

## **MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 9 August 2018 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** N Chapman (Chairman), F J Hart (Vice Chairman), L Morris, J Mann, B Brown, B Smithson, J Miller. M Scowcroft, J Frizzell, S Willcox, A Kemp.

Councillor Alan Kemp was welcomed to his first meeting by the Chairman.

**Also Present:** No other attendance

- 1. Apologies for absence:** CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting** on 12 July 2018 were approved by Cllr Smithson and seconded by Cllr Brown.
- 3. Public Forum:** Mr Dan Pennock from Healthwatch Suffolk gave a presentation in respect of his involvement with Stanton Surgery Patient Participation Group and also about the current work around mental health provision in Suffolk. After his presentation it was agreed that the Clerk should promote the Patient Participation Group (PPG) through the Facebook and web sites. Cllr Hart offered to sit on the PPG to represent the Parish Council. Chairman Neil Chapman thanked Mr Pennock for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

A resident was in attendance in respect of Item 8a – the hedgerow at 5 The Walks. The Chairman agreed to bring the item forward for discussion. It was proposed and seconded that the matter was not for the Parish Council to decide as they have no planning powers and therefore the matter be referred back to St Edmundsbury Planning enforcement for any necessary action required. Clerk to refer back to SEBC.

Two residents were in attendance in relation to the George Hill Working Party (as below).

- 4. Report from S C Cllr J Spicer and B Cllr J Thorndyke** – not present. No report received.
- 5. Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the Clerks Report.
- 6. Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 7. Report from Village Hall Management Committee** The VHMC has not yet met this month.
- 8. Matters for discussion:**
  - a. To discuss and agree course of Action in respect of hedgerow at 5 The Walks.** As per public forum above. Clerk to deal.
  - b. George Hill Working Group** Cllr Miller/Brown/Morris/Mann had met at the site on 17 July to assess the condition of the area including the telephone kiosk. Cllr Mann reported that the area had been planted up as a Woodland Area and he would like to see it remain so, however, a number of trees need attention – Clerk to contact David Brown Tree Surgeon to get a professional report.  
Councillors discussed possible repairs to the notice board and current seat on the site and the proposal from a resident present at the meeting to renew the seat as a family legacy and after discussion it was proposed that the Clerk would liaise with the resident to identify the type of seat that they would like to install in the area and refer it back to Council.

Another resident was keen to encourage Council to adopt the telephone kiosk and to make it into a village asset. They were happy to co-ordinate volunteers for the project. The Chairman suggested that Council should encourage self-sustaining funding for this type of project and that a suggestion to start a volunteer group by the resident was a good starting point to see how many residents would be interested in doing this to save the telephone kiosk.

Several Councillors were concerned at the proposal as it was believed that the telephone kiosk would have to be restored to a high specification, the cost of which to the Parish Council would be prohibitive in the longer term as the box would still be owned and maintained by the Council and had previously been vandalised on a number of occasions and even used as a toilet.

After further discussion it was agreed that further specifications of the 'adopt a kiosk' scheme were needed to make an informed decision. The Council had voted in 2016 to remove the kiosk but it would still be in situ until at least April 2019 due to a back log from BT.

Further details will be researched and the matter brought back to the September meeting.

**c. The budget for the Autumn planting of the Village flower tubs** – Deferred to September meeting.

**d. The Beacons of light Working Party** reported that the planning of the event was progressing well. Music will be provided on the day by the Stanton Music Group and the Military Wives choir. Stanton Community Primary School has now signed up to involve themselves in a competition for different age groups ranging from drawings/poems and letter writing. Prizes of book tokens could be given from within the WW1BOL budget. Next meeting is 17 September when plans will be finalised and advertised.

**e. Young Persons activities project** Cllr Willcox reported that the toddler Group was going well and she is hoping to be able to hand the group over soon. Helen Lindfield from SEBC was giving her some advice and help.

It was also noted that Stanton FC are putting on extra football for Children which was good to see and she would like to note their efforts to improve facilities in the village.

**f. The application for Recreation Ground Hire** on 2 September 2018 for a fund-raising fete for a local child with a life-threatening illness was approved at no cost. Clerk to advise hirer.

**g. The proposal for a funded PCSO for Stanton** was discussed but considered to be prohibitive at over £35000 per annum with limited weekend and evening working. Clerk to respond.

## 9. Statutory Business/Governance

**a.** The subject **Access Request Procedure** was approved

**10. Accounts** approved and authorised by Cllr Mann and Cllr Brown. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Kemp be added as a signatory to the accounts. Clerk to deal.

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Anglia Surface Care	252.00	42.00	210.00	Cleaning, weeding basketball Ct	Public Health Act 1875, s164
Talk talk (July)	39.37	6.56	32.81	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Fantastic Fireworks	2385.53	397.59	1987.94	Fireworks order for November	LGA 1972 S144
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SALC	20.40	3.40	17.00	Clerks Networking Course	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs J Hart	43.20		43.20	Travel expenses - Clerk	LGA 1972 S111
Command Pest	66.00	11.00	55.00	Wasps nest treatment	Open spaces Act 1906, ss 9 ,10
Staff salaries	978.70		978.70	Clerk and Street Cleaner	LGA 1972 S112
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Stanton FC		122.08		Floodlights -17-18 season	
VHMC		207.14		Village Hall water refund	
HMRC		832.23		VAT refund Q1 18-19	
Lloyds		3.89		Bank Interest	

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

- a. **Cemetery Gates – St Johns Closed Churchyard.** A response has been received from SEBC that the condition of the gates will be monitored for future repairs
- b. Safety Camera Team response to **Hepworth Road speeding** HGV's was noted. Clerk to advise the resident who attended the meeting last month, that the Safety Camera team have undertaken a recent survey and have assessed Hepworth Road as not within the criteria for speed enforcement at the present time.
- c. **Civic Leadership Review** – noted. Cllrs to respond as individuals as this is a public review.
- d. Suffolk CC Rights of Way team re **Park Farm Drive.** The Parish Council has been notified that the request for a right of way on Park Farm Drive has been accepted by Suffolk County Council and will now be processed in due course but is likely to take up to two years to progress.
- e. **Play Area Inspection findings** – 5 July 2018. Noted – remedial works are in hand in respect of minor issues assessed as very low risk.

**12. Planning Applications: New Applications received –**

DC/18/1281/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. dwelling and access (resubmission of DC/17/2270/FUL) | Mount Farm Upthorpe Road Stanton IP31 2AP  
**RESPONSE** – No objections

**Previous Applications decided**

Reference	Address	PCC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-0700-TPO	113 Shepherds Grove Park	Support	Approved	12/07/18
DC18-0935-ADV	Potash Farm	Support	Approved	19/07/18
DC18-1030-TPO	2 Bobbys Way	Support	Approved	20/07/18

**13. Correspondence**

- a. Mr B re dog fouling posters. Council commented that the language used in this communication was distasteful and unnecessary. The email is critical of posters in the Village asking residents to clean up after their dog.  
 The Posters in question are produced by SEBC and were placed by the Clerk after complaints. The email was addressed to SEBC and has been responded to by them. No further action required.
- b. Mrs C re Hedgerow – Upthorpe Road which is very overgrown. Council were advised that the land owner has now cut this back after the matter was reported to Highways by the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.10pm

Minutes signed as correct..... N Chapman