

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 12 September 2019 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: F J Hart (Chair), B Smithson (Vice-chair), J Miller, J Frizzell, A Shelton, P Smith, S Willcox, B Gordon, A Kemp, M Scowcroft.

Also Present: DCllr J Thorndyke, CCllr J Spicer.

Councillors observed a minute's silence in remembrance of retired Councillor John Mann MBE

(Cllr Miller asked that a donation to the Scouting Association be made in his memory – this to be considered at the next meeting)

1. Apologies for absence accepted: B Brown

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 8 August 2019 were approved with a slight amendment to the date for the Boyer Planning Meeting

3. Public Forum:

Squadron Leader Mark Fixter who is the RAF Honington Community Engagement Officer was present to meet Councillors and observe the meeting. He was welcomed by the Chair.

Two members of Stanton FC presented Council with details of floodlighting they are seeking to install at the tree line on the Recreation Ground at a cost of £6110.78 plus VAT. The Football Club are seeking a contribution to the cost. The works included an additional quotation for the replacement of the lights on the MUGA (owned by the Parish Council) to LED at a cost of £6534 plus VAT.

After discussion, the football club was asked to make enquiries about funding available elsewhere and report back to the October meeting to give Councillors a chance to view the plans and consider the costs and benefits involved of having lighting (which could also be utilised for Council events such as the Annual Fireworks display).

(Footnote – it is believed that the installation of floodlights also requires planning permission and enquiries will be made with West Suffolk District Council in respect of this by the Clerk.)

4. Report from:

a. D Cllr J Thorndyke

West Suffolk Council has commenced a review of the local plan which will set out the long-term planning and land use policies for the area. It is anticipated that it will be out to public consultation before Christmas. The timeline is available on the Local Development Scheme – which can be accessed at (https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/Planning_Policies/upload/Local-Development-Scheme-June-2019.pdf)

The master plan for Shepherds Grove is moving forward taking into account what residents said at the February meeting and it may not be too long before the plans are ready to be seen.

Residents are being reminded to have their say to shape the proposals for the multi-million Western Way Development in Bury St Edmunds. If agreed the development would deliver new community facilities and integrated public services. People can make their views known on initial ideas around the use of the building as well as on suggested improvements to highway junctions to cope with an increase in traffic in the local area.

The deadline for applications for the Community Chest is the end of this month. It's open to charities, community groups and voluntary orgs.

The planning application for the Tripp Batt site has now been received and is available for public comment under reference DC/19/1714/FUL

The Rural taskforce is holding special meetings across the area, including one at the Stanton Community Village Hall between 5.30pm and 7pm on Wednesday 18 September so that the results of the consultation can be fed into the local plan. The review will encompass all of West Suffolk's areas, in order to understand the issues and opportunities that all rural or all urban areas have in common, as well as those facing specific localities. DCllr Thorndyke has circulated the invitation to local residents.

Apologies for the overflowing dog waste bins. It is hoped that after several phone calls they have been collected today (Thursday 10/9/19)

The overgrown property in Bury Lane has now been cleared inside to avoid any further issues with vermin.

b. Report from CClr Spicer

Pleased to note that Squadron Leader Fixter is present at the meeting. It is understood that Home Start scheme is going ahead at the Bluebell Children's Centre although has not as yet had any feedback re numbers attending.

CCllr Spicer has met with Speed watch co-ordinator Peter Palmer to discuss his work with the speed watch team and discuss a way forward. The Parish Council are very lucky to have had Peter and the amount of work he has put in to make the scheme a success but it is essential that the Parish Council are the official sponsors of the scheme and suggested a meeting with the remaining speed watch team which she will set up.

Council should also consider setting up a Road Safety Group to meet on a regular basis with the Speed watch team.

An email has been received from a resident in respect of a Silver Mercedes in Upthorpe Road which appears to be abandoned. The Police have been advised and can take no action. Clerk will report it to West Suffolk District Council as abandoned.

Notification has been received of roadworks in early October on the A14 which will involve a diversionary route overnight on the A143 and A140.

The development of the Old School has been revisited and it looks as if the County Council may be withdrawing the 2017 plans and starting again. Should this happen she may wish to call another site meeting to protect the Village Green aspect of the site.

The dropped kerb on Old Bury Road is still work in progress.

Wish to put on record that she was very sorry to hear the news of the passing of Retired Councillor John Mann MBE after long service with the Council.

4. Clerk's Report: There were no queries with the Clerks report.

5. Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Hart, Kemp and Shelton declared an interest in the accounts.

6. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/19/1280/OUT | Outline Planning Application (All matters reserved) - 2no. dwellings | Lakelin House Barningham Road Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DU

RESPONSE Councillors were concerned that the high hedge at the entrance to the B1111 would hinder the visibility splay for traffic exiting the properties and this would need to be addressed when considering the means of access.

DC/19/1698/FUL | Planning Application - Change of use from vacant land to Class B8 (storage and distribution) for storage of machinery in association with adjacent manufacturing premises | Shelbourne Reynolds Engineering Ltd Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate Stanton IP31 2AR

RESPONSE There are no objections to this application.
Shelbourne are thanked for their enhanced planting and screening of this area.

DC/19/1753/TCA | Trees in a Conservation Area Notification - 1no. Maple (T1 on plan) - overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres | Greenbanks The Street Stanton IP31 2DQ

RESPONSE There are no objections to this crown reduction

b. Previous applications decided

| Reference | Address | PC decision | St Eds decision | Decision date |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| DC19-1218-TPO | Corner Fordhams Close and Bury La | Support | Approved | 13/08/19 |
| DC19-1208-OUT | Old Bury Road | Support | Approved | 04/09/19 |
| DC-19-1429-TCA | 30 The Street | Meeting not quorate | Approved | 30/08/19 |

c. Other Planning Issues

Letter re Notice of Application for Tripp Batt site – Application received from WSC but too late for Agenda. – *Action - Clerk to seek extension to 1 October deadline for consultation to allow time to seek resident views.*

7. Statutory Business/Governance

- a. The application for a Quality Award was approved. Cllr Smithson congratulated the Clerk on completing the application and acknowledged the work that had gone in to do so. *Action – Clerk to submit application to NALC*
- b. The Annual Report 2019 was approved for publication. *Action – Clerk to publish on website and link to social media*
- c. Due to the passing of Cllr Mann, a vacancy has arisen on the Land Trust Committee. After discussion it was resolved that Cllr Hart will undertake the role.

8. Report from Village Hall management Committee – Cllr Shelton gave the following report –

The Village hall had its AGM on the 12th August. Jim Thorndyke was re-elected as Chairman Virginia Lamboll as secretary. John Stynes has stepped down as Treasurer, after many years of excellent service. Nigel Wallace is to continue as Village hall Designated Premises Supervisor and is also the Stanton Football Club rep. Christine Majors is rep for the Friendship Club. Nanette Shelton is rep for the Stanton Cinema. Alan Shelton is rep for the Parish Council. Chris Thorndyke is Booking Secretary.

Unfortunately, the village hall is now without a Treasurer at this time as no one offered to take on this role.

A report was read out by the chairman of the many improvements to the hall over the last 12 months. New guttering, and solar panels to name but two.

After the AGM the normal monthly meeting took place.

Items discussed included the current position regarding the CCTV handover, Main hall quote for LED lighting, Village hall open day, Bingo night and casino night events.

A request was made to change to quarterly meetings, after discussion it was agreed that meetings would be bi monthly The next meeting being in October.

It was decided that future meetings would change from Tuesday to Monday evening.

Due to personal and new family commitments, I am unable to attend on Mondays.

I therefore will have to step down as VH rep for the PC

The Chair thanked Cllr Shelton for his report and asked Councillors to consider the position of Village Hall Liaison.

9. Matters for discussion:

- a. Cllr Smith presented a report in relation to the purchase of a replacement bench for Jacobs Close at a cost of £470 +VAT with an additional cost of £140 + VAT to remove and dispose of the old one. Councillors were also advised of a quotation to repair the bench by Cooks Services at a cost of £283.72 to replace the slats. After discussion Councillors resolved to replace the bench with one Councillor abstaining. *Action – Clerk to order bench*
- b. To discuss outstanding issues in respect of the Mill View development, Rose and Crown development and missing and damaged Village name signs - this item was deferred due to the absence of Councillor Brown.
- c. Cllr Frizzell proposed that a litter bin be provided in the green area at the bottom of The Chase due to a significant problem with litter. After discussion it was resolved that a litter bin be sourced and that the street cleaner would be tasked to attend to this area on a weekly basis. *Action – Clerk to source with costings*
- d. Cllr Gordon made a presentation to Councillors in respect of a proposal to purchase outdoor table tennis tables to be located on the basketball Court Area at a cost of £1200 for two with additional fixing costs of up to £280 each table.

This purchase would be at a special price through the 'Most Active County' initiative in partnership with Suffolk County Council. It was proposed that the Basketball structure which is dated and in need of attention be removed and the area resurfaced prior to installation of the tables. Three quotations for resurfacing the area had been obtained between £2580 and £2907.50 + VAT. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Kemp.

