

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 12 July 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: F Hart(Vice Chairman), L Morris, J Mann, B Brown, B Smithson, J Miller. M Scowcroft.

Also Present: Borough Cllr Jim Thorndyke. County Councillor Joanna Spicer

- 1. Apologies for absence:** N Chapman (Chairman), J Frizzell, S Willcox, – reasons for absence accepted.
- 2. The minutes of the meeting on 14 June 2018** were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Morris.
- 3. Public Forum:** A resident attended to enquire about item 13g on the agenda. Cllr Hart invited him to respond to a letter which had been received by the Parish Council and related to the hedgerow at 5 The Walks. It was apparent that the letter related to a possible planning issue and the Clerk had asked the planning department for further information to allow the Council to make an informed decision on the matter.

The resident identified himself as the owner of the property and produced a register of title which he said had no mention of restrictions except the erection and maintenance of a 4'6" wire fence. The hedges had been planted in 2007. He said he had expected the agenda item to be about an accident that had occurred on 3 June when a cyclist skidded when he failed to see a vehicle turning right into the car park from Old Bury Rd and was very surprised to learn that the agenda item was something totally different. He felt that had he been warned in advance he could have been better prepared. He added that there were solution for cars exiting the car park.

The resident said that he was disappointed with the Parish Council for the way that they had approached the problem.

The Vice Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting and advised that the matter would be referred back to the planning department for further information as at the current time there was insufficient evidence on which to make a decision.

A resident attended in respect of Item 13c to enquire about the phone box in George Hill and the area around it. She offered to help with any landscaping and work needed to improve the area. After discussion it was agreed that a working party consisting of Cllrs Mann, Miller, Brown and Morris would arrange a site meeting to have a look at the street furniture, trees, planting and the telephone box and report back to the next meeting.

The Vice Chairman thanked her for attending and the Clerk will update her with any progress from the working party.

A resident attended in respect of item 8d and 13h on the Agenda and asked if there was anything the Council could do. It was agreed that this would be brought forward by Cllr Brown who explained that he had received complaints of HGV lorries speeding on Hepworth Road. There have also been complaints of vehicles parking very inconsiderately but this had the effect of slowing down vehicles as it caused a 'chicane' effect. There is a SID in operation there.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the safety Camera Team to ask if an SDR (Speed detection recorder) could be placed in Hepworth Road to monitor the speeds and report back.

The Vice Chairman thanked him for attending and the Clerk would update him with any response from the Police

4. Report from:

S C Cllr J Spicer reported that the County Council had agreed the changes proposed to School transport. That means that the CC will be providing children aged 4-16 years old with transport to

their nearest school with an available place but phasing in the policy from September 2019. This would only apply to children starting a new school, or moving home, and would be based on the current minimum distance criteria. It also includes –

- Providing travel for 4 year olds, known as ‘rising 5s’.
- Giving priority to Suffolk schools, allowing those whose nearest school is over the county boundary the option to choose transport to their nearest Suffolk school if they meet the criteria.
- Requiring parents whose children qualify for funded travel to opt in each year.
- Offering students who are nearest to a three-tier school the option of travel to the nearest two-tier school, if they meet the criteria
- Retain the current Post-16 travel policy

CCllr Spicer said that the decision will affect Stanton pupils in that there is not enough room at Ixworth for all the pupils and a number of options will now have to be considered. A separate stakeholder group will be formed to discuss those options.

The A143 site meeting has not yet been organised due to holidays and other commitments. Cllr Miller said that the matter needed to be progressed as it was important to Stanton and kept being put off with excuses whilst Cllrs are getting frequent complaints. Cllr Spicer apologised and accepted that the matter was important.

The Vice Chairman tasked Cllr Spicer with getting some ideas of the price of changing each junction from 40mph to 30mph and the Parish Council/Clerk would continue to build a case of evidence to support the change. Cllr Spicer will be away for the August meeting but will ensure that an email is sent with the figures once she receives them.

Cllr Spicer said that there was also a need for Highways to look at the crossing from the Rose and Crown site to the opposite footpath and at least make sure a dropped kerb was present to make it safer.

Cllr Brown asked why the roads on the Mill View development had not yet been adopted. BCllr Thorndyke agreed to speak to the planning office to ascertain what the hold-up was.

B Cllr J Thorndyke reported that the Planning Department are investigating a building being erected on the site of the Parrot rescue shelter on the Industrial Estate. The site was beginning to look very untidy.

The constitution of the new West Suffolk Council is ongoing and the consultation for the Boundary commission in respect of changes is running until 27 August if anyone wishes to comment.

Environmental health have issued a report on an Area in Great Barton with High Nitrogen levels. This area has been subject of this for some ten years, Trees have been cut back to try and improve the air quality. However, the report also refers to HGV from the Stanton Area adding to the problems as they travel through to join the A14, however they have failed to mention that Stanton HGV's have permits to travel along the A1088 to join the A14 at Woolpit. The report has led to the County Council asking why the restrictions were put on to the A1088 in the first place so this is currently under review.

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the report of actions taken by the Clerk since the previous meeting.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
7. **Report from Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC)**
The Chairman had been unable to attend the last meeting of the VHMC so no report was available.

