

## MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 10 August 2017 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

**Present:** K McDonald (Chairman), B Brown, L Morris, J Mann, N Chapman, J Frizzell, J Miller, B Smithson, S Willcox.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** - F J Hart (Work), M Scowcroft (Holiday)- reasons for absence accepted.
2. **To read, consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 13 July 2017 were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.
3. **Public Forum:** A resident attended and reported a serious injury sustained by a child on the Abbey Homes play area recently and voiced her concerns in respect of its safety. Local MP Matthew Hancock has asked for a safety certificate for the site but this has not yet been forthcoming. Cllr Brown has been working hard to try and get the play area situation resolved with Abbey but is having difficulties hence the reason Matthew Hancock got involved. It is understood that the area has now been fenced off and remedial works to the ground surface are underway. Councillors expressed their sympathy in relation to the child's injuries but were tied as the site has not yet been adopted. Responsibility for the injury must lie with Abbey Homes and it was suggested that the resident take legal advice. CCllr Spicer will also contact MP Hancock to appraise him of the situation.

Representatives of the Doctors surgery in The Chase attended to speak to the planning application for a temporary porta cabin in the grounds of the Surgery. Councillors heard that there was no intention to increase the numbers of patients attending the Surgery at any one time so there would be no further impact on the current parking/traffic and the application had been necessary as NHS England would not allow the use of a nearby bungalow for admin purposes and additional consultation room was needed to avoid Doctors having to share space.

4. **Report from:**
  - a. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** reported that consultation is in progress for the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Plan and encouraged all to have a look at the plans and comment on them. The planning application for the West Suffolk Operational Hub is ongoing. The consultation period has started for the amalgamation of St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath Councils and Councillors are encouraged to look at the detail and comment
  - b. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that the issues of public access to Park Farm Drive is ongoing with Claire Dixon from the Council making contact with the land owners. The traffic calming measures in Upthorpe Road are due for a review and she would like to get a meeting on site with all interested parties once the schools return and before half term. Also, the issue of parents parking on days when there are events needs addressing.
  - c. **Mr Peter Palmer – Speedwatch.** Presented a quarterly report for Councillors and publication on the website. The Chairman thanked Mr Palmer for a very detailed and factual report and instructed the Clerk to forward it to the Safer Neighbourhood Team for any further action they wished to take as there is evidence of significant speeding in some areas of the Village. Mr Palmer commented that an additional SID machine at a cost of £2695 would be an asset to the team. This has not been budgeted for in this financial year but the Chairman asked that it be carried forward to the November budget meeting for consideration next year.

**5. Clerk's Report: Matters arising from minutes of meeting 13 July 2017 not on the agenda**

**8f - Weekend litter picker** Advertisement sent to Stanton Steamer, advertised on Facebook and placed in notice boards and post office. No response to date.

**8g - Overgrown hedgerows A143 between Hepworth Rd and Goldsmiths Way** Reported on line via Suffolk CC web site. Response received that they do not feel that any action is necessary at this time.

**Item 11b – Play Area Inspection reports.** Contacted Sutcliffes who advised that work should be carried out by mid-August.

**13c – Dog mess complaint.** Liaison with St Eds BC Andrew Harvey who suggested posters in the first instance. 8 posters laminated and placed around the recreation ground and in Bury Lane. Other posters in post office and on notice boards.

Liaison with Police re motorcycles on Recreation Ground. S59 warning notices issued to two riders by PCSO Ruston.

**6. Matters for discussion:**

**a. Progress on issues affecting the Mill View/Abbey Homes play area and development.** As outlined above in the public forum. Cllr Brown will continue to liaise with the relevant parties.

**b. Progress with work on Young people's activities** Cllr Willcox has organised a meeting for Tuesday 19 September at 10.30am in the Village Hall to ascertain whether there is an interest in starting a drop in style group for young families. Cllr Willcox proposed that the cost of hiring the hall and light refreshments be met by the PC. This was seconded by Cllr Chapman and agreed.

**c. Overgrown hedgerow at George Hill** Cllr Smithson reported that the hedgerow at George Hill is now badly overgrown and the street cleaner has been instructed not to take his barrow up to Hilltop/Dale Road for safety reasons. The Clerk has reported the issue and Highways have responded that they do not feel that any action is necessary. Clerk to write directly to SCC advising of dangerous condition.

**d. Overgrown hedgerows A143 between Hepworth Rd and Goldsmiths Way** Cllr Miller reported the hedgerows are now very overgrown and dangerous for cars exiting the village. The Clerk has reported the issue and Highways have again responded that they do not feel that any action is necessary. Clerk to write directly to SCC as above.

**e. Autumn planting for street tubs** Cllr Miller proposed that the village tubs be replanted. Cllr Mann suggested alternative plants be considered. Cllr Miller and Mann will meet to discuss plants and suppliers. This was seconded and approved.

**f. Road signs at Hepworth Road** Cllr Miller reported a missing road sign at Hepworth Road. Clerk to report to St Eds BC.

