

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 8 November 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: N Chapman (Chair), J Mann, B Smithson, J Miller, J Frizzell, A Kemp, S Willcox, L Morris, M Scowcroft.

Also Present: CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** F J Hart (Vice Chairman), B Brown.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 11 October 2018** were approved by Cllr Mann and seconded by Cllr Frizzell.

3. **Public Forum:**

The Clerk has received an update from Stanton FC relating to the previously approved stand for the football pitch (Minutes August 2015). Since it had been approved the cost has increased significantly. The Club has now been offered a small smoking shelter by Shelbourne Reynolds and wish to install the shelter on a concrete pad approx. 8m x 1.8m. The two smaller shelters have been refurbished and it is intended to site these either side of the smoking shelter. The concrete will be flush with the grass line and will not be a trip hazard. A sketch of the proposal was circulated and after discussion the changes were approved. Clerk to advise Mr Gooderham

Councillors were addressed by Mr Lee Sturgeon and Mr Matt Hazelton of Stanton FC who outlined their vision for a project working towards improved facilities on the Recreation Ground including a bigger Multi Sports Area to provide opportunities for Netball, Hockey, Basketball, disabled use for walking football etc and incorporating a '4g' pitch and a possible Sports and Social Club with improved changing facilities. This would be a long-term project which would need substantial grants from outside bodies. In the first instance, they were looking for support from the Parish Council to research the possibilities.

After discussion, Councillors agreed that the project has significant merit and suggested that a separate meeting be called to form a plan of action and way forward. Matt Hazelton will arrange and advise Council.

Cllr Chapman, Scowcroft and Willcox indicated an interest in the project in the first instance. Cllr Spicer suggested that Ixworth Village Hall Committee had recently undertaken a similar project and that it may be useful to liaise with them to get information and ideas.

Cllr Kemp raised an issue on behalf of a resident about a loose BT cover in Old Bury Road by Old Foundry House which needs attention as it is causing a lot of noise at night by traffic driving over it. Clerk will report it to BT.

4. **Report from:**

CCllr J Spicer has asked Steven Halls for a local meeting to complete the **Grundle Trash screen** agreement and is awaiting his availability.

The **ditches in Wyken Road** come under a different part of the Highways Section and Francesca Clark is responsible for this issue. At a meeting yesterday with CCllr Spicer, Francesca agreed to visit the area and inspect the ditches to see what further work could be done.

The Clerk reported that the road had flooded last week in a heavy downpour and was not draining away due to blocked drains (with mud and silt) and the ditches on the road side not being cleared by the land owner (Troston Farms) for the water to run into. CCllr Spicer will feed that back.

In relation to the **A143 30 mph request**, a response has now been received from David Chenery and the matter is under consideration. Costings have been requested for the budget meeting on 22 November.

CCllr Spicer has received the quote from David Brown for **Hedgerow cutting in George Hill**. She will take that forward as an urgent issue.

Cllr Scowcroft said that he was disappointed that they had cut the A143 over a series of nights recently and had had the equipment to cut the B1111 at the same time but it hadn't been done.

School transport – CCllr Spicer will be chairing a local group set up to look at options for transport and especially to Thurston School.

Planning application for the Old School – an email has been sent to the Property Management team at the County Council to ask for an update on the outstanding Planning application.

Park Farm Lane Rights of Way claim is to be progressed and will go to Committee in March 2019. She will be in attendance.

BCllr J Thorndyke reported that amalgamation issues are still dominating the agenda and there is now a discussion in relation to Council logo and whether the Council will have a Mayor or Chairman. However, as it will be a District Council it will have to have a Chairman and not a Mayor.

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the report enclosed with agenda.
6. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Miller and Willcox declared an interest in the accounts.
7. **Report from Village Hall Management Committee.** There has been no meeting to report on. Issues outstanding include the trees overhanging the VH roof. It was agreed that the Cllr Chapman will meet with the Chair of the VHMC to discuss the issue and approach the home owner to try and agree a course of action as there has been no response to the letter from the Clerk. The trees are subject of a TPO and therefore the work will require permission from the Planning Authority before it can be done.
8. **Matters for discussion:**
 - a. **The purchase of a Notice Board for George Hill** was approved at a cost of £530 ex VAT. Cooks Services has been asked to install the same.
 - b. **Damage to grass verges in The Street between Greenbanks and Burnham Lodge** Cllr Scowcroft reported damage from Contractors Vans to the grass verge at this development. Whilst accepting the reasons for the vans being parked on the verge he would like the owner to be responsible for the re instating the verges once the work has been completed. Clerk to write to owner's Agent requesting the same.
 - c. **Stanton Village Volunteers (SVV) project.** The Chairman reported a very successful start to the Village group with the container having been cleared and work on reclaiming the footpaths in The Street. The team has also been invaluable at the Fireworks event on both the Saturday and Sunday and were essential to its success. The Clerk was asked to thank all the volunteers on Social media, the web site and by submitting an article in the Steamer. Any Councillor with new projects to undertake is encouraged to let him know. The next session will be early December.
 - d. **Parking of private vehicles on grass verges near Hilltop Way.** The Chairman has spoken to residents and asked them to desist from parking on the grass but this cannot be enforced.
 - e. **Young person's activities** Cllr Willcox reported that she has some concerns for the future of the Toddler Group as there was a poor attendance on the last two sessions. She has met with the Reverend Cathy Bladen who is keen to support it and they will have a final push to see if it can be saved.

