

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 13 December 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: F J Hart (Chair), J Mann, B Smithson (Vice-Chair), J Miller, J Frizzell, S Willcox, M Scowcroft, B Brown.

Also Present: CClr Joanna Spicer, BClr Jim Thorndyke.

The Chair announced that the Clerk had received the resignation of Cllr Larry Morris due to ill health. Cllr Morris has contributed a significant amount of work to the Council since joining and he will be sorely missed. Clerk to notify electoral officer of a vacancy.

The Hon Secretary, Brian Bartrum, Royal British Legion has informed the Council that the total donations for refreshments at the WW1 Beacon of Light event in November raised £156.75 for the Poppy appeal and thanked the helpers and the WI for their efforts at the event.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** Cllr A Kemp
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on** 22 November 2018 were approved
3. **Public Forum:** Residents of Hilltop Way were present to discuss the problem of parking on the grassed area which was resulting in the area being churned up and possible damage. The grassed area is the property of St Edmundsbury Borough Council. After discussion BClr Thorndyke agreed to have a look at the area to see what could be done to resolve the issues.

An elector of the Parish, Mrs Claire Jay was present at the meeting and circulated a copy of her CV in response to the vacancy for a Parish Councillor caused by the resignation of Neil Chapman. All present agreed that Mrs Jay would qualify for the position and that her experience in the National Health Service would be a considerable asset to the Council. In the absence of any further applications, Mrs Jay was invited by the Chair to join the meeting and be co-opted on to the Council until the next elections in May 2019.

4. **Report from:**
 - a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that the County Council has agreed for works to be carried out on **George Hill** trees and a Contractor has been asked to do the work although no date has been set. Once the tree works are complete then the footpaths can be cut back to widen them to make them safer.

There will be a meeting in January in respect of the **A143 speed and safety issues** - Date to be advised.

Outstanding issues with the **Rose and Crown** development access to the site and crossing point have been reported to the planning Inspector for enforcement.

There is a large **pothole on Wood Hill** – can the Clerk report this.

Cllr Miller reported a **number of signs** have been left over from diversionary works in the Village. CClr Spicer suggested that the Clerk report these to Highways for collection.

It has been brought to her attention that **Grove Lane has been missed off the gritting list** despite it being a bus route and a busy road especially for users of the Industrial Estate and Shepherds Grove Park. Can the Clerk investigate this with the County gritting team to see if it can be added to the list?

The **old school planning application** has still not progressed. The cost of security at this site has now reached £90,000 and is an embarrassment. There are still issues relating to access and she will continue to push the planning department for action.

- b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** reported that he has received a number of complaints about vehicles using Gilbert Road as a cut through to the Industrial Estate but believed this was when the closure was in place outside the Old Foundry for BT works. The signs of the closure had indicated that the route to Upthorpe was closed although it was accessible. He will monitor for any further complaints.

The Precept will be paid in a lump sum again rather than in stages as was proposed last year.

There have been a number of calls about surveyors seen in the field adjacent to Honeymeade and rumours about potential development. He believes that this may have been in response to a current Council initiative '**call for sites**' which encourages landowners to look at areas which may be considered as reasonable for future development. In relation to Honeymeade Close, no application has been received by the land owner, Wyken Farms for any housing on this piece of land at the current time.

5. **Clerk's Report:** No queries with report enclosed with agenda.

6. **Statutory Business/Governance**

- a. None

7. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **Christmas Tree project** Cllr Brown reported a successful event which raised £78 for Church funds and specifically wanted to thank Cllr Morris and Kemp for their contributions. He was congratulated by Council for his work on the project which had been very well supported by the village and will hopefully become an Annual Event.
- b. **Young Persons Project** Cllr Willcox was pleased to report that the pre-school has agreed to run the Toddler Group and 'Sure-start' has indicated that they will be interested in funding it as a weekly event on a Thursday. The Church rooms has been offered free of charge by the Church as a venue if needed. Would like to look ahead now at possible events for the holidays that the Council can support.
- c. The Clerk presented four quotations to supply and renew the **Allotment fencing** at Glassfield Road. (1.5m high wire and post with line wire and rabbit wiring dug into a depth of 2 feet and the taking down and removal of the old fencing). The contract was awarded to Elite fencing at a cost of £2470 ex VAT. Clerk to notify all four companies.
- d. **The Application for a memorial** in the Cemetery for Malcolm Burrows was approved. Clerk to notify stonemason.
- e. Overtime payment of £50 for the street cleaner for additional weekend work at the **Fireworks event** was proposed by the Chair as a one-off payment and after discussion was approved.
- f. **Parking at Hilltop Estate** – covered in the public forum.
- g. Trustee for the Stan Co Co trust following resignation of Cllr Chapman. - Cllr Jay agreed to represent the Parish Council.

