

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2015
in the Village Hall, Church Road, Stanningfield commencing at 7.30pm

	<p>In accordance with law, the Chairman of the Parish Council Mr D Staff took the Chair.</p> <p>Present were Councillors M Duchesne; R McKenna; T Langan; A Tucker and C Walters; along with County Councillor Terry Clements, Borough Councillor Sara Mildmay-White (latterly); Mrs. Waples (Clerk) and three members of the public.</p> <p>A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting.</p> <p><i>A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.</i></p>
1.0	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:</u> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>i. Apologies of absence were received from Councillor C Walters. It was noted that the Bury Rural SNT had presented their report at the earlier Annual Parish Council Meeting.</p>
2.0	<p><u>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting:</u> the previously circulated minutes of 12th May 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.</p>
3.0	<p><u>County Councillor's Report:</u> County Cllr. Terry Clements was invited to submit his report - a copy of which can be found at Appendix A. He brought the meeting's attention to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband - he was hopeful that Better Broadband for Suffolk would be uploading more information on its website which would show which areas were due to come online and overall coverage. It was noted that the Sicklesmere exchange being live had encountered a number of problems recently. • Highways - he had had positive talks with SCC's Assistant Director for Highways and Transport, Andrew Gutteridge on a number of highway relating matters he was progressing. • Leader of the Council - SCC had a new leader - Colin Noble.
4.0	<p><u>Borough Councillor's Report:</u> Borough Cllr. Sara Mildmay White was invited to submit her report which would be forwarded to all once received and attached to the minutes under Appendix B. The Chairman offered the Parish Council's congratulations on her re-election as Borough Councillor for the Ward.</p> <p>She made mention of the following:</p>

- Happy to accept the invitation to attend the Fun Day in July
- Was good to go round on her election campaign and speak to residents and hear issues first hand
- The Borough was trying to ensure that it engages positively with its residents and a number of documents covering the Joint Strategic Development Plans had now been adopted by the Borough.
- Good mayor making ceremony had taken place on 19th May 2015 and he had proven to be a popular choice.

5.0 SaferNeighbourhood Team - Bury Rural North Report: a full written report from PCSO Ken Ruston, which had been submitted at the Annual Parish Council Meeting earlier that evening, can be viewed at Appendix C.

6.0 Chairman of the Parish Council Report: Councillor David Staff presented his report to the Council a copy of which can be seen at Appendix D.

7.0 Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2015 : the Clerk to the Council was invited to report on the financial records for the year ended 31 March 2015, a copy of which can be seen at Appendix E.

The following items were brought to the meeting's attention:

- Parish Council had signed off the accounts at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held previously that evening. These would not be submitted to the External Auditor, BDO LLP by the due date of 9th June 2015.
- Internal Audit had also been carried out and no matters had arisen giving cause for concern.
- between £200-300 was promised from Borough Cllr Mildmay-White's Locality Budget for the Fun Day to be held in July
- Agreement was forthcoming to invite the Locality's Office at St Edmundsbury for the Official Opening Ceremony for the Village Hall
- Moneys for the Village Hall and the War Memorial at Bradfield Combust had been funded from grants apart from a small sum from the Parish Council. was invited to submit the

8.0 To receive issues from the Public:

- The roller left on the Village Green - could the Parish Council request the owner to remove it and remind him that the Village Green was not his yard.

There being no further business the Chairman of the Parish Council declared the meeting closed 8.15pm.