

MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 14 February 2019 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, B Brown, A Kemp, C Jay, M Scowcroft, A Shelton.

Also Present: CCllr Joanna Spicer, BCllr Jim Thorndyke.

1. **Apologies for absence accepted:** All Councillors present.
2. **The minutes of the previous meeting on 10 January 2019** were approved
3. **Public Forum:** A resident reported a mole problem in the Cemetery on Bardwell Road. Clerk instructed to appoint a mole catcher.

Allan Scott-Davies, a trustee of 'Sow to Grow' located at Upthorpe Wood, Stanton, attended the meeting to update Councillors on the activities undertaken at the location which included half term 'go wild' activities and an Easter egg hunt. They had also hosted wedding receptions at the site. The venture is a Charity which was set up for children with special needs and they work closely with the Priory School from Bury St Edmunds. The aim is for children to explore outside in a safe environment. The planning application to be discussed (DC/18/271/FUL on the Agenda) concerned a story telling house, barn and office space which was essential to allow the venture to continue to be successful. Councillors were welcome to visit the venture by prior arrangement to ensure staff were on the premises. The Chair thanked Mr Scott-Davies for attending.

4. **Report from:**

- a. **S C Cllr J Spicer** reported that **George Hill** hedgerow has been approved to be cut and the footpath 'skirted'. Work should start in the next ten days and be completed before the end of February.

Works for the **dropped kerb in Old Bury Road** has been ordered and should be completed in the next two months.

The **Park Farm Rights of Way claim** has been deferred to the next committee meeting on Tuesday 30 April at Ipswich.

On local planning issues it is understood that the plans are going to be resubmitted shortly for the **Old Primary school site** and the **Caretakers bungalow** at the School site on Upthorpe Road is due to go for Auction shortly.

A meeting has been held at West Suffolk House in respect of the completion of the entrance to the **Rose and Crown development**. Councillor Hart and Brown attended. CCllr Spicer had complete confidence that the right people were at the meeting and there were discussions around the landing point on the opposite side of the road, visibility and a pavement. There has been an agreement for the work to be completed.

There had been no update on the **A143 traffic survey** – she will chase the County Council.

CCllr Spicer reported that may be able to contribute to the cost of the proposal to site a **new street light** at the entrance to the Recreation ground. Matter to be discussed later in the meeting.

Cllr Brown asked CCllr Spicer about the delayed plans to adopt the Mill View development estate and commented that it was taking far too long to do so. There were still issues around Gilbert Road being used as a rat run and parking issues. Cllr Brown asked if there were any objections to him contacting the engineer Sam Bye directly to discuss. CCllr Spicer confirmed that it was in order for him to do so.

- b. **B Cllr J Thorndyke** reported that the **Council tax rates** for 2019/20 have been approved. The 'shadow council' – councillors from both the existing St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath councils – met on February 19, where the budget was approved. Forest Heath homes will see a small increase in council tax of £4.95 (for a Band D property) for the year, while St Edmundsbury's level remains unchanged. That is as a result of a plan to align the two existing councils' levels over a seven year period for the new West Suffolk Council, which replaces the two existing authorities from May.

The prices for **recycling materials** i.e at Stanton recreation Ground have been adjusted slightly to fall in line with Forest Heath who have seen a reduction in their prices. Battery recycling will cease as the major supermarkets now have a responsibility to offer a return service.

As has already been reported by Councillor Spicer, new plans have been submitted for the **old school** site at Bury Lane and will be available to the public shortly. There has been a slight change to the access lay out.

The Shepherds Grove Master plan has now been published and can be accessed via the internet at - <http://www.shepherdsgrovestanton-masterplan.co.uk/> which goes live on the 15th February. There is as yet no formal planning permission and residents are encouraged to look at the plan.

5. **Clerk's Report:** There were no queries with the report enclosed with agenda.

6. **Statutory Business/Governance**

- a. The **Community Engagement Strategy** was approved for publication.
- b. The **Action Plan for 2019-2020** for Village projects as agreed at the Budget meeting in November 2018 was approved.

7. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Scowcroft declared an interest in item 12c.

8. **Matters for discussion:**

- a. **The Annual Litter Pick** arranged by Cllr Smithson was agreed as Saturday 16 March 2019. Clerk to circulate and ask West Suffolk if they could supply bin bags and litter pickers.
- b. The **Annual Parish Assembly and Community Recognition Awards** was agreed to take place on Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7pm in the Community Village Hall. Clerk to circulate date and nomination forms for Annual Awards.
- c. Cllr Hart updated Council on the progress of a proposal to install **Electric Vehicle Charging points** in the Village. Further work is needed and will be reported on in due course.
- d. The provision of an **additional street light** at the entrance to the Recreation ground at a cost of £1,916.11 plus VAT was proposed by Cllr Miller and approved. Councillor Spicer has offered to contribute to the cost. Clerk to arrange.
- e. Cllr Shelton reported **repairs needed to a low brick wall** in The Street at the entrance to All Saints Church. At the same time could the planter be moved to stop people cutting across the grassed area. This was approved. Clerk to arrange with local trades.
- f. Cllr Brown reported **parking issues on Gilbert Road**. He is in liaison with Crabtree Management and Suffolk CC in respect of this and urged residents to park considerately.
- g. Quotations for works to **extend the Recreation Ground car park** were discussed. Further work on this project is needed and will be reported on in due course by Cllr Hart.
- h. The proposal to **renew/extend the MUGA and provide a 4G football pitch** and new changing rooms is still in its infancy. A feasibility study is being arranged prior to any further work. Cllr Hart is attending meetings with the proposers to stay in the loop.
- i. Anglia Surface care who has completed the **cleaning of the MUGA and tennis court** for some years has reported a need for the Council to consider more major works as the surface is now breaking up and needs remedial work. Clerk to ask ASC for quotations for repair and resurfacing.
- j. Cllr Kemp has received a complaint of **littering from discarded posters** and posters for past events not being removed after the event has past. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will remind event organisers where relevant and the street cleaner will be asked to remove any fly posters or out of date event posters in the future.
- k. Cllr Kemp reported receiving a complaint from a resident about **mud on the road in Duke Street North and damage to grass verges on the A143** caused by Contractors removing sugar beet from an adjoining field. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the contractor to ask them to reinstate the verge and to clear the mud and also to report the damaged verges to Suffolk CC Highways.
- l. Cllr Kemp reported having been informed of **Anti-social behaviour taking place in the bus shelter** in The Street. This has already been reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team by the

