

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th August 2014
in the Village Hall, Church Road, Stanningfield

Members present: Councillor D Staff in the Chair, Councillors M Bluett, A Langan, C Mears and C Walters. Also present were Borough Councillor Sara Mildmay-White (in part); Mrs V Waples (Clerk) and two members of the public.

1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome & Apologies for Absence:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. Duchesne due to a work commitment, Cllr, Tucker due to a personal commitment and Cllr. McKenna due to ill health. 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 nor were there any gifts of hospitality exceeding £25. ii. There were no requests for dispensations. iii. Council was made aware that all amendments to the previously completed Register of Interests had been passed over to the Borough Council for action. Council was also reminded that although not required under the Localism Act, the <i>Suffolk Local Code of Conduct</i> required councillors to disclose Disclosable Pecuniary Interests of Local Non Pecuniary Interests in any matter being considered at each meeting it arises, even if it is already registered. 	
3.	<p><u>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd June 2014:</u></p> <p>The previously circulated minutes for the previous meeting were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Co-Option to the Council: Section 87 of the LGA 1972:</u></p> <p>It was proposed, seconded and agreed by all that, under the LGA 1972 Section 87, Mr. Steve Parker be co-opted onto the Council to fill the vacant seat. As Mr. Parker was able to attend the meeting his Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor was signed in front of the Clerk as Proper Officer for the Council. He was notified of the requirement to complete, sign and return a Register of Interests to the Clerk within 28 days of Acceptance of Office.</p>	SP
5.	<p><u>Public Forum:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bury Rural SNT: a report was provided in which there was one crime of interest for the 2 villages: burglary dwelling from an isolated domestic dwelling in Stanningfield. This has been linked to six other burglaries that occurred across Suffolk but no suspect has yet been identified. The meeting's attention was brought to the recent upsurge in burglary, both of dwellings and other buildings in the area. current priorities for the force which included speeding and burglaries. Residents were asked to be mindful of security. The meeting was informed that a woman from North London had been arrested in connection with a number of purse and wallet thefts in Suffolk and Norfolk. The next tasking meeting was confirmed for 9th September 2014. ii. County Cllr. Terry Clements - there was no report forthcoming from County Cllr. Terry Clements. iii. Borough Cllr. Sara Mildmay-White congratulated the Parish Council on Saturday's ceremony with such a good turnout. She mentioned that she had received the completed form for the Fun Day on 25th August and she would advise the PC how to claim. She made the meeting 	

	<p>aware that the Borough had been successful in receiving funding for the Relief Road from: the New Anglia Local Partnership for £10m; Highways Agency £15m; SCC £2m and that the Borough would be contributing £3m. It was noted that negotiations were ongoing over the best deal for the land along with discussions over the actual transfer of land. She confirmed that planning permission would be required to finalise the extra bit of relief road to join up with Rookery Crossroads. She also confirmed that funding for the new Epicentre at Haverhill had been sourced from the Great Cambridge & Peterborough Partnership £1m and New Anglia Local Partnership £1m with the shortfall of £3.4m to be discussed by the Borough as to how best to fund. It was confirmed that timescales for the new Upper School at Moreton Hall were on target for 2016. She concluded by making the meeting aware that with regards to the new Waste Transfer Station a judicial review had found in favour of SCC but that SCC had agreed to discuss further long term waste transfer facilities and the possibility of another site.</p> <p>iv. Members of the Public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council was asked for an update on the signs for The Green and Hoggards Green. It was confirmed that the order for these to be erected should have been submitted to St Edmundsbury's sub-contractors and Borough Cllr. Sara Mildmay-White and the Clerk agreed to chase for an update. • Reinstatement of the Green - Cllrs. Mears and Staff made the meeting aware that they had met with members of the public to discuss the options of reinstating the grassed area on the Green. It was mentioned that post and rail could be installed to stop members of the public from parking on the grassed area and that contributions could be sourced from the residents as compensation for damage caused and repair thereof. As mentioned at a previous meeting the Green and the footpath belonged to the Parish Council and it had previously set a precedent for its maintenance. Any repairs that needed to be effected must be undertaken by the Parish Council and contributions sought from residents it felt had caused the damage. 	
6.	<p><u>To receive the Clerk's report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial report was presented to the Council. Current funds stood at £13,281.02. Income in the sum of £1,839.14 had been received since the last meeting: Interest £0.14; Donations (x3) totalling £589 towards the WW1 Memorial; Donations (x3) totalling £1250 towards the refurbishment of the Village. The following payments had been raised since the last meeting: BT £29.82 ddr (LGA 1972 s111) (July) and BT £29.82 ddr (LGA 1972 s111) (August). It was noted that the Clerk would be recovering VAT to date which was around £750. • The following items were approved and presented for payment: SPS £25.00 cheque 680 (LGA 1972 s142); V Waples £70.03 cheque 681 (LGA 1972 s111); ICO £35.00 cheque 682 (Data Protection Act); Saxon Monumental Craft £2028.00 cheque 683 (LGA 1972 s144) and V. Waples £385.72 cheque 684 (LGA 1972 s112). • To consider projects to be supported from the balance of monies within the NIP account: it was confirmed that there was a final balance of £387.31 and proposals were brought forward that this should now be transferred fully from the NIP to restorative work required on the fabric of the Village Hall, aif. • To receive a report on the event to erect a memorial to recognise those who had died during WW1 and WW2 in Bradfield Combust and to 	