8. Matters for discussion:

- a. **WW1BOL working group** Cllr Hart reported that the Working group had not met in July. The next meeting is on 7 August.
- b. **Young Persons Project** Cllr Willcox had been unable to attend this months meeting to give an update
- c. **Christmas tree and Carols Project** Cllr Brown reported a quote for a 20' Nordic tree was £300 delivered and low voltage tree lights would be £316. He is in consultation with the PCC in respect of the details of an event around the tree. Prop by Cllr Scowcroft and seconded by Cllr Miller that the tree and lights be funded.
- d. **HGV speeding on Hepworth Road** (Cllr Brown) – as per discussion in public forum.
- e. **St Johns Churchyard gates** Cllr Miller reported the gates at St John Churchyard are in a very poor state. The maintenance of this Churchyard has now been passed to the St Edmundsbury Borough Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the SEBC and ask for maintenance work on the gates.

9. Statutory Business/Governance (Clerk)

- f. The following documents were adopted for the purpose of working towards compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
 - Privacy notice for staff
 - General Privacy notice
 - Consent Form
 - Document retention Policy 2018
 - Data Protection Policy 2018
- g. The Action Plan 2018-19 was adopted

10. Accounts

- a. The accounts as below were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Smithson

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	169.10		169.10	Water charges Recreation Ground Q1	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	16.15		16.15	Cemetery Water Q1	LGA 1972 S111
Advancedscape	140.00	23.33	116.67	Replacement Bin - Play Area	Litter Act 1983, ss5 and 6
Talk talk (June)	36.00	6.00	30.00	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs J Hart	52.78	8.80	43.98	Laminator and pouches	LGA 1972 S111
Gillian Miller	91.22		91.22	Quarterly toilets cleaning	Public Health Act 1936, s87
Hillcrest Nurseries	427.75	71.29	356.46	Summer planting Village tubs	Open spaces Act 1906, s14
Smith of Derby	180.00	30.00	150.00	Clock tower repairs	Parish Councils Act 1957, s2
Mrs J Hart	4.80	0.80	4.00	Toilet rolls - public toilets	Public Health Act 1936, s87
David Brown Trees	720.00	120.00	600.00	Tree works - Recreation grnd	Public Health Act 1875, s164
GKW Groundworks	5604.00	934.00	4670.00	Recreation Grnd footpath works	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Staff Salaries	962.29		962.29	Clerks and Street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Stan Coco/Village Trust			750.00	Donation towards Defibrillator	
Lloyds			4.58	Bank Interest	
Funeral Directors			360.00	Burials x 2	

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. **Play Area Inspection Reports – Annual Inspection** Cllr Morris has visited the site with Cllrs Hart and Chapman. The Annual report from the Play Area Inspector has been investigated in detail and a considered Risk Assessment carried out against each of the recommendations of his report. Some minor works will be undertaken in the coming weeks in response to the items raised. The rest of the items will be kept monitored by Cllr Morris who regularly visits the park. The full report to be filed by the Clerk.

- b. **Local Government Boundary Commission Draft recommendations** were noted and will be published on the PC website.

12. Planning Applications: New Applications received –

DC/18/0935/ADV | Application for Advertisement Consent - 1no. replacement externally illuminated freestanding sign | Potash Farm Upthorpe Road Stanton Suffolk IP31 3AR

Response – There are no objections to this application

DC/18/1030/TPO | TPO 542 (2013) W1 - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1 no. Oak (T1 on plan) - Reduce canopy on the north eastern side of tree by up to 2.5 metres. | 2 Bobbys Way Stanton IP31 2FE (Mr and Mrs Button)

Response – There are no objections to this application

DC/18/1141/HH | Householder Planning Application - single storey two bay garage | Sky View Chare Road Stanton IP31 2DX (Mr Bruce Head)

Response – There are no objections to this application

DC/18/1157/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Single storey front extension; and (ii) new pitched roof over kitchen/dining area and garage | The Laurels Duke Street Stanton IP31 2AB (Mr Rob Alcot)

Response – There are no objections to this application

13. Correspondence

- a. **S Chapman re hedgerow – Upthorpe Road** – the Clerk and Cllr Brown will investigate who is responsible for the maintenance of this overgrown hedgerow and deal accordingly.
- b. **RE and C Barker re speeding on A143** – response sent by Clerk in relation to site meeting by County Council. To be saved as evidence gathering for the reduction of the speed limit.
- c. **A Scott re Telephone Kiosk and area surrounding it– George Hill** -As per Public Forum
- d. **Request from Suffolk Constabulary re PCSO funding** Clerk to obtain further information in respect of cost.
- e. **Suffolk Constabulary re Speeding A143 – (previous correspondence Mrs Earl)** – as per item 13b. Correspondent has been copied in by Police.
- f. **N Whitmore re Dog fouling and overgrown paths Hepworth Road.** Clerk has responded by sign posting to SEBC re dog fouling and Suffolk CC on line reporting re overgrown hedge. Approved SEBC Posters have been placed on the path by the Clerk
- g. **Mrs Mason re hedgerow – Recreation Ground entrance** – As per public forum
- h. **Resident re Hepworth Road Parking problem** – As per public forum. Clerk to respond.

There being no further correspondence to consider, the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Minutes signed as correct..... N Chapman