

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

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Present: F J Hart (Vice-Chairman), B Brown, L Morris, J Mann, N Chapman, J Frizzell, B Smithson, S Willcox.

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

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** K McDonald, M Scowcroft, J Miller.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 9 November 2017** were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Brown
3. **Public Forum:** No members of the Public were present. However, a resident had sent a letter and photographs of vehicles obstructing the footpaths outside the Primary School in Upthorpe Road at the end of the School day. These were circulated to Councillors and all agreed the situation was unacceptable and will be forwarded to Police for urgent action.
4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that the meeting between Highways, residents and business representatives held at the school on 2 November had been very useful and allowed the various parties in attendance to experience the end of school day and the resulting impact on Road Safety and traffic flow. As a result of the meeting an Action Plan will be formulated for various issues to be looked at to improve the situation. In the short term the Police have been asked to pay attention to the area at the end of the School day.
The issues around the access to Park Farm Drive are continuing and the County Council rights of Way officer is liaising with the Parish Clerk to gain the necessary evidence.
George Lane has been looked at by Highways. Unfortunately work has to be prioritised due to budget issues and roads are maintained according to their appropriate use which means that as George Lane is not a through route it is not priority for repairs and therefore disappointing for the residents.
The School transport consultation is likely to be launched in mid-December until the end of February. Further details will follow when known.
 - b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** has had notification of road closures from The Chase to the War memorial for drainage works which may cause some disruption.
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 committees 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 Sybil Andrews Academy on Moreton Hall on 16 November.
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. **Community Engagement Strategy** was approved and adopted by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Willcox

- b. **Review of Action Plan 2017-18** Ongoing issues and projects review on track. To be published to the website.

7. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Willcox declared an interest in item 10a and Cllr Smithson declared an interest in item 8g.

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **Annual hedge Cutting – Recreation ground and Cemetery** was approved for work by N H Rayson and Son.
- b. **Abbey Homes Estate** Cllr Brown asked BCllr Thorndyke if there was any update in respect of the fencing issue. BCllr Thorndyke responded that Abbey owned the adjacent land and therefore had permitted rights to retain the fence as the estate has not yet been adopted and they are unlikely to be asked to change it.
- c. Cllr Brown would like to look into the possibility of a **Christmas Tree** for the village Centre for 2018. This was agreed.
- d. **Proposal for a defibrillator** Cllr Willcox reported that the first defibrillator has been ordered and the WI are having a fund raiser on November 25th at the Village Hall to support it. Further funding sources are being looked into. The first one will be located on the outside wall of the Doctors Surgery in The Chase.
- e. **Liaison Councillor for RAF Honington** Cllr Chapman agreed to attend the next meeting.
- f. **Proposal by National Express** to cut the service 497 from London to Great Yarmouth This has been confirmed and is disappointing news for the village. It is due to under use. The service will still run from Thetford. Clerk to write to National Express.
- g. **Update on Toddler Group** Cllr Willcox reported that the Group is running well on a monthly basis. It will take a while to establish and Cllr Willcox proposed that the cost of hall hire be covered by the Parish Council to the end of July in the first instance. This would be in the region of £150. All in favour.
- h. **Proposals for flood management in the Grundle** After an earlier presentation by Steven Halls – Suffolk County Council Engineer, Councillors agreed to a one-year trial of a woody debris structure in the Grundle to catch the debris before it hits the metal grids. The grid nearest the road will also be adapted to ensure it is safe to work from when clearing the debris. Steven Halls suggested that the new system, which will need the approval of Natural England, would require the employment of a 'gardener' or 'handyman' to clear the debris down to the brown bins at least twice a year and this cost would be to the Parish Council. For the first year it will be monitored by the County Council and the Parish Council asked to approve it, once tested by heavy rains. Councillors expressed some reservations about the oncosts but agreed to the trial.
- i. The repair of a **cracked tile on the clocktower roof** was approved, Clerk to deal

