

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 12 October 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.

Also Present: Borough Cllr Jim Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence:** - F J Hart, M Scowcroft. (Work commitments), S Willcox (Holiday) – Reasons for absence accepted. CCllr Joanna Spicer.
2. **To read, consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting on 14 September 2017 were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Smithson.
3. **Public Forum:** A request was made for the Parish Council to write and thank Rev David Messer for his services to the village during his time here and to wish him the very best of luck in his new post. Clerk to deal.
A question was raised in respect of the colour of a property in the Street in the Conservation Area which had recently been painted in a very bright colour. BCllr Thorndyke advised that there was no restriction on colours as the property was not a listed building therefore no planning regulations had been breached.
A resident on The Chase raised an issue with Cllr Miller of parked cars impeding the dropped kerb near the Doctors Surgery and asked whether a notice could be displayed on the Surgery fence asking that the area be left clear for pedestrian use. After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the surgery to request this.
4. **Report from:**
 - a. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** reported that agreement had been reached in respect of the new Business Plan for 'One Council'. There is now a plan to set up a 'shadow council' with 72 Councillors from both authorities taking part in the process.
A standards committee meeting has been held.
Abbey Homes has submitted an application to approve the chain link fence remaining after the development has been completed. The plan was to have a rustic 2 rail fence. The Parish Council should consider whether it needs to make a response. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would lodge an objection on behalf of the Council as follows - The houses on the East side of this newly completed privately owned estate have an uninterrupted view of the windmill and fields of wild flowers and grasses which should be an asset to anyone resident in a house facing this area. The Council accepts that the fence was necessary when construction was being undertaken, however the residents cannot now enjoy the view which they should have and instead are looking out across an 1800mm high metal fence with gates more suited to an industrial unit than a residential area.
 - b. **S C Cllr J Spicer** submitted her report which was read out by the Chairman -
The consultation on any changes to school transport will very likely not start now until the new year as the cabinet decision was sent back by scrutiny committee for further work
There will be a meeting with the rights of way officer Claire Dickson on Friday 20th October to get advice about how parishioners could make a claim for the Park Farm Drive and will involve gathering user evidence.
A meeting has been arranged to review road safety and traffic calming along Upthorpe Road for Thursday 2 November at 2.30 at the school. Police and County Council have been invited.
There have been some issues over the last month in relation to the caretaker's bungalow at the former middle school site but are being resolved and the property should be sold in the near future.

5. Clerk's Report: Items from meeting of 14 September 2017

8c. Fireworks display – Posted on Facebook. Stanton FC will do BBQ and assist with marshalling. Still need more help. Clerk will promote via Social media.

8d. Application for a memorial for the late David Woodrow - was returned as approved.

8e. Renewal of the Electricity supplier contract – Extra Energy has been contacted and a 3-year plan agreed.

8g. Tree preservation orders – Hepworth Road - Tree preservation officer at St Eds BC contacted by email and is arranging a visit to the area to assess the trees outside Tripp Batt.

6. Statutory Business/Governance

a. Grant Awarding Policy Application Form – was approved by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Chapman. Clerk will publish on the web site.

7. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Miller declared an interest in the accounts relating to the Church

8. Matters for discussion:

a. Update on the Abbey Homes Estate Cllr Brown reported that several residents were concerned about the chain link fence remaining and he has encouraged individuals to report that to the planning authorities. He requested that the Parish Council support the residents and also register their objections to it on the grounds that it is intrusive and doesn't blend in with the rural setting and outlook from the properties adjacent. Clerk will report back.

b. Cllr Hart and Willcox submitted a report for consideration of the purchase of a defibrillator from the East of England Ambulance trust in partnership with Wel Medical. The proposal is for a "Ultimate Plus Pack" at a cost of £2005 plus VAT. This will include a 10 year 'worry free' service which includes replacement pads and batteries and will ensure that the equipment is regularly checked for validity. The location of the unit is still under consideration and the proposed sites are at the outside walls of the Church Rooms, Clocktower or the Doctors Surgery outside wall. Councillors agreed that all three sites were acceptable.

The purchase of the above was proposed by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Brown.

Cllr Miller mentioned that Stanton WI had voted to donate the proceeds from their Christmas Cracker event towards the provision of a defibrillator in Stanton, and asked that a letter be sent to the WI by the Clerk thanking them for this gesture. This was agreed.

