

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

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MINUTES

of the BRADFIELD COMBUST with STANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 22nd November 2021

Present

Cllr D Staff (Chairman)

Cllr A Langan

Cllr C Mears

Cllr B Austin

Cllr J Clark

Cllr V Jackson

In attendance:

D/Cllr S Mildmay-White, N Glading (parish clerk) and 5 members of the public

2021/60	RECORDING OF MEETING	
a.	None	
2021/61	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	a) Apologies were received from: Cllr C Waters, Cllr K Bell, C/Cllr K Soons b) Councillors consented to accept the apologies received	
2021/62	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
a.	None	
2021/63	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A resident expressed concerns about the number of speeding vehicles in Stanningfield. Cllr Mears agreed that this is indeed the case and has exacerbated since the road closure. It was decided to set up a working group comprising Cllr V Jackson, Mr T Clarke and the clerk to look at the provision of a Speed Activated Device: clerk to send initial information. The Chairman suggested that it may be possible to borrow a device from Suffolk County Council temporarily: he will enquire. There had been a Parish Council report on speeding approximately 3 years ago.2. A resident told the Councillors that the grass cutting of areas cut by West Suffolk Council is abysmal: substandard and not frequent enough. Cllr S Mildmay-White understood completely, the grass cutting has not been good this year. She will ensure it is high on the West Suffolk Agenda in 2022. The resident complimented the parish on the work carried out by the BC&S contractor.3. A resident remarked that a gate is off its hinges and lying in rough ground on the footpath which runs from the Stanningfield public house to the Bury road. Cllr Mears will find out the number of the footpath and take photographs.	Clerk Cllr Staff Cllr Mears

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2021/64	UPDATES FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	
a.	<u>Update from County Councillor K. Soons</u> Not at the meeting – an SCC report had been circulated to all Councillors.	
b.	<u>Update from District Councillor S Mildmay-White</u> A report had been circulated to all Councillors. Focus is on climate change and energy efficiency. There is still money in the Locality Budget. The appeal at Beechcroft has been dismissed: thought to be 'intrusive on the street scene'. Cllr Mildmay-White has offered to fund a Dial a Ride bus service one day a week and asks that the Chairman gives feedback on the day and time. Charging points in the village are unlikely at present.	
2021/65	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS held on 13th September 2021	
a.	The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 th September 2021 were unanimously AGREED and the Chairman authorised to sign the same.	
b.	Business remaining from the meeting not on this agenda: the ditch has not been cleared.	
2021/66	MATTERS RELATING TO STANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL	
a.	Report on the replacement environmentally friendly heating system at the Village Hall (joint project BC&S PC & SCA). The work is almost completed. Cages have been purchased to go over all four heating/ air conditioning units on the outside of the building.	
2021/67	MATTERS RELATING TO THE ALLOTMENTS, STANNINGFIELD	
a.	<u>The allotment access track</u> : ongoing progress was reported by Cllr Mears, who explained the initial issue and outlined the current situation. Ashtons solicitors have processed the application to the Land Registry, which will not be processed until October 2022. A Caution Title has been put in place to protect the interests of the Council: BC&S PC will be informed of any other interests: : BC&S PC will be informed of any other interest in the track.	
2021/68	MATTERS RELATING TO THE VILLAGE GREEN	
a.	<u>Hoggards Green and the unmade periphery road</u> surrounding the Green: Cllr Mears reported that BC&S PC now have enough evidence to register with the Land Registry. The clerk has tried to get Burnett Barker to meet the costs, to no avail. The cost of £750 + VAT was unanimously AGREED : Noted that this was still within the initial agreed budget for the project. It is estimated that the Land Registry will look at this application at the end of 2022. A Caution title has been put in place to protect the interests of the Council: BC&S PC will be informed of any other interest in the Green.	
2021/69	MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE, GRASS CUTTING & PUBLIC RIGHTS of WAY	
a.	Councillors considered the red phone box at Stanningfield: not possible to put in a defibrillator as there is no electricity supply. The phone box could simply remain as a feature, a reminder of past times.	

