list of works for Countryside Conservation & Trees (CCT).
 - F – Hedge on Old Bury Road from junction with Jacobs Close to end of hedge (opposite entrance to Village Hall). It was agreed that this should be cut back to a height of 2m so that it was manageable in future. It would grow up to 1m per year but this could be more easily maintained.
 - H – Bury Lane – to remove encroachment on road – DCllr Thorndyke pointed out that as this was a highway, this should be reported to SCC.
 - M – Allotment clearance of Plot 2 – this was approved.
 - Encroachment of VH entrance (L), Weed removal at MUGA & Tennis Court (N) and Weed removal of Ashes Gravel Beds at Cemetery (O) – the Clerk to request quotes for this work.
- Cemetery – the Clerk highlighted the issues with the cemetery bins had now been resolved – a new brown and black bin had been provided and would be emptied fortnightly.
- The Clerk informed the Parish Council that a kick boxing event was taking place on 21 September and that the overflow car park would be in use.

62. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

63. Statutory Business / Governance

a. Accounts

i. Finance Report – the report was received and accepted.

Cleared transactions since last meeting

Cleared receipts	£761.90
Cleared payments	£1,529.41

Bank Reconciliation

This was received and signed by the Chair of Finance Committee.

Balance per Bank Statements	£127,868.69
Unpresented payments	£0
Unpresented receipts	-£30
Adjusted Bank Balance	£127,868.69

ii. Schedule of Payments – councillors approved the following payments, proposed by Cllr Meadwell, seconded by Cllr McDonald and all in favour:

Salaries (all) (estimated due to Pay Award)	BACS	£1,679.23
Clerk Reimbursement for Phone/Internet	BACS	£10.00
Sutcliffe Play	BACS	£303.72
Octopus Energy – Clock Tower	Direct Debit	£21.45
Octopus Energy – Floodlights	Direct Debit	£19.03
Bank Charges (estimated)	Direct Debit	£4.50
Water Charges – Clock Tower	Direct Debit	£10.00

The Chairman signed the Schedule of Payments as listed in **ii** above.

b. Change to Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2025-26

Councillors noted the changes that would be made to the AGAR for 2025-26 and the Clerk would report further in due course.

c. Action Plan – Quarterly Review

- Cllr Brown to order autumn/winter bedding from Hillcrest
- Cllrs Marlow and Meadwell would review and update the Fireworks Event Plan for approval at the October PC meeting.
- Clerk to confirm with Anglia Surface Care to spray MUGA and Tennis Courts and liaise with CCT re removing weeds along fence line.
- Cllr Meadwell confirmed work would start on drain replacement and Toilet Refurbishment on 8 September. Temporary toilets would be provided for VH use only.

64. C Planning Applications

a. New Applications

i.	DC/25/1133/FUL 97 Shepherds Grove Park	Support
ii.	DC/25/1134/FUL 98 Shepherds Grove Park	Support

b. Determined Applications that were rejected

- c. DC/19/2481/OUT – Land East of Bury Road, Stanton** – Cllr Meadwell was unable to attend the Development Control Meeting at West Suffolk Council. An update was given by District Cllr Jim Thorndyke at minute number 131a above.

65. Matters for noting and resolution:

- a. **Play Area Inspection Reports for August 2025** – the reports were received and noted. Repairs were ongoing with more new parts being ordered. Cllrs Marlow and Meadwell would draft a longer term plan for improving the play areas before confirming what action to take with the surfaces.
- b. **Village Issues List** – list to be updated as follows:
 - 1 – Highways**
 - 1.2 – New sign confirmed (see minute no. 131b)
 - 1.4 – Street light at Grundle still not working
 - 2 – Grounds –**
 - 2.1 – 2.4 – Quotations to be sought for work

66. Matters for discussion.

- a. Brompton's Farm – this had previously been discussed (see minute 130).
- b. Keep the Heat campaign – Cllr Marlow had been contacted to see if Stanton Parish Council were interested in providing a survey of homes as they did last year. It was agreed that he would confirm interest.

67. Correspondence received

- a. Community Emergency Rest Centre Training – noted
- b. West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum – noted
- c. West Suffolk Council's net zero revised trajectory letter – noted
- d. Response from Headteacher for Stanton Primary School – Clerk to reply.
- e. Definitive map of Public Rights of Way within Stanton – it was suggested that this could be published on our website.

68. The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 9 October 2025 at 7pm

69. Meeting concluded at 8.36 pm

Signed by:

Chairman: _____

Date: _____