

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th August 2013
in Stanningfield Village Hall, Stanningfield

Members present: Councillor D Staff in the Chair, Councillors M Bluett, D Green, R McKenna, C Mears and C Walters. Also present was County Cllr. T. Clements, PSCO H. Cogman, Mrs V Waples (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

	<p><u>Public Forum: from 7.00 - 7.30pm</u> It was agreed to hold the public forum prior to the main meeting to allow those members present to make comments on the plans for the erection of 9 No eco dwellings including the provision of new vehicular access @ Land East of Bury Road, Stanningfield. As the applicants were present they were invited to speak to the public and submitted the reasons behind the planning application and the request from the local authority for an idea of land use. It was noted that the outline application was a starting point. Members of the public indicated that they would be objecting to the planning application for the following reasons: Drainage; access; outside BUAB; prevent ribbon development; surface water; houses as opposed to bungalows and the site development plan was overcrowded.</p>	
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence:</u> i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Crawford, Duchesne and Langan. ii. Council consented to accept these apologies.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declaration of Members Interests:</u> i. There were no declarations of interest for the agenda under discussion. ii. There were no requests for dispensations.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th May 2013:</u> The previously circulated minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Planning Applications:</u> <i>it was agreed to amend the order of the agenda to allow this item to be discussed at this stage</i> i. Outline Application: i) erection of 9 no eco dwellings ii) provision of new vehicular access @ land East of Bury Road, Stanningfield, Suffolk. It was agreed by all present that the application should be recommended for refusal on the following grounds: not in keeping with the street scene; ribbon development; outside of the BUAB; would exacerbate the current drainage problems at this point in the village and type of dwelling proposed. It was further agreed that the village had only recently been assessed in terms of growth and that need had been satisfied with the recent Norse Avenue development which was well above the need identified in the Core Strategy. It was further noted that Stanningfield was regarded as an 'infill village' in the Rural Vision 2031 documents. <i>St Edmundsbury had advised the Council of the following planning applications:</i> ii. Permission for the i) change of use of existing outbuildings to equestrian stabling for domestic use ii) cladding of outbuildings iii) construction of outdoor arena and iv) erection of fencing to</p>	

	<p>boundary and paddocks @ Yew Tree Farm, Main Road, Bradfield Combust</p> <p>iii. Permission for the erection of fence to front of property @ Yew Tree Farm, Main Road, Bradfield Combust.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Public Forum:</u></p> <p>i. County Councillor, Mr. Terry Clements was invited to submit his report in which he reported that although Nationally there was a reduction in funding for road repairs, Suffolk was bucking the trend and increasing its expenditure. SCC was spending £8m on major surface dressing at 90 sites and a further £5.5m laying tarmac and chippings in 210 places. The major programme of new asphalt and surface dressing on roads across Suffolk this summer was designed to reduce the emergence of potholes in the coming winter. He also reported that people across Norfolk and Suffolk would be able to express their views on which proposed transport schemes should benefit from the £39m being delegated by Local Enterprise Partnerships - New Anglia LEP. He mentioned the launch of the project 'Leading Lives' which was a social enterprise which aimed to provide support to adults with disabilities and the Suffolk Cycle Challenge which aimed to see which Suffolk Business could get the most staff cycling and become active and consider using sustainable and healthy transport options more often. He also brought the Council's attention to the fact that the Scrutiny Committee had called in for further investigation Vision 2031's transport infrastructure plan due to concerns over its deliverability and had also expressed concerns over the provision of a new school at Moreton Hall and whether that would impact on the current pyramid system. Locally he confirmed that the resurfacing works along the A134 will be rectified over the next few weeks and congratulated the Council on a good report in the Bury Free Press.</p> <p>ii. No report had been received from the Borough Councillor, Mrs. Mildmay-White.</p> <p>iii. PCSO Hollie Cogman was invited to submit her report in which she confirmed that there had been 1 crime of interest in the Parish - criminal damage caused to a shed by climbing on it by a known juvenile offender. This was currently being dealt with. It was also confirmed that speeding within the rural villages was one of the priorities for the St Edmundsbury Rural North SNT and that currently there was no speeding data for the two villages. It was agreed by all present that there was a perceived problem with speeding along the Bury Road from Great Welnetham, Church Road and Chapel Road. PCSO Cogman agreed that speed checks would be undertaken by the SNT and the data provided to the Clerk. It was also agreed that an article would be inserted in the next Village Matters on whether to set up a Community Speedwatch. The Council was also made aware that there was a new Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at SCC who, as an early priority, would be setting up a cross-party policy development panel for highways and transport to conduct a review on SCC's approach to speed limits and the associated policy criteria.</p> <p>iv. The following issues were brought to the Councils' attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speeding - in particular Church Road and the road to/from Great Welnetham 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage for The Green - signs were needed to ensure that The Green was seen as a separate area to Hoggards Green 	
6.	<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 had been delayed due to a member of staff leaving the department. This would now be followed up along with comments on any land ownership problems. The posts for the VAS had been marked up on the ground with the location in Stanningfield being between Numbers 1 and 2 The Green. The 30mph repeater signs would also be relocated to this new post with the old one being removed.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To further discuss the complaint on the fencing and lifebuoy sited around the pond at the Village Hall:</u></p> <p>It was noted that no further information had been forthcoming from members of the public and it was resolved that this matter was now closed.</p>	
8.	<p><u>To consider SCC's response to the siting of the sign to Stanningfield on the A134</u></p> <p>Council was informed that both Central and Western Highways had looked at the signage at this location and had both agreed that there was advanced signage on both the A134 and the A1141 which both had 'Stanningfield' on it and that the junction was clearly visible approaching from both the South and the North and that they did not consider any additional signs appropriate. Council agreed to accept this assessment and the matter would now be closed.</p>	
9.	<p><u>To receive the Clerk's report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The financial report was presented to the Council. Current funds stood at £10,172.83. Income in the sum of £2991.05 had been received since the last meeting: £0.14 bank interest; reclaim of VAT £400.41 and final grant from Havebury of £2590.50. Payments totalling £56.90 had been made to BT. It was noted that there was a reduction in premium for the recent amendment to the Insurance Policy with regards to the new bus shelter. It was further agreed that the Teenage Shelter, having been erected, would now need to be put on All Risks Insurance Cover. The following items were approved and presented for payment: SPS £25.00 cheque 626 (LGA 1972 s111); Anglian Water £56.74 cheque 627 (Small Holdings & Allotments Act 1908 s23); V Waples £286.64 cheque 628 (LGA 1972 s112); Aon Insurance Ltd. £2813.58 cheque 629 (LGA 1972 s140); Bradfield Methodist Church £6.50 cheque 630 LGA 1972 s111; BDO £120.00 cheque 631 (Accts & Audit Reg. 2003); V. Waples £43.50 cheque 632 (LGA 1972 s111); Bradfield Methodist Church £225.00 cheque 633 (LGA 1972 s214); Bradfield Combust PCC £225.00 cheque 634 (LGA 1972 s214) and Stanningfield PCC £225.00 cheque 635 (LGA 1972 s214). It was agreed by all that competitive quotes would be obtained for the following year with regards to Village Hall Insurance. Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 – the Clerk confirmed that the auditors had completed the audit for the year ended 31 March 2013 and that there were no changes to the published Annual Accounts. There were no matters which had come to the auditor's attention requiring the issuing of a separate issues report. The annual 	