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

- a. **Letter re Closed Churchyards** has confirmed that St Edmundsbury Borough Council will take over responsibility for the Closed Churchyards maintenance at St Johns and Al, Saints at the end of January 2018
- b. **Play Area Inspection Reports – October** - noted

10. **Financial**

- a. The payments and receipts as outlined below were approved

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
GKW Groundworks	864.00	144.00	720.00	Clocktower maintenance and repairs	Parish Councils Act 1957, S2
Anglia Surface Care	144.00	24.00	120.00	Graffiti removal play area	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Talk talk (Oct)	35.00	5.83	29.17	Monthly internet and phone charges	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs J Miller	19.80		19.80	Winter bedding Village tubs	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
Cook Services	225.00		225.00	Bus shelter painting	Local Govt (Misc Prov) Act 1953, s4
Cook Services	259.55		259.55	Re painting teen shelter	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Glasdon UK	39.60	6.60	33.00	Bench repairs - The Street	Parish Councils Act 1957, S1
Mrs S Willcox	24.00		24.00	Hall hire - Toddler Group	Local govt (Misc Prov) Act 1953, s19
Pentagon Security	78.00	13.00	65.00	CCTV Annual maintenance	Local Govt and rating Act 97, s31
PWLB	10064.91		10064.91	Loan payment	Local Govt Act 2003, Sched 1, para 2
Stanton Village Hall	48.60		48.60	Hall hire - Toddler Group	Local Govt (Misc Prov) Act 1953, s19
BDO	516.00	86.00	430.00	Annual Audit 16-17	LGA 1972 S111
Vertas Group	2249.39	374.90	1874.49	Grass Cutting Quarter 3	Public Health Act 1875, s164
St John Ambulance	110.40	18.40	92.00	First Aid Cover Fireworks event	Local Govt (Misc Prov) Act 1976, s19
Command Pest Control	230.40	38.40	192.00	Mole treatment - Recreation Ground	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Tripp Batt	30.45	5.07	25.38	PPE and padlock	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Staff Salaries	852.30		852.30	Clerk and street cleaner Salary	LGA 1972 S112
Mr K McDonald	30.13	5.01	25.12	Fireworks event sundries	Local Govt (Misc Prov) Act 1976, s19
RECEIPTS					
HMRC			2005.44	VAT repayment Q2	
Village Hall			72.95	Water charge refund Village Hall	
A E Thurlow - burial			165.00	Burial Fees	
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EON - credit			36.12	End of contract refund	
Lloyds			2.95	Bank Interest	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/17/1567/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Two storey rear extension and (ii) two bay cart lodge | Mill Farm Upton Road Stanton IP31 2AW (Mr and Mrs Grixti)

RESPONSE A very professional and sympathetic addition to this listed building and its immediate environment and there are no objections.

DC/17/2103/VAR | Planning Application - Variation of condition 10 of DC/16/2813/FUL - to allow use of revised plans for amendments and additions listed on Schedule of Changes including addition of garage, amendments to windows and porch and additional access to be provided for 1 no. detached dwelling | Proposed Dwelling Burnham Lodge The Street Stanton IP31 2DQ (Mr and Mrs P Williams)

RESPONSE This is a completely different dwelling from the original plans and Council were somewhat disappointed that the original plans for a dwelling in keeping with Burnham Lodge have been changed. However, the dwelling will still remain largely out of site and the loss of some hedging and a cherry tree do not cause a great deal of concern.

Council would want to be reassured that the original front hedge and bank remain intact through construction works. There are no objections.

