

Minutes of the Stanfield Parish Council Meeting held on Monday November 13th 2017 at 7.30 p.m, in St. Margaret's Church, Stanfield.

Councillors present:- Mr I Thompson, Mrs L Walker, Mrs M Jenkins and Mr D Britton

Others Present:- Mr S Jenkins and County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

Mr Thompson, the Vice Chairman, in the absence of Mr Duffield, welcomed everyone to the meeting and chaired the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Duffield, and these were accepted. Apologies were also received from Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter.

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 11th 2017

The minutes had been circulated. 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.

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The budget setting process will be met soon and it will be a 4 yearly budget. £100m needs to be saved over 4 years. The Government grant will be zero by 2021. Norfolk County Council is trying to think of alternative ways of doing things. The Fire Service will be moving into the Police Station at Wymondham. Mobile libraries will continue. The rural wagons will continue to be run. N.C.C. is trying to see if some of the services in three buildings can all go into one. Regarding Better Broadband, it is hoped that by 2020 95% of people will have better broadband. It will be necessary to have 100 cabinets to deal with this. There is a scheme, whereby if you have poor Broadband you can get a grant. Some residents do have a terrible connection. The council tax will go up by 4.9%. As the population is living longer, the Adult Social Care budget will need more money paid into it and N.C.C. is trying to get people more help, in order that they can look after themselves in their own home. Dementia is becoming a problem for the elderly. There are difficult times ahead. Cllr Kiddle-Morris was not able to provide an update on Back Lane.

5. To discuss Correspondence

A quotation for grass cutting had been received from Mr S Jenkins for 6 cuts throughout the season, when required. The cost is £504.00. Mr Thompson proposed that this item be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues -

No planning applications had been received.

Stanfield Quarry - this should be finished on November 28th. If no-one receives any information, Cllr Kiddle-Morris requested that he be informed.

7. To discuss Highways Matters

There are no outstanding pot holes to be dealt with at the moment. At the bottom of Church Hill and Church Lane there are drains that need attention and cleaning out as they are full of mud, .leaves and silt. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask them to deal with this problem.

8. To authorize financial payments

Mr Britton proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Mr Thompson and carried.

Clerk's net salary October & November £208.00 HMRC tax October & November £52.00
Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance £345.00

9. To set the precept

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

10. To discuss the Fuel Charity payments

The cheques for £75.00 each were written out for the recipients requiring cheques.

11. To discuss the training carried out regarding the defibrillator

The defibrillator is now up and running properly. Mr Jenkins carries out weekly checks. The training was very good and 36 or 38 residents turned up. The pads have to be replaced in February and the battery may have to be replaced in time. BT pays for the electricity to stop the battery becoming flat.

12. To receive items for next agenda

To discuss the grass cutting contract for the coming season.

13. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held ob Monday January 15th 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Margaret's Church. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.05 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

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