

STANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council meeting held on Monday March 11th 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church. Stanfield.

Councillors Present:- Cllrs I Thompson, D Daniels, Cllr L Walker, R Duffield and S Collings

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 County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris.

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

There were no Interest declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 8th 2024.

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Daniels proposed the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Walker and carried. Cllr Thompson signed the minutes.

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

Mr Mark Tasker has all the paperwork in order now and is ready to start the scheme on the charity land. At the moment it is too wet and birds will be nesting soon. He plans to start in the autumn. There is a felling plan. When he fells it will be in a heap and he will invite people to go with him and then he will pay the relevant price.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Thompson informed those present that no correspondence had been received from Breckland Council, despite the Parish Council asking for updates on various matters. Those present discussed the Back Lane situation and the problems surrounding Back Lane and the travellers. Cllr Duffield suggested that after every Parish Council meeting Breckland Council is contacted and a progress report is requested regarding the Back Lane situation. An email should be sent to Mr Simon Wood. An email should also be sent to Dist. Cllr M Thurbon asking him when he intends to be present at a Parish Council meeting. He is always invited to attend but never responds to the invitation or sends apologies.

5. To discuss any Correspondence received.

Dereham Cancer Care had sent a letter asking for financial help. So Cllr Duffield proposed a donation of £50.00 be sent, seconded by Cllr Walker and carried.

6. To discuss any Planning issues

3PL/2023/0933/HS Stanfield & Horningtoft, water tower site. Storage of up to 96,512 litres (24 tanks) of LPG for providing heat to poultry/turkey poult (hazardous substance) (hazardous substances) Permission granted.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters.

There are pot holes everywhere in Stanfield. Down Church Lane there are two very large ones. On Church Hill and outside Cherry Tree Farm there are large ones. There is a large one outside Manor Farm on Back Lane. There is another large one on the Whissonsett Road outside Dandy Farm.

Outside Manor Farm and The Old Rectory property on Back Lane there is a series of road drains, which are blocked, and now flooding water runs down the B1145, causing flooding on the Main Road outside the Old Quarry. All these problems will be reported.

8. To authorise financial payments

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

Clerk's net salary February to March £264.00 HMRC Tax February to March £40.20

Clerk's expenses for December to March £78.04

Dereham Cancer Care (donation) £50.00 Norfolk Training & Support (subs) £55.00

9. To receive and discuss, if necessary, the Clerk's financial update.

The document had been circulated and there were no questions asked about the document.

10. To receive update on the idea of a wild flower bank near the post box.

Cllr Thompson had visited Sarah Dade. She thought that the telephone box and the notice board area is untidy. She would be quite happy to have the grass cut as it is not cut there anymore. Cllr Thompson will approach Mr Jenkins and ask him to supply a price for carrying out this extra grass cutting.

11. To receive update on the situation regarding the Breckland Dist. Cllr

Cllr Daniels had contacted George Freeman, M.P. regarding the non attendance of Dist. Cllr Mitchell Thurbon. The Clerk had repeatedly sent emails to Breckland Council trying to seek an explanation but never receives a reply. Although Mr Freeman had replied to Cllr Daniel's email, he was not able to help with the situation. The Clerk will send a letter to the Chairman of the East of England Liberal Democrats.

12. To discuss items for the next agenda.

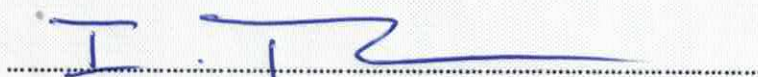
To elect the Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

To adopt the end of year accounts.

13. To confirm date/ time of May meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and it will be held on Monday 13th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church. It will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

There being no further business to discuss. The meeting finished at 8.14 p.m. and the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance.



Chairman

13/5/24

Date