The Reverend and Cllr Willcox have also discussed the possibility of a family fun day in Summer 2019 along the lines of the fundraising event that was run locally this summer. Cllr Willcox suggested an Events working party to move the idea forward. Item for December agenda.
 - f. **Relocating the George Hill telephone kiosk to the Village Centre** Cllr Miller responded to a request from a resident and proposed that Council look in to relocating the George Hill Phone box to another area of the Village as had been done in Walsham le Willows. There was no seconder for the proposal and therefore the matter was not approved.
 - g. **Provision of a defibrillator North of the A143** – deferred to budget meeting.

9. Statutory Business/Governance – None

10. Accounts

- a. To approve and authorise the accounts as below

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Mr B Brown	86.45	14.41	72.04	Christmas tree sundries	LGA 1972 S144
Talk talk (Oct)	38.81	6.47	32.34	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
J Miller	6.99		6.99	Growmore for Village tubs	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Vertas	1556.72	259.46	1297.26	Grass Cutting Q3	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
F J Hart	79.53	3.79	75.74	Gas bottles for Beacon	LGA 1972 S144
K McDonald	150.07	24.97	125.10	Fireworks event sundries	LGA 1972 S144
Mrs J Hart	37.74	6.29	31.45	Village maintenance sundries	LGA 1972 S111
F J Hart	32.98	5.49	27.49	Sundries for Beacon event	LGA 1972 S144
David Brown Trees	780.00	130.00	650.00	Tree works George Hill	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Litter picker	33.60		33.60	Litter picker salary	LGA 1972 S111
S Willcox	59.00	9.83	49.17	Prizes for School WW1 competition	LGA 1972 S144
Staff salary	879.89		879.89	Clerks and street cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Bank Interest				3.40	
VAT refund Q2				2443.94	

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports - noted
b. Consultation on West Suffolk Draft Housing Strategy – previously circulated. Councillors have responded to the survey individually.

12. Planning Applications:

- a. **New Applications received –**

DC/18/1957/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. dwelling and associated car port (following demolition of existing barn and outbuildings) | Land Adjacent to Former Duke Street Nurseries Duke Street Stanton Suffolk (Messrs Webber, Cousins and Mulley)

RESPONSE - The proposed property is within the curtilage of the current residential area. It has been tastefully planned and has good access. It will be an improvement on the current building and will provide a good quality home. There are no objections.

DC/18/1983/TPO | TPO248(1997) - Tree Preservation Order - 1no. Oak (T1 on plan, within area A1 on order) fell | 78 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton IP31 2BN (Mrs Sharon)

RESPONSE - There are no objections to the removal of a diseased tree. Council would wish to see a suitable replacement.

DC/18/2117/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - Group of Holly and Leylandii (G1 on plan) prune to form a formal hedge of 1.8 metres in height and 1.5 metres in width | Stanton Methodist Church Old Bury Road Stanton Suffolk (Stanton Methodist Church)

RESPONSE - A nearby resident whose property is adjacent to this hedgerow has raised concerns in respect of loss of privacy and therefore the Council would seek to be reassured that the height of the hedgerow on the Church side remains at least 1.8 metres to ensure that this is not an issue.

DC/18/2160/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) single storey front, side and rear extensions (following demolition of existing rear extension, conservatory, chimney and single garage) (ii) new detached garage (iii) replace existing first floor render with timber weatherboarding (iv) new fenestrations | Colwen Cottage Wyken Road Stanton IP31 2DW. (Mr and Mrs Attridge)

RESPONSE - A very well planned extension which will be an asset once completed and will have little impact on the appearance of the property from the kerbside There are no objections.

b. Previous Applications decided

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-1473-HH	41 Honeymeade Close	Support	Approved	10/10/18
DC18-1427-TPO	Old Rectory Gardens	Support	Approved	05/10/18
DC18-1719-TPO	Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	26/10/18
DC18-1721-TPO	71 and 80 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	24/10/18

13. Correspondence

- a. L S re George Hill pavement being in a dangerous condition – this has been acknowledged by the Clerk and forwarded to County Councillor Spicer in relation to the request for hedge cutting

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.47pm

Minutes signed as correct..... N Chapman