

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 08 September 2016 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: A Shelton (Chairman), B Smithson, J Mann, J Miller, J Frizzell, F J Hart, M Scowcroft, S Willcox

Also Present: County Cllr Joanna Spicer, Borough Cllr Jim Thorndyke,

The Chairman welcomed new Councillor Sue Willcox to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr McDonald, Cllr Chapman
2. **To read, consider and approve minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 11 August 2016 were approved by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Frizzell. Cllr Miller raised the issue that the draft minutes of the July meeting had been published in the steamer, not the approved minutes. Clerk has contacted the steamer to point out the error.
3. **Public Forum:** A resident reported to the meeting that she considered that the new bus timetables had not been properly thought out. The timings for regular bus users were not helpful and wanted to know what could be done. CCllr Spicer answered the resident reporting that Suffolk CC subsidises some essential journeys but couldn't dictate commercial decisions in relation to additional buses outside of core hours. She was aware of issues from residents of Shepherds Grove Park. CCllr Spicer agreed to speak to the relevant dept. of the County Council. Timetables could not be changed overnight and a lot of other villages had been affected by the changes. She will report back to the October meeting.

A resident attended the meeting to report his voluntary work on hedge cutting and sign cleaning to the Council which he was doing to repay the kindness of villagers when he first arrived in the village. He is hoping to get a website soon to promote his work. CCllr Spicer thanked him for his work to date adding that the County Council may be able to offer advice as to how he should carry out his work. Cllr Smithson suggested that he should wear hi viz at the least to protect himself and his volunteers. Council thanked him for his work to date.
4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer.** The school has opened and all appears well at the moment. There are some hitches with the pre-school but it is hoped that this can be resolved quickly. It has not been possible to meet with Upthorpe residents re the traffic calming scheme but this will be done as soon as it can be arranged and this scheme needs to be monitored as previously agreed. Cllr Smithson said that she was on site Tues morning and Thursday afternoon and noted that the traffic was flowing nicely in the calming scheme. The consultation for the Hopton and Stanton GP surgery will take place on 17 September and it is believed that the surgery is seeking an alternative site for a new surgery to be built. A highways meeting with Guy Smith has been arranged for Weds 14 September at the St Edmundsbury Council Offices in Bury St Edmunds. The Chairman will represent the Council to chase up outstanding issues.
 - b. B Cllr J Thorndyke joined the meeting late due to another commitment. He was asked to enquire about CCTV cameras cost of monitoring from the Bury control room and will report back to the October meeting.
 - c. Suffolk Constabulary – An email has been received reporting that Operation Prudential in the village which was dealing with the crime issues had ceased. The damage to the camera and village hall matting had been dealt with by community resolution orders. Cllr Scowcroft asked that the Clerk make contact with Flagship to liaise re any new tenants in Flagship properties on the new estate.

5. **Clerk's Report:**

Matters arising from minutes of meeting 11 August

- Item 3 – **Public Forum.** Copy of Churchyard rules provided to resident concerned. Liaison with Funeral director, stonemasons, Parochial Church Council and Rev Coburn and Messer re Cemetery issues.
- Item 4a -**Traffic Calming scheme.** Response sent to residents concerned – see agenda item 12a and 12b
- Item 4b – **New Bus timetables** – circulated
- Item 6a – **New Councillor Vacancy.** App necessary paperwork signed and forwarded to St Edmundsbury BC
- Item 6b – **Councillor Resignation.** Vacancy advertised in accordance with regulations. Able to co-opt for vacancy with effect from 3 Sept.
- Item 8f – **Noxious chemical smells in village** – circulated on Facebook with contact details for Environmental Health.
- Item 9c – **Plaque for Play Area** – Details of wording passed to Shelbourne Reynolds for plaque to be produced.
- Item 14c – **Cars driving over grassed area – Catchpole Way.** Letter sent to Station Commander at Honington.

6. **Statutory Business/Governance**

- a. **New Councillor vacancy.** No new applications for election received. Mr Brian Brown was made aware of the vacancy and asked that his previous application be considered. It was moved that Mr Brown be co-opted. Clerk to contact.
- b. **Election of new Vice Chairperson** Cllr Smithson proposed Cllr Hart. Councillor Mann seconded the proposal and Cllr Hart accepted the position

7. **Declarations of Interest:** No declarations received

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **Cemetery issues (Clerk)** Contact has been made with all affected parties in relation to a memorial. It was suggested that St Eds BC may be able to give legal advice and the Clerk is currently working to resolve the issue.
- b. **Autumn planting of tubs.** Cllr Miller proposed that a quotation of £71.40 from Hillcrest for pansies for the village flower tubs be approved. Seconded by Cllr Smithson. All in favour.
- c. **St John Ambulance quotation** – A quotation from St John Ambulance of £105.60 (inc VAT) for First Aid cover at the forthcoming Fireworks event on 5 November 2016 was approved.
- d. **Hedge cutting Volunteer** The volunteer has introduced himself and been given advice about personal safety. The Parish Council is unable to approve donations to individuals but he was thanked for his work
- e. **Storage for village archives** Cllr Miller asked if there was any room for storage of old photographs and memorabilia. It was suggested that the container was watertight for items to be stored in suitable packaging. Cllr Miller will liaise with the History Society to ascertain how much they wish to archive. Cllr Smithson suggested liaison with the new school to offer the resources to work with.
- f. **Complaint of horse manure in The Street** Cllr Miller asked that it be noted that a resident has complained about the mess and asked that horse owners be responsible and remove horse mess in the middle of the village.
- g. **New Bus timetable** Covered by a member of the public and CCllr Spicer – see above
- h. **War memorial and flagpole maintenance** Cllr Smithson reported the flag pole needs repainting. Clerk to contact local handyman to quote for same. War memorial has been tended to by Cllr Mann and weeds removed.
- i. **Councillor responsibilities review** The list was reviewed and updated