Funding sources are still being pursued to purchase a second unit and Cllr Hart and Willcox are continuing to work on the project.

c. School Transport Consultation. CCllr Spicer reported this matter is still with the Scrutiny Committee and therefore there is no progress at the current time.

d. Report of possible contaminated watercourse – North Close. Cllr Brown reported that two residents had reported to him that their dogs had suffered a reaction after going into the stream that backs onto North Close. This had been reported to the Clerk who immediately contacted Anglian Water. Tests are being carried out on the watercourse by Anglian Water who have reported back that no chemicals have been used in the nearby pumping station for some years. Concerned residents can make referrals to Anglian Water at any time by calling 03457 145 145.

e. Grundle Grid The County Council engineer has proposed an additional New Natural Flood Management (NFM) structure (Woody Debris Dam) in the Grundle to assist in stopping debris from causing flooding in the village and are suggesting that the Parish Council consider taking on responsibility for the maintenance of the NFM as well as the two screens.

Councillors discussed that a similar project some years ago had not stopped the problem and were concerned that the maintenance would be expensive to undertake. The Parish Council does not have a work force to move debris from deep in the Grundle to the two brown bins at the bottom of the Grundle. It would therefore be down to Councillors and or volunteers to maintain this.

As a site of Special Scientific interest, the restrictions on work within the Grundle are significant and need to be carefully considered before any work is carried out as being in breach of the SSSI could result in an unlimited fine for an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act if you carry out or permit someone else to carry out a controlled activity on an SSSI without Natural England's permission. The Council may also have to pay to repair any damage to the site. Councillors voted against the proposal on the grounds of the fact that the maintenance could be extremely costly, was an unknown quantity and difficult to estimate and budget for and did not have a workforce to carry out the necessary maintenance. Clerk to report back to County Council.

9. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

a. Dog Fouling strategy was circulated. Posters have been produced and put in various hot spots in the village. No further action is planned at the current time.

10. Financial

a. The payments and receipts were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Chapman

b. The Budget Meeting was set for 30 November 2017 at 7pm

c. Annual Audit – The Local Councils Annual Return and issues arising report for year ending 310317 was presented to Council by the Clerk. The report and notice of conclusion of Audit has been posted to the web site as required. No further action was considered necessary.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	78.95		78.95	Water charges toilets (Quarterly)	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 (Aug)	35.39	5.90	29.49	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
PCC All Saints	14.46		14.46	Cemetery water Quarter 2	LGA 1972, s214 (6)
Gillian Miller	90.00		90.00	Toilet cleaning	Public Health Act 1936, s87
St Eds BC	120.00	20.00	100.00	Dog Exclusion signs	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Tripp Batt	7.98	1.33	6.65	Protective gloves	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs Joy Hart	45.39	3.83	41.56	Stamps and printer ink	LGA 1972 S111
HMRC	264.40		264.40	PAYE Quarter 2	LGA 1972 S112
Staff Saries	852.30		852.30	Street Cleaner and Clerk	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds Bank			3.63	Bank interest	
Bierton and Woods			80.00	Memorial Stone	
A E Thurlow			165.00	Burial Fees	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/17/1755/TPO | TPO248(1997) Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no Hawthorn (T4 on plan) and 1no Ash (T5 on plan) -Fell, (ii) 1no Scots pine (T1 on plan) and 2no Ash (T2 and T3 on plan)- Lift crown to clear property by up to 1.5 metres (iii) 1no Hazel - Coppice (T6 on plan) (all within Area A1 of Order) | 55,56 And 57 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AZ (Mrs S Buss)

RESPONSE - There are no objections to the application

DC/17/1871/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no. Silver Birch - fell | Fairview The Street Stanton IP31 2DQ (Mr M Papworth)

RESPONSE - There are no objections to the felling of this tree

DC/17/1876/HH | Householder Planning Application - Conservatory to rear following demolition of existing conservatory. | 5 The Walks Old Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BX (Mr A Shelton)
RESPONSE - There are no objections to this proposal which will enhance the property concerned.

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-1375-HH	Willow Tree Cottage Dale Road	Support	Approved	19/09/17
DC17-1481-HH	44 Honeymeade Close	Support	Approved	08/09/17
DC17-1419-FUL	Stanton Surgery	Support	Approved	03/10/17

d. Other Planning issues

DC/17/1652/FUL | Planning Application - (i) 2.1-metre-high close boarded timber fence and concrete post; (ii) car parking area; (iii) 2no. dog kennels and (iv) 1no. stable block (Part Retrospective) | Land Adjacent to Doctors Hall Bury Lane Stanton Suffolk
RESPONSE - Having considered the additional planning statement submitted by the applicant, the Parish Council wish to make no further comment on this application.

12. Correspondence:

a. Police email re speeding the contents of an email from the safety camera partnership were noted and the Clerk will pass the message on to the residents of the village through Social Media and the web site.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm

Minutes agreed as correctK McDonald (Chairman)