

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th September 2013
in Stanningfield Village Hall, Stanningfield

Members present: Councillor D Staff in the Chair, Councillors M Bluett, M Duchesne, D Green, R McKenna, C Mears and C Walters. Also present was Mrs V Waples (Clerk).

1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Crawford and Langan. ii. Council consented to accept these apologies. 	
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Members Interests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There were no declarations of interest for the agenda under discussion. ii. There were no requests for dispensations. 	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th August 2013:</u> The previously circulated minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Public Forum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. No report had been received from the County Councillor, Mr. Terry Clements. It was noted that, at the previous meeting, he had stated that the surfacing to the A134 would be redone - at a cost to the contractor - however any remedial works that might have been done had not improved the surface and that the road was still very poor when existing Bury St Edmunds. ii. No report had been received from the Borough Councillor, Mrs. Mildmay-White. iii. A written report had been received from the Bury SNT in which it was confirmed that there had been 2 crimes of interest in the Parish - burglary - offenders had gained access to a secure garage and removed motocross equipment and theft from a dwelling in which a known offender had entered a property and taken various items and caused criminal damage. The offender was now on police bail. It was also noted that there had been a number of pedal cycle thefts including high value road bikes and the public had been advised to take every measure to secure these prized possessions. At the recent priority setting meeting there had been three new priorities: speeding; hare-coursing and burglaries both dwellings and outbuildings. PCSO Hollie Cogman had also confirmed that in August she had conducted a speed check near to the Methodist Church for vehicles heading out away from the village for 20minutes during an evening. In that period she had 2 vehicles between 35 - 45mph; 1 between 30 - 34mph and 4 vehicles below 30mph. For it to be an offence to be ticketed or sent a Community Speed Watch letter from the HQ there would only have been two letters sent on this occasion. In September she had conducted a speed check on Stanningfield Road, Great Welnetham where she had detected 3 offenses between 37 - 45mph. Whilst it was appreciated that this wasn't quite Stanningfield it was passed on as it might prove helpful. She also mentioned that at the other end of the village there was no safe place for a single unit to conduct such checks and that she would revisit the area with another PCSO when their shifts overlapped 	

	<p>but this would be between 1400 and 1630. The Clerk was asked to confirm with PCSO Cogman that regular speed checks within the village would prove of use to the Parish Council.</p> <p>iv. There were no members of the public present.</p>	
5.	<p><u>To discuss the Parking Issues within Smithy Close and the Installation of a VAS.</u></p> <p>It was noted that the prices for the proposals for the parking of vehicles in Smithy Close were still awaited. The Clerk agreed to continue to chase for a solution to this problem along with an update for the installation of the mobile VAS.</p>	
6.	<p><u>To receive the Clerk's report:</u></p> <p>i. The financial report was presented to the Council. Current funds stood at £9,505.70. No income had been received since the last meeting. The following payments had been raised since the last meeting: R Back £90.00 cheque 636 (LGA 1972 s144); C Mears £52.86 cheque 637 (PC Act 1957 s1) and BT £28.45 ddr (LGA 1972 s111). Council were advised that expenditure mid-term was 63% of the anticipated expenditure for the year.</p> <p>ii. The following items were approved and presented for payment: ICO £35.00 cheque 638 (Data Protection Act); V Waples £155.57 cheque 639 (LGA 1972 s112); Aon Insurance Ltd. £24.26 cheque 640 (LGA 1972 s111); V. Waples £88.89 cheque 641 (LGA 1972 s111); SALC £9.50 cheque 642 (LGA 1972 s111); HMRC £110.60 cheque 643 (Inc & Corp Taxes Act 1988) and B Colson £72.00 cheque 644 (Open Spaces Act 1908 s9&10).</p> <p>iii. To receive the NIP accounts including balance of sums available: Council were advised that the reconciled account for the NIP Project showed a balance of £2547. Discussion followed as to whether the money should be used for a small project or be used as match funding for a larger project with funds being sourced externally of the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.</p> <p>iv. To consider further works that are appropriate to the War Memorial in Stanningfield: it was agreed that any necessary works could be carried out in-house.</p> <p>v. To consider further the request to agree in principle to the erection of a memorial to recognise those involved during WW1 and WW2 in Bradfield Combust and to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1: it was noted that a local historian had confirmed the names of those killed in WW1 and WW2 in Bradfield Combust and that there were plaques and information already in the village. It was agreed that Cllrs. Crawford and Langan should be asked for more details to allow the Council to debate the matter further.</p> <p>vi. Council was made aware of correspondence received from SALC on the matter of the localised council tax support schemes grants (LCTSS). It was confirmed that the amount of parish LCTS grant from the Government to the Billing Authorities would remain unchanged in 2014-15 and it was the universal expectation that the grant would be passed down in full to parishes. It was also noted that as of yet nothing had been received from the DCLG on whether the Government intended to cap parishes in 2014-2015.</p>	DC/TL

7.	<p><u>To receive reports from the Councillors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr. Mears made the meeting aware that he and the Chairman had attended the Development Meeting at St Edmundsbury for the Outline Planning Application for the land east of Bury Road. It was confirmed that the application had been unanimously turned down by the committee and that there had been 12 objections lodged. ii. Cllr. Mears made the meeting aware that the Teen Shelter had officially been opened by Havebury and that the Bus Shelter was all but finished apart from the seeding. Discussions were ongoing regarding the Woodland Project. iii. Cllr. McKenna made the meeting aware that he had received requests for an extension to the 30mph limit along Bury Road. iv. Cllr. McKenna made the meeting aware that trees along the footpath behind the back of Norse Avenue were in need of attention. Following discussion over ownership and necessary works it was agreed that Cllrs. McKenna and Staff would investigate and liaise with the Clerk as to the appropriate action to take. 	
8.	<p><u>Planning Issues:</u> There were no planning applications for the Council to consider.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> General correspondence was brought to the Council's attention. Updated copies of The Good Councillor's Guide was issued to all present.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Closing Comments from the public:</u> There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.25pm</p>	

Date of next meeting 4th November 2013 in the Methodist Schoolroom, Bradfield Combust.