

## **MINUTES of the Meeting of Stanton Parish Council held on 8 August 2019 at Stanton Community Village Hall at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** B Smithson (Vice-chair), J Miller, J Frizzell, B Brown, A Shelton, P Smith, S Willcox, B Gordon.  
**Also Present:** DCllr J Thorndyke.

**1. Apologies for absence accepted:** A Kemp, F J Hart, M Scowcroft, CCllr J Spicer

**2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 11 July 2019 were approved.**

**3. Public Forum:**

No Members of the public were present.

**4. Report from:**

**a. B Cllr J Thorndyke**

Grass Cutting seems to have caught up although St Johns Churchyard was last cut on 12 July. DCllr Thorndyke has been in contact with the supervisor for Grass cutting and it will hopefully get better.

There was a slight hiccup with bin collections in Upthorpe Road last Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This was due to confusion after the route was changed. The bins were collected on Tuesday 6 August.

A panel has now been set up to look at all grants including Community Chest. RIGS grant has now gone but other grant sources are available. The Councillor locality budget has been increased by a small amount.

The Overview and Scrutiny committee is leading a review of car parks and there is a new Environment panel and a Rural panel looking at village resources.

Cllr Smithson proposed that item 13a be brought forward for discussion. There were no objections.

Cllr Smithson asked DCllr Thorndyke if any progress had been made on the issue of parking at Hilltop. This issue is still being looked at by him and he has sought the views of Highways but is awaiting their response.

Cllr Frizzell was concerned that the proposals would erode a green 'play' area and force children to play nearer to the busy B1111 and was therefore concerned for safety reasons.

**5. Clerks Report –** there were no queries with the report submitted by the Clerk.

**6. Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda

**7. Planning Applications:**

**b. New Applications received**

DC/19/1399/TE3 | Notification under section 4 of the Communications Act 2003 - Removal of public payphone | Telephone Box The Street Stanton Suffolk

**RESPONSE** Councillors agreed that the kiosk was regularly vandalised and as most people now had mobile phones there was little use for the kiosk although it was regrettable that the resource would be lost especially as the Village now had 3 defibrillators and the signal from nearby masts was sporadic.

Cllr Frizzell asked DCllr Thorndyke if he had any update on the application by the Co-op to develop the Tripp Batt site. DCllr Thorndyke said that nothing had yet been received by the planning department.

**c. Previous applications decided**

Reference	Address	PC decision	St Eds decision	Decision date
DC19-0281-HH	Mulberry Barn Duke Street	Support	Approved	09/07/19
DC19-1013-HH	2 Culvers Meadow	Support	Approved	08/07/19
DC19-1054-HH	7 North Close	Support	Approved	11/07/19
DCON-17-2518	Plot 2 Rose and Crown Court	Insufficient information	Approved	18/07/19

#### d. Other Planning Issues

The Bloor homes/Boyer planning workshop will go ahead on Weds 14 Sept for invited delegates at this stage. A more public consultation would be held in due course.

#### 8. Statutory Business/Governance - None

#### 9. Report from Village Hall management Committee – Cllr Shelton reported

The VHMC agreed to the request for a "no unauthorised vehicles beyond this point " sign to be fastened on the wall to the right-hand side of the main door. This has been ordered.

There was a concern raised regarding ownership of the pole to be used for the moving of the CCTV camera. The Clerk is currently making enquiries with Suffolk CC

Village hall management committee AGM confirmed as the 12th August at 7pm

He was asked to pass on concerns over a child's motorbike seen being used on the recreation grounds.