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

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports – November – noted. The Chair will take on the role of regular weekly inspection of the equipment from Cllr Morris.
- b. Call for sites 2018 – Planning – noted as per comments by BCllr Thorndyke.

10. Financial

- a. Approval of the payments and receipts as below
- b. The Budget for 2019/20 and 'Application for Grant and Precept 2019/20' form was presented to Council and approved.
- c. The Millennium Tower Clock Service Agreement was approved at a cost of £513 plus VAT for the next 3 years total.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
No Butts Bin Co	576.00	96.00	480.00	New Bench - George Hill	Parish Councils Act 1957, s1
Culford Waste	140.00	23.33	116.67	Skip for fireworks residue	LGA 1972 S111
Talk talk (Nov)	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
Pentagon Security	78.00	13.00	65.00	Annual Maintenance CCTV	LG and Rating Act 1997, s31
Mrs J Hart	49.58	8.25	41.33	PPE-toilet rolls-Beacon donation	LGA 1972 S111
Stanton WI	142.00		142.00	Beacon of light refreshments	LGA 1972, S144
Ixworth Patients ass	50.00		50.00	S137 Donation	LGA 1972, S137
Citizens Advice Bureau	100.00		100.00	S137 Donation	LGA 1972, S137
Royal British Legion	50.00		50.00	S137 Donation	LGA 1972, S137
St John Ambulance	115.20	19.20	96.00	First Aid Cover - Fireworks event	LGA 1972, S144
Alan Kemp Electrical	85.51	14.25	71.26	Electrics for Christmas tree	LGA 1972, S144
Litter Picker	42.00		42.00	Litter picker salary	LGA 1972 S111
HMRC	298.40		298.40	PAYE Quarter 3	LGA 1972 S112
Staff salaries	945.89		945.89	Clerks and Street Cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
Anglian Water	203.19		203.19	Water charges Recreation Ground Q3	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Anglian Water	13.32		13.32	Cemetery Water Q3	LGA 1972 S214 (6)
G Miller	93.96		93.96	Quarterly toilets cleaning	Public Health Act 1936, s87
RECEIPTS					
Recycling Credits				1105.24	
Donation for bench - George Hill				470.00	

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/18/2194/FUL | Planning Application - Installation of 150kW Solar PV Ground Mount System | Wyken Hall Wyken Road Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DW (East Green Energy)

RESPONSE - There are no objections to this application.

DC/18/2089/FUL | Planning Application - 2no. industrial buildings comprising of 3no. units (part retrospective) | 30-31 Shepherd's Grove Industrial Estate (West) Stanton Suffolk IP31 2AR (Mr P Noton)

RESPONSE - These buildings have been sympathetically constructed in an Industrial area to offer additional employment to the Village. There are no objections to this application.

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-1983-TPO	78 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	26/11/18
DC18-1957-FUL	Land adj former Duke St nursery	Support	Approved	30/11/18
DC18-2117-TCA	Stanton Methodist Church	Support	No objections	28/11/18

- c. **Other Planning issues** Possible Hopkins Homes development – to discuss comments on social media sites – As covered by BCllr Thorndyke above. CCllr Spicer suggested that it may be prudent to arrange for Wyken farms to attend a future Parish Council meeting to outline their future plans for this land.

12. Correspondence and items for noting:

- a. ICS re Parking outside Primary School – Clerk has responded by advising that parking problems outside the school should be addressed to the Head Teacher in the first instance and to Police if an obstruction or parking on the pavement is witnessed as the Parish Council has no powers to deal.
The Clerk will also report the issues to the safer neighbourhood team.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.25pm

Minutes signed as correct..... F J Hart