

## MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 11 October 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

**Present:** J Mann, B Brown, B Smithson, J Miller, J Frizzell, A Kemp, S Willcox, B Brown, L Morris.

**Also Present:** CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** N Chapman (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice Chairman). In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Council nominated Cllr B Smithson to chair the meeting.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 13 September 2018** were approved by Cllr Frizzell and seconded by Cllr Brown.
3. **Public Forum:** No members of the Public were present.  
Cllr Miller said that she had been asked to bring the matter of the telephone box in George Hill before the PC. Cllr Miller said that it had been suggested it be moved to the Village Hall Car Park (as apparently Walsham have done) or another suggestion, a site adjacent to the Clock Tower. It was suggested that the matter be carried forward to the November agenda and the Clerk to make some enquiries with Walsham.
4. **Report from:**
  - a. S C Cllr J Spicer referred to item 11c on the Agenda relating to the Grundle Trash screen agreement and reminded Councillors that when the County agreed to undertake work five years ago it was on the understanding that the Parish Council would ultimately take responsibility for the future maintenance. Councillors reported that the Agreement they had received was complicated and required further consideration. It was agreed that the Chairman (who has been the main liaison for this project) would be asked to contact Steven Halls from Suffolk County Council to arrange a site meeting and subsequent discussion of the agreement in order to understand better what the requirements were. CCllr Spicer understood that some ditch clearance work has been completed in Wyken Road although there was still some work to be done.

In relation to the A143 report asking for a reduction in the speed limit, she has asked that the County Council are in a position to advise of the cost of the same before the Parish Council's November budget meeting so that the Council can decide whether they have sufficient reserves to allocate to the project.

Planning issues relating to the Rose and Crown are being chased through planning officer Britta Heidecke. There are outstanding issues around the entrance, access to the houses behind the old public house itself and a crossing point.

Hedge row cutting is now back on the Agenda for the County Council and she will be working to ensure that the relevant hedgerows in the Village which are causing the issues are cut back. Clerk to provide a list of the relevant areas to CCllr Spicer.

School transport continues to be an issue as parents applying for places now for 2019 will be affected by the new policy that students will only get transport to the nearest school. There will be charges for the families that want to send their children to a school other than their nearest. CCllr is liaising with Thurston Community College who is likely to be affected by the changes to see if there are any alternative solutions.

There has been no progress on the planning application for the Old School. CCllr Spicer will enquire with SCC as to what is happening as the site is looking very neglected.

- b. B Cllr J Thorndyke reported that West Suffolk Council is shaping its Housing Strategy, a vision that could see it take on a greater role in delivering new homes as well as placing further emphasis on bringing existing empty homes back into use and where it can, helping adapt homes to people's changing needs. Councils are being encouraged to take this opportunity to respond to this consultation to ensure they are developing priorities that are focused on the right areas.

The consultation is taking place from 9 October to 20 November 2018 and the online survey can be found at the following link:

[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housingstrategy](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housingstrategy).

Council staff have now identified the owner of a neglected house in Bury Lane and are working with them to bring the house back up to an acceptable standard

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with report enclosed with agenda.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda
7. **Report from Village Hall Management Committee.** Due to being unwell the Chairman was unable to be present to give a report
8. **Matters for discussion:**
  - a. **WW1BOL working group** Cllr Smithson reported that a final meeting has taken place and the schedule of events is now available for publication to the web site and notice boards. Members of the WI will be providing soups and crumbles for a donation to the Royal British Legion. Artwork and scrap books will be on display in the Village Hall on the day. The Beacon has arrived and will be on site to be lit at 7pm in line with the rest of the Country.
  - b. Cllr Brown reported that the **Christmas tree and Carols Project** is complete. Delivery has been taken of the tree lights and the pipe installed in the Churchyard ready for the tree to be erected. There are some ancillary costs relating to the electricity for the lights and refreshments. Cllr Frizzell proposed an ancillary budget of up to £250 which was seconded by Cllr Morris and approved.
  - c. The quotes for **fencing provision at the Allotments** were discussed. However due to some inconsistencies in fence height, the Clerk was instructed to refer back to the relevant companies for further details and deferred the matter to the November meeting.
  - d. The purchase of a **Notice Board for George Hill** was discussed and a design agreed on. Clerk to obtain a quote for the preferred board and defer the matter to the November meeting.
9. **Statutory Business/Governance - None**
10. **Accounts**
  - a. The accounts as below were approved by Cllr Miller and seconded by Cllr Mann
  - b. The Budget Meeting was set for Thursday 22 November 2018. Clerk to book the Terry Bray room.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Cleaner - toilets	94.32		94.32	Quarterly toilets cleaning	Public Health Act 1936, s87
Talk talk (Sept)	37.50	6.25	31.25	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	306.63		306.63	Water charges Recreation Ground Q2	LGA 1972 S111
Bullfinch	432.00	72.00	360.00	Battles Over Beacon	LGA 1972 S144
DeJager	64.80	10.80	54.00	Narcissi and daffodils	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Wyken Farm Partners	5.00		5.00	Annual Rent - Allotments	Small holdings Act 1908, s23, 26 and 42
Anglian Water	7.68		7.68	Cemetery Water Q2	LGA 1972, s214
Stanton Village Hall	107.00		107.00	Room hire Village Hall (6 mths)	LGA 1972 S111
War Memorial rest.	4435.80	739.30	3696.50	War memorial cleaning and restoration	War memorials Act 1923, S1
Public Works Loan	10064.91		10064.91	Loan repayment	LGA 2003, sch 1, para 2
Litter picker	42.00		42.00	Litter picker salary	LGA 1972 S111
Staff salaries	896.29		896.29	Staff Salaries	LGA 1972 S112
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Bank Interest			3.97		
Village Hall water refund			189.60		
Memorial			90.00		

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

- a. **Play Area Inspection Reports** – Noted. Clerk will arrange to meet with PI Inspector to establish exact location of issues raised.
- b. **Active Community Awards.** After discussion it was agreed that the time frame was too short to prepare a case for this year and there was an opportunity to start to build a case for 2019.
- c. **Stanton Grundle Trash Screen/NFM Structure Agency Agreement** – as per public forum

**12. Planning Applications:**

- a. **New Applications received –**

DC/18/1925/HH | Householder Planning Application - Oak cart lodge and office | Briar Cottage Bury Lane Stanton IP31 2DF

**RESPONSE** The planned lodge and office is situated outside the conservation area. It will be professionally installed as an oak framed building and will mainly be behind an area of mature trees and will have little effect on the outlook of adjacent properties. There are no objections.

- b. **Previous Applications decided**

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-1534-TCA	Street Farm House	Support	Approved	14/09/18

**13. Correspondence**

- a. Mr S re George Hill telephone kiosk. Noted – Clerk has responded
- b. Mrs M re Old Bury Road hedge and school children. Noted – Clerk has responded.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55pm

Minutes signed as correct..... N Chapman