

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 14 December 2017 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Website – <http://Stanton.suffolk.cloud>

Present: K McDonald (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice-Chairman), M Scowcroft, B Brown, J Mann, B Smithson, S Willcox.

Also Present: County Cllr J Spicer, Borough Cllr J Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** J Miller, L Morris, J Frizzell, N Chapman.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 30 November 2017** were approved by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Smithson
3. **Public Forum:** No members of the Public were present.
4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that the **issues around the school** and traffic calming in Upthorpe Road are ongoing and a meeting will be organised for January to progress an Action Plan. **The School transport consultation** has been launched and will run to Weds 28 February 2018. The proposals will mean that the County Council may only provide free transport for Stanton School children to Ixworth Free School and there is a possibility that transport to Thurston will be provided but will have to be paid for by parents. The changes would have a big impact on both Thurston and Ixworth and CCllr Spicer will be meeting with both head teachers in January to discuss the issues.
Tripp Batt closure is sad news for the village.
Grundle woody debris structure project is ongoing and awaiting the Engineers to identify a suitable area.
Highways Issues Francesca Clarke has been appointed as the liaison officer for this Area. It is hoped that she will act as a point of contact for any issues that arise in the Stanton area. Gary Bloomfield of Shelbourne Reynolds has offered help with hedge cutting. CCllr Spicer will liaise. Clerk to notify her of problem hedges in the village. White lines and signs are unlikely to be prioritised as urgent.
 - b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke – Bury Lane planning application** awaiting further details in respect of footpaths and access before the application can be considered so currently on hold.
The ‘West Suffolk Council’ amalgamating SEBC with Forest Heath is moving on with the Constitution being prepared and decisions being made as to how the Wards and boundaries will be made up.
The West Suffolk Operational Hub was considered on 2 November and the Borough Councils Development Control Committee are ‘of mind’ to approve the application which has now been referred to the Secretary of State.
The next Parish Conference will be held at the Kedington Community Centre on the 22 January 2018.
5. **Clerk’s Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks report outlining work carried out in the previous month.
6. **Statutory Business/Governance**
 - a. **None**
7. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr McDonald and Hart declared an interest in the accounts. Cllr Hart declared an interest in item 8b.
8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **Update on the project to install a defibrillator** Cllr Willcox reported that the first defibrillator is on order to be installed on the wall outside the Doctors Surgery. Training dates are being arranged and will be opened to residents in the Village. The WI has raised a fantastic total of £600 towards a second one after their Christmas Fayre and there may be a possibility of further funding which is currently being explored.
- b. **Staff salary increases** The Clerk and Councillor Hart left the room prior to the discussion. The Chairman reported that as the Clerk has now obtained the Certificate in Local Council Administration then in accordance with her Contract of employment, her salary will increase to Point 20 on the National Association of Clerks Pay Scale and be back dated to 1 December 2017. The Clerks hours will also be increased from 40 to 45 per month. In addition time spent on Cemetery issues will be treated as overtime at basic rate.
- c. **Request to withdraw use of allotment.** The allotments Supervisor reported that one of the allotments has not been tended to, to the standard expected and asked the Parish Council to write to the allotment holder withdrawing his use of the allotment. Councillors wanted to be reassured that the allotment holder had had sufficient opportunity to put things right before writing to him. Clerk to speak to Allotments supervisor and deal accordingly.
- d. **Replacement flag pole** Cllr Smithson asked that this be deferred to the January meeting to allow some quotations to be prepared.

9. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports – November- Noted
- b. Notification of next Parish Forum – 22 January 2018 - Noted

10. Financial

- a. Approval of the payments and receipts as below
- b. The 'Application for Grant and Precept 2018/19' form. (Budget 2018/19) was presented and approved.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
SALC	25.00	5.00	20.00	Website training - Clerk	LGA 1972, s142
N H Rayson	360.00	60.00	300.00	Hedge cutting recreation ground	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
Talk talk (Nov)	35.00	5.83	29.17	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
SALC	26.40	4.40	22.00	Data Protection briefing - Clerk	LGA 1972 S111
EON	23.69	1.18	22.51	Final bill - electricity floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
EON	4.67	0.23	4.44	Final bill -electricity pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
SALC	240.00	40.00	200.00	Councillor Training	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Gillian Miller	90.00		90.00	Toilet cleaning	Public Health Act 1936, s87
Mr F Hart	6.07	1.01	5.06	Flagpole repair	Highways Act 1980, s144
Mr K McDonald	16.61	2.77	13.84	Flagpole repair	Highways Act 1980, s144
Extra Energy	13.19	0.63	12.56	Electricity - Pumphouse	LGA 1972 S111
Extra Energy	5.39	0.26	5.13	Electricity - Floodlights	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs Joy Hart	48.77		48.77	Clerks expenses	LGA 1972 S112
Staff Salaries	935.06		935.06	Street Cleaner and Clerk	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Fireworks	355.00			Donations	
Fireworks event	3936.67			Ticket sales (less VAT)	
Lloyds	3.04			Bank interest	
Fun fair	80.00			Donation	
St Eds BC	1120.08			Recycling credits	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/17/2517/VAR | Variation of condition 2 of DC/15/1100/FUL to enable approved porch to have weatherboard board finish as detailed on revised drawings Nos. P6A and P7B for change of use of existing public house and outbuildings to 3 no. detached residential dwellings with associated demolition of modern additions and construction of new extensions | Rose And Crown Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BZ

RESPONSE There are no objections to this application

DC/17/2518/LB | Application for Listed Building Consent - Amendment to previously approved DC/15/1101/LB - (i) Extension to porch (ii) Alter external finish from facing brickwork to painted weatherboard | Rose And Crown Bury Road Stanton IP31 2BZ

RESPONSE There are no objections to this application

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-1652-FUL	Doctors Hall Bury Lane	Neutral	Approved	29/11/17
DC17-1755-TPO	55-57 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	09/11/17
DC17-2026-FUL	Land South of Bardwell Road	Support	Withdrawn	20/11/17
DC17-1568-LB	Mill Farm Upthorpe Road	Support	Granted	01/12/17
DC17-1567-HH	Mill Farm Upthorpe Road	Support	Granted	01/12/17
DC17-2106-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	17/11/17
DC17-2324-TPO	Shepherds Grove	Support	Approved	01/12/17

c. Other Planning issues None

12. Correspondence and items for noting:

a. Mrs Karen Seeley – Moles in Cemetery. After discussion it was agreed that Command Pest Control be asked to see to the moles to avoid further damage to the Cemetery. It was also noted that the Churchyard will come under the maintenance of the St Edmundsbury Borough Council with effect from 1 February although the Cemetery will remain with the Parish Council.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm when the Chairman wished everyone present a very Happy Christmas and New Year

Minutes agreed as correctK McDonald (Chairman)