#### 10. Matters for discussion:

- a. **Stanton Fun Day.** Cllr Willcox reported that the organisers have been working very hard and it was great that the event was offering some good attractions for children. Councillors would be welcome to help out on the day if they were available.
- b. **Younger Community/Youth Activities** Cllr Willcox is in liaison with Thurston Community College. They have suggested a survey similar to one circulated by Thurston PC as part of their Village Plan. The questionnaire would need to be reworded to suit Stanton and it was hoped that this could be introduced to the Thurston CC students in September. IES Ixworth has not yet responded.
- c. **Replacement bench for Jacobs Close** Cllr Smith reported that the bench is damaged and therefore a hazard. After discussion Cllr Shelton proposed that the bench be removed and replaced with a new one. This was seconded and Cllr Smith will look at sourcing a similar bench to that in George Hill.
- d. **VE Day celebrations** Cllr Smith updated Council on his inaugural meeting with the Royal British Legion who are keen to support the celebration on the weekend of 8-10 May 2020. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will circulate a request for residents to join the working party to discuss possible events in the Village over that weekend.
- e. **Litter bin in the Skate Park** Cllr Gordon proposed that a litter bin be purchased for the area of the skate park. After discussion this was seconded. Clerk to check a bin in storage in the clock tower to see if it is suitable.
- f. **Outdoor table tennis table** Cllr Gordon presented a proposal for a table tennis table to be sited on the recreation ground. Various options had been researched and explored and Cllrs commended Cllr Gordon on a very comprehensive research and presentation. Council agreed in principle to the proposal with Cllr Gordon instructed to work up costings based on the preferred table and surface and to explore any possible grants available to assist with the cost.
- g. **DBS checks for Councillors working with young persons** Cllr Gordon is hoping to be involved in organising activities for young persons in the future and asked Council to meet the cost of an enhanced DBS check for him. This was proposed and seconded. Clerk to deal.
- h. **Autumn planting of the Village flower tubs** Cllr Miller asked Council to approve a budget for the plants – exact cost not yet known. It was proposed and seconded that a budget of up to £100 be set for the plants.

- i. **Funding from the West Suffolk Council Community Chest** Cllr Miller asked Councillors to consider projects that could be funded by these grants. A list of the grants awarded in the last two years was circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Smithson suggested that the time frame was very short and suggested that the Council concentrate on working up a business case for application to the grants in 2020. Cllr Gordon agreed to take on research in this area and will report back in due course.

## 11. Accounts

- a. The External Auditor Report for the Accounts 2018-19 was received.
- b. The accounts as below were approved for payment. Cllr Smithson suggested that some of the monies in the bank account could be transferred to a higher interest account in the short term. The Clerk will make enquiries to see what is available. Total held in bank account as at 31/07/19 is £91509.84

PAYMENTS	£GROSS	£VAT	£NET	WHAT FOR	EXP. POWER
St John Ambulance	144.00	24.00	120.00	First Aid Cover - outdoor Cinema	S137 LGA 1972
Anglian Water	5.00		5.00	Monthly water charges - Pumping Station	LGA 1972 S111
Proscape	264.00	44.00	220.00	Play Area loose post repairs	LG (MP) Act 1976 s19
SALC	82.80	13.80	69.00	Councillor Briefings	LGA 1972 S111
Mrs J Hart	65.72	10.94	54.78	Spade, gloves, padlock for village maintenance	LGA 1972 S111
SLCC	84.00	14.00	70.00	Clerk Training- Using social media	LGA 1972 S112
SLCC	84.00	14.00	70.00	Clerk Training - website accessibility	LGA 1972 S112
Vertas	764.06	127.34	636.72	Grass Cutting Q2 - Rec Ground	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Vertas	344.30	57.38	286.92	Grass Cutting Q2 - Cemetery	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Vertas	448.49	74.75	373.74	Grass Cutting Q2 - Village	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
Hillcrest Nurseries	453.36	75.56	377.80	Summer planting - Village tubs	Open spaces Act 1906, ss9 and 10
G Miller	98.52		98.52	Quarterly Toilet Cleaning - Public toilet	Public Health Act 1936, s87
PKF Littlejohn	360.00	60.00	300.00	Annual Audit - External	Accounts and Audit Regulations
Staff Salaries	1000.00		1000.00	Street Cleaner, Litter picker, Clerk	LGA 1972 S112
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Lloyds Bank Interest			3.89		
VHMC water refund			214.62		
HMRC VAT Repay Q1 19-20			1257.20		

## 12. Correspondence from Borough and County Councils

- a. Working together across West Suffolk – Cllr Robert Everett – Noted. Clerk to respond.
- b. West Suffolk Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 2019 consultation. Cllr Willcox will prepare a response on behalf of the Council
- c. Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint local plan consultation (July 2019). Councillor Smithson will prepare a response on behalf of the Council

## 13. Correspondence

- a. GA re Hilltop Way Parking situation – being dealt with by DCllr Thorndyke as above.
- b. RC re Parking on Upthorpe Road. Cllr Brown suggested that the adoption of the roads on the Mill View development may provide opportunities to address these issues but if the Police are unwilling to do any more then there is little that the Council can do. The Clerk has contacted the SNT to ask what action has been taken to date in respect of a silver car facing the wrong way in Upthorpe Road and parked closely to a junction causing an obstruction to oncoming HGV's.
- c. SALC Review of governance arrangements and constitution - consultation with members. Noted. Clerk to respond

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.28pm

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