

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 9 March 2017 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** S Willcox, M Scowcroft
2. **To read, consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting of 9 February 2017 were approved by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.
3. **Public Forum:** A number of residents attended the meeting in response to a letter from PCSO 3299 Dodd to all residents in Honeymeade Close in response to a complaint of vehicles parking on the pavement. One resident reported that they had heard that the Council were considering double yellow lines in the area and were concerned that the action was excessive for the issue which was down to two individual properties. The Chairman reported that this had not been brought to the Council's attention before, nor had the Police spoken to anyone from the Parish Council. Cllr Spicer reported that the Police had been technically correct. Parking on the pavement is an obstruction of the Highway and is anti-social as it makes it difficult for mobility scooters and push chairs to get past. The Police had used a scattergun approach to encapsulate all possible offenders. That said, it would be extremely unlikely that permission would be granted for yellow lines in that area and she would be opposing any application for the same.

A resident attended in respect of the rules regarding a memorial in the Churchyard. Issue will be passed to the Cemetery working party for further consideration before a decision is made and brought back to the next meeting.

Residents of Dale Road attended in respect of planning application DC/17/0223/FUL and were concerned about the safety aspects of the access road which had already been put into place. The access was right on top of the bend and would be a hazard to traffic coming off the Chare Road and into Dale Road as they would meet head on. Dale Road was also quite narrow and used by heavy farm machinery and lorries going to the chicken sheds at the bottom of the road. The copper beech hedge had also been removed to make way for the access road.

Another resident reported that the access road already had planning permission and was 30 metres away from the junction and considered safe. The hedges had been removed to improve visibility.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their observations which would be considered when the planning application was discussed later in the meeting.

4. Report from:

- a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported on the following issues –
 - Works to Glassfield Road are planned to alleviate the problems with flooding.
 - The County Council has asked whether the street lighting on the Chase development can be turned off at night. Cllr Miller reported that she had heard that burglaries had occurred recently in Duke Street and in making a decision the County Council need to be informed of that. Cllr Spicer will ask the County Council to liaise with Police as it had been previously agreed that this would be a decision between those two parties.
 - The recent timetable changes to the buses had been really bad news and especially for Shepherds Grove Park residents. It is hoped that a meeting between the County

Council and Simonds may help to resolve or alleviate some of the issues and she will report back after that meeting.

- The work to improve George Hill is on hold at the moment due to budgetary issues.
- Barningham is meeting on 9 March 2017 to discuss their proposed Neighbourhood Plan which will allow them to identify and agree areas of development in the village. Work will soon start on a development of between 250 and 470 houses in Ixworth so it is important to consider a plan for the future.
- The proposed B1111 closure (agenda item) for over 18 cwt lorries from Garboldisham to the A11 is being trialled to protect East Harling. This may decrease traffic on George Hill as vehicles decide to use the A143/A1088 route to pick up the A11 at Thetford but will have a knock-on effect for local hauliers and the villages along the A1088. Suffolk County Council Highways is currently liaising with their counterparts in Norfolk over the detail.
- The planning application for the Bury Lane School has not yet been made live. It is suggested that when it is made live, a public meeting be held to allow residents to ask questions of the developer. Cllr Miller was concerned about an increase in traffic. CCllr Spicer said that vehicle movements shouldn't be significant when compared with the numbers that used to attend the school on a daily basis before it was relocated. Chairman McDonald thanked CCllr Spicer for her prompt action to raise an order for the site to be tidied up. This has been completed and is a significant improvement.
- Cllr Brown asked whether there had been any update on the planning issues outstanding on the Mill View Estate. CCllr Spicer reported that Highways had issued a list of works to be completed and things should start moving by the end of March. The County Council has not adopted the roads yet and will wait for completion of the outstanding works before they do.
- Cllr Chapman asked whether the Grundle issues had been progressed and in addition the brown bins have not been emptied for some weeks. CCllr Spicer said that she was hoping to arrange a meeting very soon. BCllr Thorndyke will pick up the bins issue.

b. B Cllr J Thorndyke

- The planning application for an additional dwelling on the Rose and Crown development site has been refused.
- In relation to the Neighbourhood Plan it is suggested that Stanton should start to think about doing a plan as developers look for further sites for housing in the area. The plan may have some influence on future planning so is well worth doing.
- The Bury St Edmunds Town master plan has been circulated and is seeking feedback. There are some upcoming meetings in the Bury Area.
- Allowance increases for St Edmundsbury Councillors have been discussed and now been rejected by Councillors.

c. Police report was noted. January Crime stats not available.

5. Clerk's Report: Items not on the agenda and outstanding from meeting of 9 Feb 17

Speedwatch -Clerk attended meeting with Speedwatch Co-Ordinator Peter Palmer and Chairman to discuss previously approved purchase of SID for speedwatch team and way forward with risk assessments and insurance.
Contact made with Westcotec of Dereham and order confirmed for equipment value £3,425.00 plus VAT. Lead in time expected to be 6 to 8 weeks.
Cheque for £2,000.00 towards the cost received from SCC CCllr Spicer. Therefore, cost to Council will be in the region of £1500. (VAT will be reclaimed). May be additional costs to cover insurance and PPE equipment.