	<p>commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WW1: it was confirmed that following the donations received and fundraising at both the Manger and the Red House the balance of funds raised stood at around £1838. It was agreed that once all expenses had been paid and the account had been finalised the balance of monies would be handed over to the British Legion. The meeting asked that Cllr Tucker's commitment and involvement in the project be acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update on the funds being raised for Stanningfield Village Hall and works required: it was noted that to date £3395 had either been raised or promised towards the monies needed to carry out restorative works to the Village Hall. Cllr. Mears mentioned that he had written to Community Action Suffolk for advise on funding, but it had been agreed to explore further possible funding sources in September. It was noted that £20k was needed in total and that the 1st stage of work was in the region of £11-£12k. It was agreed that Cllr. Mears would provide the Clerk with a piece for the website and noted that ASDA and Sainsburys had similar schemes to Waitrose's Community Fund. Borough Cllr. Mildmay-White agreed to speak to the Locality Officer with regards to possible funders. • Vehicle Activated Signs - it had been suggested that the Parish Council shared the mobile VAS unit with Great Welnetham. The Clerk confirmed that she had made contact with the Clerk and discussions were ongoing. It was agreed that in the first instance the Parish Council would need to fill in the memorandum of understanding form and indicate the locations for the siting of the poles which would then be assessed by the West Area Engineers. It was anticipated that as the village already had one post a further one or two only would be required. It was noted that the poles would cost the Parish £120 per location. 	Clerk/ Highways
7.	<p><u>To receive reports from the Councillors:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr. Langan asked whether the replacement way-stone could be re-erected on the Village Green in Bradfield Combust ii. Cllrs. Staff and Mears made the meeting aware that they had received reports of loose bolts and nuts on the base of the swings on the Village Green. It was confirmed that they had attended site and fixed and tightened the loose. iii. Cllr. Staff made the meeting aware that the Red House had kindly donated the refreshments for the WW1 Commemorative Event in Stanningfield and that he would be officially writing to thank the owner. iv. Cllrs. Mears made the meeting aware of the Village Fun Day scheduled for 25th August on the Village Green. v. Cllr. Staff made the meeting aware that the winner of the Raffle of the picture of the Suffolks at Neuve Chapelle at the Manger was a nephew of one of the men being commemorated and that the winner of the raffle at The Red House had kindly donated it back to the parish of Stanningfield. It was agreed that this would be hung in the Village Hall. vi. Cllr. Staff made the meeting aware that the scroll received from the Mayor of St Edmundsbury at the Commemorative Event had been framed and placed in the Manger. vii. Cllrs. Staff and Mears made the meeting aware that they and Cllr. Duchesne had attended the recent Pride in Your Postcode walkabout organised by Havebury Housing Organisation. It was noted that the areas covered were looking smarter than previous visits and there were a few minor issues to be sorted. viii. Cllr. Mears made the meeting aware that the allotments were being cut on a regular basis and that the ragwort was under control. 	Clerk Clerk DS

8.	<p><u>Planning Issues:</u> St. Edmundsbury Borough Council had informed the Parish Council of the following application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning Permission for the erection of i) first floor side extension above garage ii) front porch iii) single storey rear extension to link existing outbuilding to dwelling to facilitate the garage conversion and creation of annexe as Application DC/14/0840 - retention of rear extension @ Maplebank, Ixer Lane, Bradfield Combust. ii. Planning Permission for the retention of rear extension @ Harmony, 3 The Green, Stanningfield. iii. Borough Cllr. Mildmay-White made the meeting aware that she was currently liaising with the Reclamation Yard over the regularisation of an application to be submitted for advertising signs. 	
9.	<p><u>Correspondence:</u> General correspondence was available from the Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. West Suffolk - Budget Consultation - launch of a consultation by the two districts on a budget consultation to save a further £1.5m in 2015/16 ii. West Suffolk - review of Polling Districts & Polling Places - Council agreed that as no changes were proposed to its area it had no further comments to make iii. SCC - Review of Children's Centre Services in Suffolk - Council noted the deadline for responses of 16 October 2014 	
10.	<p><u>Closing Comments from the public:</u> There were no further comments from the public present.</p> <p>The Chairman officially offered a welcome to Cllr. Parker to the Parish Council.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>	

Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting on 15th September 2014 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Stanningfield.