DC/17/2106/TPO | TPO 248 (1997) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Ash (T1 on plan within A1 on order) - reduce by up to 5 metres and lift crown to 4 metres, (ii) 10no. Oak (T5 -T7, T9, T13, T18,T22, T25, T28,T29 on plan within A1 on order) and 1no. Ash and 1no. Maple (T23 and T27 on plan within A1 on order) and 1no. Thorn and 2no. Hazel (G1 on plan within A1 on order) - lift crown by up to 2 metres, (iii) 2no. Oak (T15 and T29 on plan within

A1 on order) - lift crown to 4 metres, (iv) 1no. Willow and 2no. Maple (T17 and T19,T20 on plan within A1 on order) - lift crown to 3 metres, (v) 1no. Maple and 1no. Willow (T27 and T24 on plan within A1 on order) - lift crown by up to 2.5 metres. (vi) 1no. Ash (T16 on plan within A1 on order) - repollard to previous points. | The Bungalow Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2A

RESPONSE Councillors have visited the area and found that the proposed works are required to tidy up or remove low branches away from properties and in this respect are acceptable.

On inspection, T17 listed as WILLOW to be crown lifted by 3m was found to be a Maple which was largely covered in ivy.

Councillors noticed at least 2 bat boxes on trees that are listed for work (T1 & T16) but above or below the area that is to be trimmed so the relevant care needs to be exercised on these. There are no objections.

DC/17/2120/HH | Householder Planning Application - 1no. Garage | 62 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AZ (Mr Arthur Loveday)

RESPONSE There are no objections to this application

DC/17/2026/FUL | Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land to accommodate siting of portacabin for use as a bakery | Land South Of Bardwell Road Stanton Suffolk (Mr N Clarke)

RESPONSE Council are keen to support local businesses which provide employment and respect the proposals of this application are to increase business in the local area.

The change of use is acceptable and there are no objections.

DC/17/2196/FUL | Planning Application - (i) 1no. dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling); (ii) temporary accommodation for the land owner and (iii) widening of existing access | Mentor House Chare Road Stanton IP31 2DX (Mr and Mrs B Head)

RESPONSE This is a very interesting and innovative planning application which will provide a property that will significantly enhance the area and there are no objections.

DC/17/2222/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Single storey rear extension (ii) cladding (iii) replacement of roof (iv) detached carport and (v)associated alterations | Mirambeena Duke Street Stanton IP31 2AB (Mrs Yvonne English)

RESPONSE This is a property in need of improvement and the submitted plans are acceptable and will improve the appearance of the dwelling. There are no objections.

DC/17/2248/FUL | Planning Application - 1no dwelling with associated access (resubmission of DC/16/1743/FUL) | Land Off Meadow Court Meadow Court Stanton Suffolk

RESPONSE This area is a plot which has been vacant for a number of years and Council are pleased that it is finally going to be developed to provide a good quality home in the village centre which will be in keeping with the adjoining properties. There are no objections.

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC17-1533-FUL	School Bungalow Upthorpe Road	Support	Approved	12/10/17
DC17-1871-TCA	Fairview The Street	Support	Approved	16/10/17
DC17-1876-HH	5 The Walks	Support	Approved	31/10/17

c. Other Planning issues

Pre-Planning Consultation. Barn at Mount Farm Upthorpe Road – Change of planning application

RESPONSE The site of this proposed dwelling was until very recently a building which was to be renovated until it had to be demolished. Council approved the previous application. Under the circumstances there are no objections to this property which will provide an energy efficient and attractive home.

Pre-Planning Application Consultation – Replacement of existing 10m Orange PCS RT equipment at Building 14, Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate, Upthorpe, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2AR (SUF7023) with proposed installation of a 20m EE GF column at the grass verge adjacent to electricity substation, Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate, Upthorpe, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP31 2AR.

RESPONSE Council welcome any improvement in mobile phone signals in the village and the installation of a 20 metre high GF column within the Industrial Estate is acceptable. There are no objections.

12. Correspondence and items for noting:

- a. Countess of Euston re the Centenary of the Armistice WW1** Council are looking into the possibility of erecting a beacon in the Village to commemorate this occasion. Cllr Hart and McDonald are looking at options.
- b. Sow to Grow invitation** Clerk will respond with possible dates
- c. Matthew Hancock re Mill View play area** The contents of the letter relating to liability in respect of the play area were noted
- d. Lorraine Richer re condition of George Lane** As per report by Joanna Spicer

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Minutes agreed as correctK McDonald (Chairman)