Item 4 - **Photos of Bury Lane School** sent to Suffolk CC via CCllr Spicer. Banners removed by Clerk and site has now been cleared and tidied by SCC. Further anonymous letter received the day before it was tidied up.

Item 7a – **Community Recognition Awards** – Nomination forms updated and circulated via Councillors, Facebook and sent to Steamer for April edition. Cut-off date extended to April 7th and nominations to be considered at April PC Meeting.

Item 7c – **Car Parking Meadow Court**. Contact made with Havebury who are writing to residents about parking on the pavements. Call made to Police by a resident with sight difficulties who walked into a car parked on the pavement.

Other matters -

A number of reports received after Storm Doris reported to Highways – trees down at Honeymeade Close, Grundle public footpath and Bury Lane o/s 10 Sturgeon Way.

Cemetery Issues

All necessary administrative forms prepared for Stanton Parish Council Cemetery with guidance of St Edmundsbury Cemeteries Manager. Deeds of burial sent to relatives. Forms circulated to Undertakers who have already used the services of the Cemetery and will be sent to individuals when a burial is notified.

There were no queries

6. Declarations of Interest: None

7. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. **CCTV Policy** was circulated and will go to the Village Hall Management Committee for consideration before the April meeting.

8. Matters for discussion:

- a. **Hanchets application for memorial and work in Cemetery** The application for a memorial for Mr and Mrs Bradley was approved. Clerk to advise Hanchets.
- b. **Lock down bin – Old Barningham Road** St Edmundsbury BC has suggested that the field entrance on George Hill is unsuitable for a bin as the emptying of the same will cause traffic hazards on the B1111 as it is so close to the junction. Clerk to refer back to SEBC for site visit.
- c. **Dog waste bin – Mill View Estate** Cllr Brown reported a lot of dog mess being left on the grass at Dudding Walk and there are no bins. Clerk to ask SEBC to consider bin placement in the area.
- d. **Mill View Estate Planning Matters** Clerk has asked SEBC for a meeting with developers and planning team. CCllr Spicer is dealing.
- e. **Stan Co-Co AGM** Cllr Chapman had attended the Stan Co Co AGM. There were no questions
- f. **Speedwatch equipment update** Cllr Frizzell reported that the working party has met with the Speedwatch Co-Ordinator to prepare and agree risk assessments but there was an anomaly on the Memorandum of understanding with Suffolk County Council in respect of sites being visited by a minimum of two persons and the guidance notes indicating that this was not necessary. Clerk to make enquiries with Road safety team and check public liability insurance covers volunteers sufficiently.
- g. **Village Hall response to items raised at Jan Meeting** Cllr Smithson circulated the response from the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) as follows –
In respect of the investment history – *Back in December 2007 the Parish Council (PC) set up a working party to redevelop the hall and received the unanimous backing,*

at a public meeting organised by them, of the assembled residents to support the plans and associated funding for the redevelopment of the village hall, a significant community asset, including a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and its effects on the Parish precept. This was subsequently discussed at a PC meeting where the proposal to apply to PWLB for a fixed rate loan of £265,000 to be repaid over 20 years was unanimously agreed.

In respect of maintenance - *The gutters and down pipes were cleared out in early January of most of the accumulated leaves; however, it is an annual problem not of our making. The brickwork has started to dry but at this time of year will take some time. The large trees that overhang the back of the hall are an ongoing source of debris and shadow which also stop the building from drying out. We are currently seeking quotes to replace the guttering and fascias around the hall. The Management committee agree that the area adjacent to the play area (window wall of the small hall) is in need of attention, however as we are only responsible for the building we are concerned that where the path is narrowed and uneven, a puddle invariably forms after rainfall, we are unable to control the water that is sitting next to the wall that drains from said bank. We would like to suggest that the grass bank would benefit from being cut back and a retaining wall being installed, allowing room for the path to be made wider and surface drainage improved.*

In respect of the request of the Chairman to see Accounts - *Our annual accounts are available at our AGM and as a registered charity we also have to submit accounts to the charity commission annually. The VHMC have worked hard to manage the finances to cover the ongoing running costs of the hall, including general maintenance, refurbishing the main hall floor, and improvements such as improving the drainage in the changing rooms or installing hand dryers in the toilets. Occasionally unexpected expenses come along, like the replacement of the boiler and also the boiler house roof, that eats into the reserves, so on those occasions outside assistance is sought. The VHMC are very aware that we are the custodians of a valuable village asset*

The Chairman asked Cllr Smithson to thank the VHMC for a comprehensive response. It was hoped that the enquiry had not been conceived as 'having a go' at the management committee but having invested precept money in the hall it was important that there was some reassurance that work was being done to protect the investment as it is a Community asset for which we are all responsible. Council appreciated the work that VHMC was doing and had no wish to 'fall out' with them.

