

STANFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council Meeting held on Monday January 24th 2022 at 7.30 pm. in St Margaret's Church, Stanfield.

Councillors present: Cllrs I Thompson, L Walker, D Britton and M Jenkins

Others Present: 3 Electors, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris, Dist. Cllr Robert Hambidge
Mrs G Hubbard, Clerk and Mrs Sara Foster, Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk

The meeting commenced with Mrs Foster presenting to Cllr Thompson for the Parish Council the specially commissioned Plaque to commemorate the Community's resilience during the time of the Pandemic. She explained why it had been decided to create the plaque and how communities had pulled together in such a strong way during the Pandemic. The plaque will be placed on the Notice Board.

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. There were apologies received from Cllr R Duffield and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

Cllr Jenkins declared a Personal Interest in item no 5. Quotation for Grass Cutting from Mr S Jenkins.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on November 8th 2021

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

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

There is an awful lot of rubbish scattered all around the Village, so a Village Litter Pick will be arranged. It will either take place on Saturday 26th March or Saturday 2nd April and the equipment will be borrowed from Breckland Council

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

It was decided a Village Litter Pick was a good idea and the dates suggested were either Saturday 26th March or Saturday 2nd April. The equipment will be borrowed from Breckland Council.

The Queen's Jubilee celebrations will take place and it is hoped the Church can be used as a venue. Some help will be sought for this event. The idea of a Street Party was discussed and it may be possible to obtain some funds, if there is a fund available through Breckland Council. The Clerk had circulated some information regarding the purchase of some Celebration mugs and the Parish Council decided to purchase 60 mugs.

The new Dist. Cllr Robert Hambidge was present and he introduced himself to those present. He spoke about Breckland's fund for people struggling financially and said there is a fund to help with the paying of Council Tax. There was some discussion regarding the caravans down Back Lane and Cllr Hambidge said that the Police are looking at the situation. Other organisations will not enter the land without a Police presence. Mr Andrew Holsworth, from Breckland Council, is going to be asked to attend an Extraordinary Meeting, which will be arranged by Stanfield Parish Council and the surrounding parishes interested in the situation will be invited to attend.

County Councillor Kiddle-Morris has compiled a report and the main points were as follows:-

N.C.C. will set its budget for the financial year 2022/23 on 21st February. N.C.C. consulted on a proposed council tax increase of 1.99% in the general rate and an increase of 1%, consultation ended on 30th December. Cost pressure in Adult Social Care and Children's Services is the main reason for the increase in council tax. The government has not carried out fairer funding review, NDR review, financing of adult social care, etc. which will affect finances in future years.

Regarding Covid (Omicron) the government has told NCC to expect unprecedented sickness rates over the coming weeks with an estimated 25% of staff being absent. Given the high infection rates, our prime objective is to minimise staff infection and isolation to ensure we can deliver our critical services. We are avoiding bringing staff together unnecessarily and concentrating our face to face presence on service delivery. If anyone has difficulty assessing NCC services, then contact Cllr Kiddle-Morris.

5. To discuss Correspondence, if necessary

Donation request from Citizens Advice Bureau and Support Our Military Veterans

As the Citizens Advice Bureau had been sent a donation at the beginning of the financial year, another will not be sent. The Parish Council decided to send a donation of £25.00 to the Support Our Military Veterans. Cllr Thompson proposed this, seconded by Cllr Jenkins and carried.

Quotation for Grass Cutting from Mr S Jenkins. Cllr Jenkins left the Church whilst this was discussed. The quote was for £716.00 and Cllr Thompson proposed it be accepted, seconded by Cllr Walker and carried.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Update on 3PL/202/0274/CU Caravan, Back Lane, NR20 4JA Change of use of agricultural and brown field land to residential caravan use for an extended Traveller family. A maximum of 2 static caravans and 3 touring caravans to be stationed on the land, on either a temporary or permanent basis (retrospective). This application was discussed under Public Participation.

3PL/2021/1559/HOU Buck Farm, Back Lane, proposed Timber Cart Lodge & Lean-to Log Store, Planning Permission Received.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

There is a large Pot Hole down Back Lane. It is near the Water Tower, between the Turkey Huts and Tuttle Farm and it will be reported. There are two Pot Holes on Whissonsett Road, between Tittleshall junction and Back Lane. The Highways Dept. will be asked to repair these.

8. To authorize financial payments

The Clerk had created and circulated a Financial Update showing activity on the bank account from last November up till the date of the meeting. There were no questions on the document.

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

Clerk's expenses December/January £29.85	Clerk's net salary December/January £228.60
HMRC Tax December/January £31.40	Support Our Military Veterans (donation) £25.00

9. To receive update on the Fuel Allotment Charity Land situation

Firstly, regarding the distribution of cheques from the bank account associated with this Charity, all applicants have received their cheques. Secondly, regarding the question raised at the last meeting regarding trees on the Charity land, as Cllr Duffield was not present, this will have to be discussed at the next meeting.

10. To discuss items for the next agenda

To receive update on the Fuel Allotment Charity Land tree situation

To discuss further the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

To discuss further the idea of a Village Litter Pick

11. To confirm date and time of next meeting in March 2022

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 14th at 7.30 p.m. in St Margaret's Church. The date of the Annual Parish Council was set for May 9th at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church. This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.17 p.m. and the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance,



Chairman

14/03/2022

Date