

STANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church, Stanfield.

Councillors Present: - Cllrs I Thompson, D Daniels, Cllr S Collings and R Duffield.
Others Present:- 2 Electors and Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed those present. There were apologies for absence received from Cllr L Walker and these were accepted. County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Robin Hunter-Clarke also sent apologies for absence.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda.

There were no Interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2024.

The minutes had been circulated. The Clerk relayed the main points of the minutes to the Public present. Cllr Collings proposed the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried. Cllr Thompson signed the minutes.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of November (not on the agenda).

Regarding the Fuel Allotment land, the Agreement comes to its end at the end of April. If the land was to be relet, a year's notice is required. If the Trustees are content with the tenant, then it can 'roll on' year on year. Cllr Daniels is of the opinion the current tenant should remain. He has been a worthy tenant and has refenced the land. Cllr Duffield proposed we remain with the current tenant, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

A member of the public present thanked Cllr Daniels for clearing the footpath. The situation regarding the caravans down Back Lane were discussed and the Clerk explained she had received an email from the Planning Department at Breckland, stating that the situation is being looked into.

Both Cllr Kiddle-Morris and Cllr Hunter-Clarke had sent reports and they will be put on the website.

5. To discuss any Correspondence received.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues.

3PL/2024/1109/HOU 1 Church Lane, proposed single storey extension to front of property to replace existing conservatory. Planning permission granted with conditions.



7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

There is a pot hole down Church Hill. It is small at the moment, but it will get bigger. The contractors have been working in the village clearing out the grups with their modified hedge cutter, which is not suitable for a digger. The grups have been left, less than half dug out and the ditches are blocked. The drainage problem outside Manor Farm still has not been dealt with and this was a big issue with the recent freezing conditions. This was because it created an ice field on the side of the B1145 road. It is very hazardous and needs to be dealt with as soon as possible, before there is an accident. It will be reported.

8. To authorise financial payments

Cllr Thompson proposed the necessary financial payments be authorized, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried: -

Clerk's net salary for December – January £264.00 HMRC tax £40.20

Clerk's expenses for December to January £66.21

9. To receive financial update from 6th November to 7th January.

This had been circulated. There were no question regarding this document.

10. To set the precept received from Breckland for 2025 – 2026.

The budget document had been circulated. It was discussed and comments made. Cllr Thompson proposed the precept for 2025 – 2026 be set at £2,500.00. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Duffield and carried.

11. To receive an update on the CCLA finance situation.

The Clerk had spoken to CCLA to obtain information regarding the situation. The paperwork had been received and from now on the interest will be paid into the Parish Council's bank account with Lloyds. The back dated lost interest, due to the Barclays Bank account closing, has been reinvested with CCLA.

12. To discuss the VE Day Celebrations on 8th May.

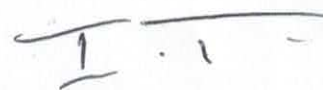
Mr Nigel Pomfret will be ringing the church bell on 8th May and the Parish Councillors did hope that some residents would come along to the church to support him.

13. To discuss items for next agenda.

To receive an update on the situation regarding the wood on the Fuel Allotment land.

14. To confirm date and time of March 2025 meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church.



15. To confirm date and time of remaining 2025 Parish Council meetings.

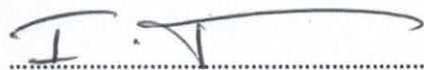
The dates of the remaining meetings were set as follows: -

Monday 12th May Monday 14th July Monday 8th September

Monday 10th November

All meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. and will be held in St. Margaret's Church. Stanfield.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.03 p.m. and the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.



Chairman

10/3/25

Date