

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council Meeting held on Monday November 14th 2016 at 7.30 pm. in St Margaret's Church, Stanfield.

Summary of Agreed Actions- To be acted upon as soon as possible with updates sent to Councillors

- **Website** The Clerk to receive info from Mrs Jenkins & Mr Britton
- **Lloyds Fuel Charity Bank a/c cheques** Mr Duffield is dealing with this.

Councillors present: Mr R Duffield, Mr I Thompson, Mrs M Jenkins, Mrs L Walker & Mr Britton

Others Present: 2 electors, Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter and County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Mr Duffield welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence to be received as all the Parish Councillors were present.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on September 12th

The minutes had been circulated. The Clerk read out the minutes to those present. Mr Thompson proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Walker and carried by the Council.

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

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation Period. After hearing Cllr Kiddle-Morris and Cllr Carter's reports, the Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and resumed the Parish Council meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

A copy of the Copy of Clerks & Councils magazine.

A letter and newsletter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd regarding their proposed project for 2 new offshore wind farms.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Stanfield Quarry - this was discussed under Public Participation

7. To discuss Highways Matters - pot holes

Apparently Norfolk is the second best county in the country for dealing with pot holes. Church Hill and Back Lane have pot holes. Cllr Kiddle-Morris explained that there is a new process in place for dealing with Highways issues and he will send the Clerk the information on how to do it. The grass cutting regime is changing for next year. There will be 2 separate full cuts undertaken on straight road and visibility places. This new regime will start next year with one cut being done in July and the second one towards the end of the summer.

8. To authorize financial payments

Mr Duffield proposed the following financial transactions be authorized for payment, seconded by Mrs Walker and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for Oct. & Nov. £208.00	HMRC tax £52.00
Gary Lake (grass cutting) £275.00	Grant to the Clerk from NALC for equipment £220.00

9. To set the Precept for 2017 - 2018

Mr Duffield proposed the precept be set at £3,500.00, seconded by Mr Britton and carried.

10. To deal with the payments from the Charity Fuel Allotment account

There is £2,228.63 in the account to date. Usually the recipients receive a £50.00 cheque but Mr Duffield proposed the amount be doubled to £100.00, seconded by Mrs Jenkins and carried. Mr Duffield will deal with the cheques being distributed.

11. To receive Update on the parish website

There is quite a lot of information on the new website now but it cannot 'go live' until all the information is on it. Mrs Jenkins and Mr Britton will send the Clerk the information she needs.

12. To discuss update on the B.T. box situation

The outside is almost finished and the inside has had a coat of primer put on it. This year is the 80th birthday of that sort of phone box and it will be finished by the end of the year. The Parish Council thanked Mr Jenkins for his hard work and said he was doing a marvellous ongoing job.

13. To receive items for next agenda

To discuss progress with the Website

To discuss progress with the BT Box

To discuss the Stanfield Quarry

To receive an update on the new Pot Hole idea regarding Highways

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday January 9th 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in St Margaret's Church. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.25 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Kiddle-Morris explained that NCC is £20m overspent in this financial year and the council tax will have to go up by 3.8%. On 23rd November the new Chancellor will be giving a statement. There is to be a meeting next Monday regarding the subject of Devolution and to make a decision on this. All the parties are split regarding their views on this. He thinks there are benefits in the deal but the idea of a Mayor is considered by some to be a fourth layer of Government and is causing some problems. It will be debated whether it is a nationally important infrastructure project. Regarding Vattnfall, a planning application will not be submitted until 2017 and it will probably be 2020 before any work is done.

Cllr Carter stated that the Police & Crime Commissioner is asking people to agree to a 2% rise in council tax to help fight crime. Regarding the Stanfield Quarry, Cllr Carter has been dealing with the farmer there because he wants to raise beef cattle there. East Anglian Stone has asked for another 1 ½ year's extension and no-one knows the reason for this. Mr Duffield told Cllr Carter that the Parish Council has replied to Breckland stating that the Parish Council has no problem with the reinstatement of the pit but does have a problem with the crushing of concrete. The removal of a bund has caused noise and dust problem to a nearby property. The crushing should finish on 28th November. The Parish Council thinks the extension of time is because of the crushing of the concrete. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will make some enquiries as to what is happening at the Quarry.

Regarding the pond that had been filled in, and the letter previously received from Mr Andrew Pomfret, it was filled in and then half of it was removed, and it has been turned into a wildlife pond and landscaped. Breckland Council will be hosting a Town & Parish Forum event at Elizabeth House on 8th December, and it is a yearly event. Next March there will be another Clean Up Event by Breckland and money will again be available to community groups. Breckland are now producing a magazine similar to The Voice. Breckland are considering producing local housing for local people and it will be a joint ownership scheme. Breckland has received some money, £270,000 for Dementia Centres so it can carry on with this project, which is proving to be successful.