- j. **Signs obscured by foliage** Cllr Mann reported signs to the Industrial Estate obscured by foliage on the A143 leading to heavy lorries missing the turn and using unsuitable roads to access the estate. Clerk to report to SCC

9. Recreation Ground & Car Park:

- a. **Public Toilets progress** Cllr Smithson reported that deep clean has been carried out. The working party proposes that the urinals are boxed in and painted. Also needs walls and floor paint. Gents toilet to become unisex and other side to be used as storage. Hoping to get it open to the public within a few weeks then monitor for any further damage.
- b. **Play Area progress** Some snagging faults still awaited and the delivery of an inclusive swing seat. Clerk to chase.

10. Financial

- a. **Accounts** as below approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Miller
- b. **Annual audit return 2015-2016** The annual return was approved and accepted by the external auditor BDO. The notice of conclusion of Audit will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board. Clerk to deal. The issues arising report was noted and no action plan is required.
- c. **CILCA** registration costs for Clerk of £250 was approved

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP.POWER
EON	9.00	1.50	7.50	Monthly electricity floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
EON	22.00	3.67	18.33	Monthly electricity pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
121 Computer Services	9.98	1.66	8.32	Printer Inks	LGA 1972 S111
BDO	360.00	60.00	300.00	Annual External Audit of accounts	LGA 1972 S111
Talk talk (Aug)	47.70	7.95	39.75	Monthly Internet / phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs Joy Hart	35.80	2.67	33.13	Stationery and postage stamps	LGA 1972 S111
Tripp Batt	39.62	6.61	33.01	Refuse cart repair	LGA 1972 S111
Anglia Surface Care	480.00	80.00	400.00	Graffiti removal skate park/ toilets	LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976, s19
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Staff Salaries	832.80		832.80	Clerk and street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank			11.38	Bank interest	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/16/1638/HH | Householder Planning Application - Retention of 1.8-metre-high fence | Mill House Old Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BX (Mr Adrian Bridges)

RESPONSE This fence replaces an old wooden fence which blew down in very high winds. It is of good quality and has enhanced the area and ensures a safe passage for pedestrians walking past. Council has no objections.

DC/16/1741/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. dwelling and associated vehicular access | Rose and Crown Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BZ (Mr David Harris)

RESPONSE Council were disappointed that this site obtained planning permission on appeal for a significant number of houses on a previous plan (DC/16/0032) where the design and access statement shows that the area now proposed for further development was designated as a 'communal garden' with a number of trees to be planted around it. The applicant now wishes to add a further 3 bed property. Parking spaces allocated to the whole development of 13 properties appear to be inadequate for the number of bedrooms proposed. (total of 40 bed

spaces proposed and 22 parking spaces) which will result in vehicles parking 'off road' blocking access to emergency and utility vehicles which may already find the area difficult to negotiate with little room for large vehicles to manoeuvre. Council feel that this application should be refused and that this area would be best reserved for offering additional parking to residents and visitors and amenity area with a pocket park. Residents will still have to cross a very busy road with no central traffic island and this is of considerable concern to the Council as families try to safely access the village for school and recreation.

DC/16/1775/TPO | TPO 542 (2013) - Tree Preservation Order - 6no. Ash (T1 to T6 on plan, within area W2 on order) coppice | Land to The Rear of 14 Goldsmith Way Stanton Suffolk IP31 2FD (Mrs Keldine Brazenell)

RESPONSE Having been identified as diseased with Chalara by a professional tree surgeon, Council are saddened at the loss but consider the work necessary so has no objections.

DC/16/1743/FUL | Planning Application - 1no dwelling with associated access | Land Off Meadow Court Meadow Court Stanton Suffolk (Mr George Perry)

RESPONSE This proposed development is in an area which has been designated for building for some considerable years and as such Council approve the development. Council noted that there is a lack of information in respect of the finish proposed and would seek to be reassured that the finish will be sympathetic to the current buildings around it.

b. Previous applications decided

DC/16/0340/FUL | Planning Application - Conversion of existing barn to residential dwelling and construction of new vehicular access. | Barn Mount Farm Upthorpe Road Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AP **APPROVED**

DC/16/0032/FUL | Planning Application - Proposed residential development of 9 no. new dwellings and associated access and parking | Rose And Crown Bury Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 2BZ **APPEAL ALLOWED**

12. Correspondence:

a. Traffic calming in Upthorpe Road – David Cleland-Smith and

b. Traffic calming in Upthorpe Road – Brian Shaw

Response as above by CCllr Spicer

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Minutes signed as correct..... (A Shelton – Chairman)