Cllr Miller suggested the Annual Parish Meeting was an opportunity for the VHMC to present accounts as a third of the precept money was going to pay off the loans every year. The Village Hall belonged to the Village and it was important that the residents see them.

Jim Thorndyke said that the VHMC submits a report to the Annual Parish Meeting but there is no requirement for accounts to be published at that meeting. These were available at the Village Hall AGM.

Cllr Hart will investigate the problems of water running off the bank with local trade to seek a cost-effective solution.

h. Speeding Issues – Duke Street North Cllr Mann has received a request from a resident for a 20mph speed limit to slow traffic using this lane as a rat run. Clerk to refer to CCllr Spicer for comment.

9. Recreation Ground & Car Park:

a. Complaint of noise from Play Area Cllr Mann has received a complaint from a nearby resident of excessive noise from the music pipes on the educational climber on the toddler play area. Councillors agreed that the music pipes can be heard from a distance but did not find the noise invasive and agreed that the situation will be monitored but no action taken at the present time.

10. Accounts

- a. The water charges have been offset by a payment from the VHMC of £224.38 therefore the 6 month charges for the outside toilets were £105.78. The accounts were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP.POWER
Talk talk (Feb)	50.45	8.41	42.04	Monthly Internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	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
Anglian Water	330.16		330.16	Water charges recreation ground	LGA 1972 S111
121 Computer Services	37.41	6.24	31.17	Paper and printer ink	LGA 1972 S111
Ryman Stationery	21.98	3.66	18.32	Paper and envelopes for burial deeds	LGA 1972 S111
Beactive Mobility	18.32		18.32	Litter pickers	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6
Staff Salaries	832.80		832.80	Clerk and street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Lloyds			0.67	Bank interest	
Suffolk CC			2000.00	Donation for Speedwatch equipment	
AE Thurlow and Son			165.00	Burial fees	
Hanchets			80.00	Memorial fees	

11. Items for noting

- a. **Community Speedwatch report – March 2017** - noted
b. **Proposed PCC/CC Public meeting – 120917** -noted

12. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. **Play Area Inspection Reports – Feb 2017.** There is a need for a working party to undertake regular weekly checks on the equipment in between the monthly checks carried out by the Inspectors. Cllrs Chapman, Hart and Morris agreed to a weekly rota for visual inspections. Clerk to arrange paperwork
- b. **Public Space Protection Orders** Clerk to report back to SEBC for the play area, MUGA, Skate Park and tennis Courts to be considered as dog free areas.
- c. **Bury St Edmunds Town Centre master plan** as reported by BCllr Thorndyke above.
- d. **Experimental closure of B1111 to Heavy Goods Vehicles** as reported by CCllr Spicer above
- e. **New Street naming** the suggested naming of the development site of the Rose and Crown as 'Rose and Crown Court' was accepted by Council. Clerk to report back

13. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/17/0223/FUL | Planning Application - 1 no. detached dwelling with new vehicular access | Land At Clayside Dale Road Stanton Suffolk (Mr Sandy Inglis – Architectural Solutions)

RESPONSE A resident attended the Parish Council meeting to ask Council to object to the plans due to Highway safety as the proposed development is 'right on the bend' at the top of the road and traffic turning into Dale Road from Chare Road would turn into the path of any vehicle leaving the property as there was insufficient distance for safe exit. The Council accepted that the developer has reduced the hedgerows to increase visibility and had nothing further to add. Council concluded that the development was infilling and acceptable. They could find no reason to object

DC/17/0235/HH | Householder Planning Application - part single, part two storey front extension | 44 Honeymeade Close Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2EF (Mr and Mrs Christopher Newson)

RESPONSE The plan is for a forward extension to the property which has already been developed by a garage being converted into a games room. The layout and design of the extension will mean that its visual appearance will be completely at odds with the row of 5 identical houses in which it is sited and will over shadow the two adjoining detached houses. Council consider the extension will cause loss of outlook to the detriment of the adjoining properties and object to the plans.

b. Previous applications

DC/16/2580/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Two storey side extension, (ii) single storey rear extension and (iii) conversion of existing garage to utility and store room | 5 Hilltop Way Stanton IP31 2EB (Mr Ian Shelley)

GRANTED

DC/16/2817/FUL | Planning Application - Double garage (following demolition of existing garage) | Land Adj 80 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Suffolk (Berkeley Leisure Group)

GRANTED

14. Correspondence:

- a. **Rural Coffee Caravan AGM invite** - Noted
- b. **Beacons of Light – WW1 tribute – 11-11-18** Cllrs commented that there seems to be a lot of beacon lighting events and that may be something to consider. Clerk to enquire into costs and report back.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Minutes signed as correct..... K McDonald