	<p>return was presented to Council which was approved and accepted by full Council. Mrs Waples advised Council that she would post the notice of conclusion of audit along with the annual return on the Parish Noticeboards for a minimum period of 14 days.</p> <p>iv. Trolley for Chairs for Stanningfield Village Hall - details of the required trolley had now been provided to the Council and an order would now be placed.</p> <p>v. Provision of a defibrillator - it was agreed that this was, for the current moment, an aspirational request and that funding needed to be sourced first.</p> <p>vi. Appropriate works to the War Memorial in Stanningfield - it was agreed that prior to the Centenary Year of WW1 the railings could possibly do with a repaint and the area a general clean-up</p> <p>vii. Bradfield Combust War Memorial - a request had been received from a resident of Bradfield Combust for the erection of a memorial in Bradfield Combust to recognise those who had been lost their lives in both the first and second world wars, as a tribute to their sacrifice and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WW1. It was questioned as to whether it was appropriate to be spending money on such a project at this point in time if no-one had erected one since either of the two World Wars. It was agreed to ask Cllr. Langan to approach the resident for more specific ideas as to type of memorial and costs involved. This would then be considered by full Council at a future meeting.</p> <p>viii. Play Area Inspection - it was noted that the recent report had indicated that the bushes on the flat swings were worn and should be monitored. Cllr. Walters made the Clerk aware that the one of the end rails of the bridge walk-way was loose and leaning and possibly required a brace. The Clerk agreed to speak to the manufacturers on both items.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p><u>To receive reports from the Councillors:</u></p> <p>i. Cllr. Mears made the meeting aware that the area behind the Bus Shelter would be rotavated and seeded in September and that the area should be considered for planting. It was considered as to whether this would be a suitable area for the 2 Oak Trees offered previously by a parishioner. It was agreed that an article entitled 'Donate a Shrub' would be added to the next newsletter with the hope that the area could be enhanced with community assistance.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u></p> <p>General correspondence was brought to the Council's attention and in particular an article on SCC's Endeavour Card and works that would be carried out by SCC to Bridleway No 1 to alleviate the excessive wetness.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Closing Comments from the public:</u></p> <p>i. The Chairman was reminded that the lock on one of the Noticeboards was still not working properly.</p> <p>ii. Drainage issues (surface water on the Highway) outside Magnolia/opposite Field View on Bury Road.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	

Date of next meeting 16th September 2013 in the Village Hall, Stanningfield.