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b.	Councillors considered the red phone box at Bradfield Combust: many ideas have been put forward; Cllr Langan will hold a meeting with Bradfield Combust resident to decide what they want to do in terms of usage.	
c.	Update on repair of the Stanningfield bus shelter: the shelter needs perspex and repainting, a work in progress.	
d.	Update on Bridleway 3, Bradfield Combust: Councillors considered that this is an issue for highways	
e.	Councillors considered the grass cutting contract for 2022, TOP Garden Services are doing a good job and it was AGREED to continue with their services. Clerk to ask the contractor to include the grassed pathway from Hoggards Green to the Allotments. It is not possible to include verges and the grass fronting Chapel Road in the BC&S schedule as these are the responsibility of and maintained by West Suffolk Council	clerk
2021/70	MATTERS RELATING TO THE PLAY AREA STANNINGFIELD	
a.	Councillors considered the play area report of 14 th October 2021: all risks are identified as low and are being dealt with	
2021/71	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING/ EMERGENCY PLAN	
a.	Councillors reviewed the BC&S Emergency Plan: some contacts need changing, clerk to make the changes. Cllr Waters had offered to review: to be included in the January agenda.	Clerk Cllr Waters
b.	Application DC/20/1398/FUL Appeal ref: AP/21/0032/STAND Proposal: 2 dwellings with dropped kerbs and parking Location: 28 Beechcroft Stanningfield IP29 4RT Councillors agreed "No comment" It was further NOTED that the appeal decision (notified on 16 th November 2021) had advised that the appeal had been dismissed.	WSC informed 23/09/2021
c.	(Arrived after Agenda went out) Application no: DC/21/2189/FUL Consultation Expiry: 8 December 2021 Sent to all councillors 18.11.2021 Proposal Planning application - one dwelling (following demolition of existing dwelling) Location Ashleigh Saxes Lane Stanningfield IP29 4RD Applicant Mr W Duchesne Ms S Prior Duchesne Chairman allowed inclusion as the expiry date is 8 th December, and Councillors agreed that this was not a contentious application. It was thought that the building envisaged was better than the existing. No Comment	WSC informed 03/12/2021
d.	Clerk reported in response to local plan query, reply from WSC: The dwelling stock in the matrix is for the settlement of Stanningfield only. Unfortunately, the mid-year population estimates for 2019 are unavailable for	

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	<p>the parish of Stanningfield and Bradfield Combust so WSC were unable to include them in the matrix.</p> <p>In relation to the question about sustainable villages, a sustainable settlement is one which provides a level of services and facilities that enable the community to meet some of its day to day needs.</p>	
2021/72	FINANCE/ AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS	
a.	The Accounts Payable for November 2021 were unanimously APPROVED	Appendix A
b.	The Quarter Two Accounts: Report of Income, Expenditure, Bank reconciliation and budget for Qtr 2, April to September 2021 were RECEIVED	
c.	Councillors considered the draft budget for April 2022 to March 2023 and discussed the precept that will be required (to be submitted to West Suffolk Council January 2022). Clerk and Chairman to fine tune and present to Councillors at the next meeting. Cllr Mears suggested improved signage throughout the village, he will list ready for the next meeting.	Clerk and Chairman Cllr Mears
d.	VAT refund for the year 2020-2021 was confirmed at £1,682.16	
2021/73	QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022	
a.	<p>Councillors considered planting commemorative trees. Cllr Langan has contacted Barcham Trees been looking into and has received quotations for native species: Quercus x turnerii Pseudoturneri (semi-evergreen specimens), Sorbus aucuparia Edulis (Autumn colour), Sorbus aucuparia Golden Wonder, Sorbus thuringiaca Fastigiata, Malus toringo Scarlet and Malus Royalty. Links to the Barsham retail website had been sent to the Councillors and trade prices quoted.</p> <p>Cllr Langan has also sourced two oak trees: the councillors considered these to be too expensive at £378 each. Cllr Jackson suggested Simpsons for alternate quotations.</p> <p>Cllr Austin outlined plans for a Jubilee `bring your own` picnic with music, games and prizes.</p> <p>The date of the Stanningfield Village Fete is as yet unconfirmed.</p>	
2021/74	CHAIRMANS ITINERARY and REPORTS	
a.	<p>Chairman`s report:</p> <p>(i) Update on temporary cessation of Chambers bus service to the village: this remains a very important issue. Cllr Staff, Cllr Mears had been interviewed by Radio Suffolk.</p> <p>(ii) Lights at the Green: BC&S PC have been informed that it was not possible to link up to existing source.</p>	Appendix B Appendix C
b.	<p>Councillor`s reports:</p> <p>Cllr Austin feels that money should be spent on refurbishing the childrens playground.</p>	