Clerk due to an earlier complaint and Councillors commented that the situation seems to have eased. To be monitored and any further complaints notified to the Clerk.

- m. Cllr Kemp has received a complaint in respect of **building materials on the road in Old Barningham Road**. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the home owner and ask him to remove the materials.

9. Correspondence from County and Borough Councils

- a. Play Area Inspection Reports – January 2019 - Noted
- b. Housing Register update – Cllr Mildmay -White – Noted and circulated via Social media and Web site.
- c. Play Area Inspections – Service Level Agreement 2019-2021 - Approved and to be sent back by the Clerk.

10. Financial

- a. Approval of the payments and receipts as below

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
Cook Services	407.59		407.59	Install bench, notice board and bollard	LGA 1972, s142
Talk talk (Jan)	37.50	6.25	31.25	Monthly telephone and broadband	LGA 1972 S111
Browns Tree service	2748.00	458.00	2290.00	Bury Lane hedgerow works	Highways Act 1980 s96
Anglian Water	4.00		4.00	Water charges pumping station	LGA 1972 S111
N H Rayson	360.00	60.00	300.00	Hedge Cutting Cemetery and field	LGA 1972, s214 (6)
Smith of Derby	615.60	102.60	513.00	3 Year Service plan - Clock tower	Parish Councils Act 1957, s2
Vertas	1556.72	259.46	1297.26	Grass Cutting Q4	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10
Staff Salaries	917.69		917.69	Litter picker, street cleaner and Clerk	LGA 1972 S112
RECEIPTS					
Bank Interest					3.11
HMRC - VAT refund Q3					317.92

11. Planning Applications:

a. New Applications received

DC/18/2271/FUL | Planning Application - (i) Extension to existing barn (part retrospective) (ii) storey telling hut (retrospective) and (iii) 1no. art workshop/meeting room | And Sow To Grow Upton Wood Readings Lane Stanton Suffolk IP31 2FH

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/18/2417/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. garage | 15 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AY (Berkeley Leisure Group)

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/19/0058/FUL | Planning Application - Single storey extension to existing building | Shelbourne Reynolds Engineering Ltd Shepherds Grove Industrial Estate Stanton IP31 2AR

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

DC/19/0198/FUL | Planning Application - Double garage | Land Adjacent To 71 Shepherds Grove Park Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2AZ (Berkeley Leisure Group)

RESPONSE – There are no objections to this application

b. Previous applications decided

Reference	Address	PC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC18-2194-FUL	Wyken Hall	Support	Approved	10/01/19
DC18-2089-FUL	Unit 30 Shepherds Grove Pk In Est	Support	Approved	09/01/19

12. Correspondence and items for noting:

- a. **KB – Anti Social behaviour in the Village.** The correspondent reported youths swearing and being abusive to passers-by as well as climbing on the roof of the bus shelter and asking people to buy alcohol at the local shop for them. The Clerk has already reported this matter to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the situation appears to have eased. To be monitored.
- b. **TK – Re Parking problems outside Primary School.** The correspondent recorded photographs of cars parked across the pavements outside the school causing an obstruction. The Clerk has referred this matter to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and to the School and the correspondent has been advised to do the same as the Parish Council has no powers to deal with parking and obstruction. On the day in question there was an event at the school and the problem was caused by visitors. The School is very proactive in asking parents to park responsibly.
- c. **OJ – re Rose and Crown Court crossing points and safety –** A resident of the new development reported concerns in respect of the access to the development and safety in crossing the main road due to the lack of a footpath. The Parish Council has an ongoing project around this issue and has already been in consultation with Suffolk CC about reducing the speed limit through the Village to 30mph and is awaiting speed monitor cables being installed. A meeting has been held recently in respect of more immediate works as reported by CClr Spicer above. CClr Spicer has responded directly to OJ.
- d. **S106 Donation Acknowledgement –** Ixworth Patients Association thanked the Council for a £50 donation.
- e. **S106 Donation Acknowledgement –** The Royal British legion thanked the Council for a £50 donation.
- f. **FM -Request for hedge Cutting –** Old Bury Road. This has been referred to the Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council who will arrange an inspection on the footpath side. The Road side has recently been cut by Shelbourne Reynolds. Clerk to write letter of thanks to Shelbourne.
- g. **SC re parking – Hilltop Way –** It was noted that the correspondent wished to point out that it was illegal to drive across a footpath. Previous minutes referred to the Parish Council having no powers to deal with Road Traffic offences and this was a matter for the police to enforce. Clerk to acknowledge – With apologies tendered for ambiguous minutes.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.35pm

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