Councillors then voiced some concern at the loss of the Basketball facility which Cllr Willcox said was used and proposed an amendment to the project that the cost of extending the area to provide a new surface adjacent to the basketball court for the table tennis tables be explored and the original contractors be asked to provide a quote for the same so that Council could keep the basketball area as well as provide a new area for the table tennis tables.

Cllrs were asked to vote on proposal one to remove the basketball structure – with a result of 3 for, 4 against and 3 abstainers.

Cllrs were then asked to vote on the amended proposal to seek further quotes for the extension of the area – with a result of 5 for, 2 against and 3 abstainers.

It was therefore resolved that the matter will be brought back to the October meeting in respect of the amended proposal. *Action - Clerk will make contact with the contractors to get further quotes.*

- e. Cllr Gordon gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Watch and the need to protect ourselves as a community against crime. Details of local incidents were reported at the presentation along with the advantages of having a scheme in the Village which he was willing to facilitate. Cllr Gordon proposed that signs be purchased for display in the Village.

After discussion Cllr Smith suggested that it would be advantageous to liaise with the official Neighbourhood Watch scheme so that Council purchased the correct signage and followed the guidelines for setting up such a scheme.

After discussion it was resolved that Cllr Smith would look at the Suffolk Police scheme and the matter be brought back to the October meeting for Council to consider the proposal to join.

- f. Vote for a DBS check for every Councillor (Cllr Gordon) – due to time constraints this item was deferred to the October meeting.
- g. The quotations for works to replace drop down bollards with a removeable barrier from Cooks Services were approved. *Action – Clerk to advise Cooks Services*

- h. A budget for wildflower seed planting and improvements to the George Hill Common Land were approved up to a value of £50

10. Accounts

- a. The accounts as below were approved for payment. Total held in bank account as at 310819 is £87310.52

| PAYMENTS | £GROSS | £VAT | £NET | WHAT FOR | EXP. POWER |
|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|---|----------------------------------|
| Alan Kemp Electrical | 57.60 | 9.60 | 48.00 | Materials for installation of defib | Public Health Act 1936, s234 |
| Scottish Power | 20.93 | 1.00 | 19.93 | Electricity - Pump House | LGA 1972 S111 |
| Mr A Shelton | 19.28 | | 19.28 | No vehicles sign | Crime and disorder Act 1998, s17 |
| Now TV | 26.00 | | 26.00 | Phone and Broadband | LGA 1972 S111 |
| Scottish Power | 20.01 | 1.02 | 18.99 | Electricity - Floodlights | LGA 1972 S111 |
| Anglian Water | 5.00 | | 5.00 | Monthly water charges - Pumping Station | LGA 1972 S111 |
| Suffolk Pest Control | 122.40 | 20.40 | 102.00 | Mole treatment - Recreation ground | Public Health Act 1875, s164 |
| Staff Salaries | 1014.92 | | 1014.92 | Litter Picker, Street Cleaner and Clerk | LGA 1972 S111 |
| Mrs J Hart | 59.60 | | 59.60 | Mileage claim for training - Clerk | LGA 1972 S111 |
| HMRC | 320.00 | | 320.00 | PAYE Q2 | LGA 1972 S111 |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Lloyds Bank Interest | | | 3.75 | | |

11. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports – July 2019. Noted no items of concern.
- b. Cemetery Gates replacement – the Cemeteries Manager has written to Council to propose that the wooden gates to the Closed Churchyard be sympathetically replaced with a new sidegate and wooden fencing. This would mean that all access to the Churchyard and Cemetery would be through the metal gates. Cllrs had no objections but asked whether the District Council had advised the with the Historic Churches Commission of the same. Councillors were also advised that the Cemetery gates had recently been repainted by a local business. *Action – Clerk to respond to Cemetery Manager*
- c. Confirmation of Order for Park Farm Drive right of Way (Subject to High Court Objection Period ending on 8 October 2019). Noted. The Clerk will notify the Council of any objections received before the October deadline.
- d. Highways re revised grit bin guidance – noted. *Action - Clerk to advise Highways of the location of Stanton grit bins.*

12. Correspondence

- a. BL re Atrial Fibrillation presentation – this has been forwarded to the Steamer for publication.
- b. SS re found dog in Bury Lane. DCllr Thorndyke reported that this matter has been dealt with and the Council and RSPCA have been involved and at the present time have found no cause for concern.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.32pm

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