

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council Meeting held on Monday March 9th 2020 at 7.30 pm. in St Margaret's Church, Stanfield.

Councillors present: Cllr R Duffield, Cllr I Thompson, Cllr L Walker and Cllr M Jenkins

Others Present: 7 electors, Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter and County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

No apologies had been received for the absence of Cllr David Britton.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllr Jenkins declared a Personal Interest in item 9. To discuss the Grass Cutting Contract. The contract was submitted by Mr S Jenkins and Cllr Mary Jenkins is his wife.

Cllr Walker declared a Personal Interest in item 7. Planning Issues. 3PL/2020/0194/HOU She is a relative of the owner of Lillie Cottage.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 13th 2020

The minutes had been circulated. The Clerk read out the minutes to those present. Cllr Jenkins proposed the Chairman should sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Walker and carried.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. To discuss adopting a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding anti-social behaviour and threatening and abusive language at Parish Council meetings

After the January meeting the Parish Council decided it would be a good idea to have an antisocial behaviour policy created and adopted. In the village there had been a few incidents of antisocial behaviour displayed such as littering, dog fouling, breakage to the telephone box and lights put on unnecessarily in the Church. The Parish Council wishes for members of the village to report incidents of antisocial behaviour to its members. The Clerk had created a Policy and it had been circulated for discussion and approval. Cllr Duffield proposed the Policy be adopted, seconded by Cllr Walker and carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Carter reported that Breckland Council have approved £1,000,000 to be spent on old and vulnerable people. Projects for them will be in place over the next 3 years. Problems, such as drug dealing, etc. will be tackled so this should be helpful to the Police. Vehicle number plate registration will be in place, so this will be useful when dealing with vehicles that are not road worthy, not insured etc. There will be financial help for the Daisy Programme. The Budget has gone through and the proposal is that there is a minor increase. Band E properties will be £95 p.y. In Thetford a man was using a Village Hall bin to dispose of his business rubbish, he was caught and fined £360.00. A woman was photographed throwing litter out of her car window in the Cherry Tree car park in Dereham, the Police were informed and she was fined. The Police followed a car down the A47, the passengers were throwing litter out of the windows, so they were arrested and fined.

The residents present at the meeting discussed a problem regarding a blocked pipe near the pond at The Glebe. The Clerk will contact the Highways Department about this.

A resident reported that when the hedges were cut down on the Whissonsett Road, large pieces of hedge were left on the road.

There was some discussion from a resident regarding the Charity land that is up for reletting in April. An advertisement went in the newspaper at the weekend regarding the fact that it will be relet soon. He was interested in the wood because he could use it for a business purpose. Cllr Duffield suggested he put in a tender just for the wood. Other people will put in tenders for the grazing. He spoke about the Drift because he felt that a resident was restricting access to the fire hydrant. He seems to have moved his boundary and laurel trees have been planted. Drivers are refusing to deliver to the man's business because logs and cones are making journeys difficult.

County Cllr Kiddle-Morris's report contained the following information:-

The Council's budget was set in February. This included a 2% rise in the dedicated adult social care precept and a 1.99% increase in the general council tax. This has been advertised as a 3.99% increase but the 2% rise in the adult social care precept will apply to £96.05 for a band D dwelling while the 1.99% will apply to £1266.19 for the same property. NCC is waiting to find out what relief will be given to local government budgets, particularly in respect of adult and children's social care.

Highways England is starting consultation on the proposed route of the dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton, starting 26th February until 11.59 a.m. on 8th April. People can view the proposed route plans in the Dereham Library. The projected timelines are; start of construction 2022, open for traffic 2024. Work on the review of the Norfolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan is ongoing. The next stage will be consultation on the final draft of the plan prior to submission for examination in public, taking place May/June. The Infrastructure and Development Committee meeting on 11th March will address the pothole repair problems through a member led debate.

6. To discuss Correspondence

Donation request from Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care Ltd. The Parish Council declined from sending a donation.

Donation request from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. The Parish Council declined from sending a donation.

7. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2020/0194/HOU Lillie Cottage, Church Lane, rear 2 storey extension. Submitted no objections.
3PL/2019/1574/HOU Buck Farm, Back Lane, 2 storey side extension. Submitted no objections.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

Highways matters were discussed under Public Participation.

9. To discuss the Grass Cutting Contract

Mr Jenkins submitted a quote for £696.00 for the year's grass cutting, Cllr Thompson proposed the quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr Duffield. Cllr Walker voted in agreement and Cllr Jenkins abstained from voting. There were no other quotes to discuss. The contract for grass cutting was given to Mr Jenkins. Mr Jenkins is very sensible regarding the grass cutting, cutting the grass when only necessary.

10. To discuss the 3 broken panes of glass in the Phone Box and to agree payment for repair
The BT box had been vandalised and three panes of glass were broken. Mr Jenkins had kindly offered to repair it and submitted an invoice for the material costs, which was accepted and the Parish Council is grateful for his help with this matter.

11. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Thompson proposed the following financial transactions be authorized for payment, seconded by Cllr Duffield and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for Feb. and March £228.60 HMRC tax for Feb. and March £31.40
Clerk's end of year expenses £201.67 Mr S Jackman (work re website accessibility) £45.00
Mr S Jenkins (Materials to repair broken BT box windows) £33.01

12. To discuss the Charity Land situation

An article regarding this was in the Press last Saturday. Applications can be downloaded from the internet.

13. To receive items for the May agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
Adoption of the end of year accounts

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday May 11th at 7.30 p.m. in St Margaret's Church. This will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman Date