**g. Spring bulbs for planting in the Cemetery** Cllr Mann proposed the purchase of bulbs to the value of £79.55 for planting in the new Cemetery. This was seconded and approved.

**h. Work required at the Clock Tower** Clerk invited four companies to tender for work required on cleaning the paving and repairing walls. Two quotes were received and discussed, one for cleaning only. The quotation of £720 (ex VAT) by GKW was agreed. Clerk to inform GKW.

- i. **Work required at the Recreation Ground** Clerk invited four companies to tender for work required on installing a finger drain on the grass behind the village hall to appease flooding during heavy rain. Two quotes were received and discussed. The quotation of £395 (ex VAT) by GKW was agreed. Clerk to inform GKW.

**7. Financial**

- a. **The payments and receipts** as below were proposed as approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Willcox

<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£GROSS</b>	<b>£VAT</b>	<b>£NET</b>	<b>WHAT FOR</b>	<b>EXP. POWER</b>
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
EON	17.00	0.85	16.15	Monthly electricity floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
EON	16.00	0.80	15.20	Monthly electricity pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
Talk talk (Jul)	35.00	5.83	29.17	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs Joy Hart	47.99	8.00	39.99	Remote Hard Drive	LGA 1972 S112
Anglia Surface Care	831.60	138.60	693.00	Annual maintenance tennis courts/mu	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Fantastic Fireworks	3060.48	510.08	2550.40	Fireworks for November event	LGA 1972 S145
SALC	66.00	11.00	55.00	Councillor Training	LGA 1972 S112
Staff Salaries	852.30		852.30	Clerk and Street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Lloyds Bank			3.79	Bank interest	
Anglian Water			231.60	Refund for blocked drain	

**8. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils**

- a. **New Single Council for West Suffolk** noted. Cllrs to respond individually. Clerk to circulate via Facebook and web site
- b. **Play Area Inspection reports noted** – Clerk to contact SEBC to see if they can arrange graffiti removal
- c. **Notes of meeting – St Edmundsbury Parish and Town Forum 190617** – Circulated
- d. **Bury St Edmunds Town Master plan meetings** noted – Councillors to respond individually. Clerk to circulate via Facebook and web site

**9. Planning Applications:**

- a. **New Applications received**

DC/17/1222/FUL and DC/17/1223/FUL (Listed building consent) | Planning Application - Front Porch | The Coach House Bury Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 2BZ (Mr John Major)

**RESPONSE** This is situated out of sight of the front of the buildings and Council have no objections

DC/17/1419/FUL | Planning Application - Temporary siting of Portakabin building for use as additional consulting rooms | Stanton Surgery 10 The Chase Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2XA (Stanton Surgery)

**RESPONSE** As a temporary measure Council feel that it will not impact on the area and have been reassured that there is no intention to expand. The building is to be used as a consulting room to allow more appointments to be made available. Council have no objections.

DC/17/1402/VAR | Planning Application - Variation of Condition 2 of DC/16/0032/FUL (allowed on appeal) - to allow replacement of drawing 395 P5 with new drawings TL-3930-17-1 & 2 | Rose And Crown Bury Road Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2BZ (Mr T Dyer)

**RESPONSE** There are no objections

DC/17/1375/HH | Householder Planning Application - 1no. Double garage | Willow Tree Cottage Dale Road Stanton IP31 2DY (Mr and Mrs P Hallinan)

**RESPONSE** There are no objections

DC/17/1481/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) First floor front extension (ii) front porch (Re-submission of DC/17/0235/HH) | 44 Honeymeade Close Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2EF (Mr and Mrs Newson)

**RESPONSE** The revised plans are acceptable to Council and there are no objections

**b. Previous applications decided**

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-0896-FUL	Unit 5 Obrien Ind Estate Stanton	Support	Granted	08/07/17
DC17-0961-TPO	3 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Withdrawn	N/A
DC17-1034-FUL	Willow Garth, George Lane	Support	Granted	13/07/17
DC17-1091-TPO	1 Church Close	Support	Approved	18/07/17

**10. Correspondence:**

**a. Ixworth Surgery re Application for Pharmacy at Stanton** The Council has again been reassured by Stanton Surgery that this application will not affect patients from Ixworth or Botesdale Surgeries in where they can get their prescriptions. The application has been made to protect the Stanton Surgery from losing a source of funding if an independent Pharmacy decided to move into the village. If the application is refused this offers a five-year protection from another application being made. Both Botesdale and Ixworth have their own pharmacies already. Chairman will try and contact Ixworth as requested.

**b. Access request form for CCTV footage after incident – Freedom of Information Act.** Council agreed to the request for CCTV footage of a car being damaged on the Recreation Ground in July. Clerk to deal

**c. Highways response re traffic calming Wyken Road.** Due to the lack of any incidents on Wyken Road, the County Council have declined to offer any traffic calming in this area

Minutes agreed as correct .....K McDonald (Chairman)