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	Cllr Langan read the NALC Summary on Climate Change which has some interesting ideas on reducing our carbon footprint. Cllr Langan will respond to the Lorry survey	Cllr Langan
2021/75	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION	
	To exchange any relevant information at the discretion of the Chairman <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It was brought to the Councillors attention that someone has installed sleepers to transverse a ditch and is using this as an unauthorised access point. Clerk to notify Highways and write to the property owners. Cllr Mears will supply the address.2. It was reported that there are photographs being taken of children playing on the playground. Clerk to take this forward. Dates of 2022 meetings January 10 th 2022 March 14 th 2022 May 9 th 2022 July 11 th 2022 September 12 th 2022 November 14 th 2022	Clerk Clerk

Meeting closed at 10.25 pm

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Appendix A

BC&S Accounts Payable November 2021

Payee	Item	Amount
N Glading	Salary September 2021	£315.80
N Glading	Salary October 2021	£264.80
N Glading	Salary November 2021	£264.80
N Glading	Expenses - stationery	£9.00
SALC	Payroll services	£54.00
SALC	Training	£10.00
SALC	Annual Audit to 31st March 2021	£238.80
D Staff	Hall decoration	£29.24
Tops garden Services	October grass cutting	£216.00
Acorn Ltd	Heating/ conditioning units	£4,542.27
Ashley Bingham Photography	Photographs for hall publicity	£230.00
Ashtons Legal	Solicitors fees to register Hoggards Green and Allotment access	£2,072.40

Appendix B

Wayne Bevan Show

Radio Suffolk 22/11/2021 approx. 10.22 am

Roving reporter met with 20 residents about the long cancellation of the Chambers bus service to Stanningfield

David Staff

Villagers us the service for hospital, work. Does not make financial sense

Clive Mears

Village had very little warning/ Chambers are normally very good/ they say they have done a risk assessment and can't turn round but we don't understand

Reporter: Nor do I there's plenty of room I have an old bus and I could turn

Iris

There's no other way of getting out of the village, can't walk back from main road carrying heavy shopping

Pat

There's no footpath and traffic is heavier too. I use once a week. There is no post office or shop in the village. Need to attend dentist/ optician/ hospital appointments

Reporter

The bus service is a lifeline

Chambers have issued a statement (Jeremy Cooper MD). Buses are not allowed through the roadworks AW have told us. We have carried out a risk assessment and there is no opportunity to turn round.

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Clive Mears

We would like to invite Chambers out here, maybe you could come along with your bus and show them how to turn, Wayne. Hope Chambers will have rethink. We are realistic, don't expect full service to be resumed but one bus AM and another PM would be a huge help.

Reporter

Has asked for a statement from Anglian Water but not yet received

David Staff

No sign of any compromise and getting closer to Christmas. We will be contacting Suffolk County Council and will keep up the pressure

Thanked the 20 villagers for coming out

Appendix C

Froud, Cheryl <Cheryl.Froud@westsuffolk.gov.uk>

Wed 03/11/2021 08:33

Good morning Nicola

Sorry for the delay in responding to your request to link into the electricity supply of one of the street columns owned by West Suffolk Council.

I have now spoken with our Estates team and they confirm that your request will not be permitted as there will be numerous complications on top of metering, including electrical safety. The costs of the legal agreement is likely to also be a prohibitive issue.

I would be grateful if you can pass on my comments to Cllr David Staff and I am sorry that West Suffolk Council will not be able to assist with your request.

Kind regards Cheryl

Cheryl Froud

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