

STANSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
20th May 2019

PRESENT: Parish councillors Sarah Hopkins (Chairman), Robert Dennis, Ed Cardozo, John Underdown, Fran Brown, Fay Gridley and Julie Ghirardani

Also present: Joanne Kirk (clerk), Derek Adams and Dolly Whilems (Stansfield Village Hall) and twelve members of the public.

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Mary Evans sent her apologies.

The meeting was chaired by Sarah Hopkins from the Parish Council

1. Approval of the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018 were confirmed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

2. Village Hall Report by Derek Adams

- 2018 was a busy year. New playground equipment was installed thanks to the receipt of a number of grants.
- The dead elms have been cleared from the village hall grounds creating a safe route from the car park to the play area.
- Ed Cardozo supplied some superb signs for the village hall
- The village hall remains well used by the bridge club, the cricket club, Tai Chi, Knit and Natter and the village lunch. The Ramblers sometimes use the hall as well.
- They have upgraded to faster broadband.
- £24,000 of the £33,000 required has been raised for the refurbishment of main hall.
- They have held a number of events including a village fete, a quiz night and a Christmas shopping event which all went well. Numbers attending the bi-monthly film nights have dwindled, possibly due to superfast broadband which means residents can stream films at home. The cost of a licence is £100 per film so they have decided to stop screening films. They are looking into the possibility of starting a film club. They used the film equipment to host a horse raise night which was a very successful event.
- They have held a number of very successful talks which were well attended.
- The hall is hired out for a range of events including parties. It is also being used for elections.
- They thanked Mary Evans for raising money through the 100 club and the Parish Council for their financial support

3. Chairman's Report

Sarah Hopkins presented her report.

- She introduced her fellow parish councillors Ed Cardozo, Robert Dennis, John Underdown and Fran Brown. Martin Slater stepped down at the last meeting and Andrew Foster has resigned. She thanked them for all their hard work and support for the village. Two new councillors have been co-opted onto the Parish Council, Fay Gridley and Julie Ghirardani. She welcomed them to the Parish Council.
- She thanked HE Dennis for their work around the village.
- The post box was repainted, but the small post box in Assington Green has been stolen.
- The book exchange and information point in the phone box is working well. She thanked the residents who looks after the phone box.
- Sufficient funding has been raised to purchase a defibrillator. Free Training will be offered in September
- A memorial bench to commemorate the centenary of the armistice of WW1 has been installed on playing field and will hopefully be enjoyed by people using the playing field.
- The Parish Council continues to support village organisations with a donation to the Village Hall towards running costs and a donation towards the refurbishment of the playing field.
- The proposed application for five new dwellings in Stansfield will be discussed formally by the Parish Council at a planning meeting once it has been submitted.
- Roads are looking better thanks to improved repairs using a thermal patching machine.
- She thanked Mary Evans for her continued support and Borough Councillor Peter Steve who has also been very pro-active in offering help to the village. Following the review of district council boundaries, Peter Stevens is no longer District Councillor for Stansfield and has been replaced by Mary Evans.

- She thanked Tony Hook for producing the village newsletter and Richard Evans who has helped him on occasions.
- The Parish Council is elected to represent the members of the community, so it is important that Stansfield residents make their concerns felt to their elected representatives. There are 6 Parish Council meetings each year, not counting planning meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend and have their say at the beginning of each meeting. Advertisements are always placed on the village notice board, giving at least 3 days' notice in advance of each meeting or on the village website via the Parish Council link.
- She thanked her co-councillors for helping to make the Parish Council a real benefit to the community of Stansfield.

4. Financial Report 2017/18

The parish clerk presented the Council's financial report. The full report is available on the parish council website at www.stansfield.onesuffolk.net

5. Village issues

a) The defibrillator project and future training for residents

The suggestion was made to invite people from the different groups which use the village hall to the training. It was agreed that this was a good idea. A flyer will also be sent round to residents and details of the training will also be included on the Stansfield Facebook page. The date for training will be confirmed once the defibrillator has been ordered and an installation date received.

b) The proposed new development in Stansfield

Robert Dennis showed some amended plans. The road into the new developments will be a private road. An access path has been introduced to give residents of High Street access to the wildflower meadow and residents with gardens backing on to the meadow will be allowed to have gates into it. The whole development will now be single storey. This is to minimise the impact on the views of residents. The idea will be to ensure that people with a strong local connection will be given priority to the homes.

A question was asked about an empty plot which is owned by Havebury. The belief is that Havebury will develop it at some point. There is direct access to this plot from Pippin Post Close.

A question was asked about parking in Pippin Park Close. Robert Dennis explained that they have engaged a traffic consultation whose view is that Pippin Park Close does not need widening. There is adequate provision on the proposed development site. Construction traffic will come in from the back of the site to minimise the impact on residents.

One resident explained that the development will have a huge impact on his view, which he appreciates is not a material consideration. He also has concerns about the increase of traffic coming into the site.

Another resident asked if the lane would be kept clear of mud. Robert Dennis said they will clear mud as and when they can.

A question was asked about the number of visitor's spaces. Robert Dennis explained that there are two visitors' spaces for the whole scheme, but each property will have parking spaces as well.

6. Any other issues or concerns which residents would like to bring to the attention of the Council

No other issues were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

Signed *Sam G. Hoyle*

Dated..... *24/05/21*