



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on 13th March, 2024

Present : Cllr s. R Barnes (Chairman), Pallett (Vice-Chairman), Ball, P. Barnes, Corlett, Slater and Spillett, MSC Cllr. Pugh, two members of the public and the Clerk.

1. **Welcome** - the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He advised that the meeting would be privately recorded.

2. **Apologies for absence** – SCC Cllr Bobby Bennett and Locum Clerk David Lines.

a. **Declarations of interest - NONE**

b. **Declarations of interest dispensations - NONE**

3. **Approved** - the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 31st January 2024 as a true and accurate record.

4. **Public Forum - NONE**

5. **County Council and Parish Councillor’s reports**

WSC Councillor Sarah Pugh spoke of the progress of the proposal of Sunnica Solar Farm. The council is currently waiting for a response from the government.

WSC have allocated £466.00 to each parish in the next financial years Locality budget. This is not an automatic payment but requests for funding should be directed to WSC for consideration.

The printing for the two signs allocated to the graveyard were discussed. The wording proposed by the clerk was not suitable and Cllr P Barnes said she would re-word it prior to printing. Cllr Slater reported that he had a contact for printing of such signs and once the wording is agreed, he is happy to approach his contact for a quote. The funding for this will be requested from the Locality budget.

Cllr P Barnes also suggested the gate/s at the churchyard should be refurbished, at her expense, if all were in agreement, which they were.

6. **Planning and Development**

No objection was raised following discussion for DC/24/0162/FUL - construction of outbuilding for storage - Skylark Barn, Stansfield Road, Poslingford.

WSC Local Plan

The parish council’s submission to the West Suffolk Local Plan consultation was confirmed. A vote was taken and all councillors agreed.

The Local Valued Landscape (LVL) designation adds a specific comment that clusters of similar looking houses are inappropriate in an LVL setting. The duty councillors are to find out what residents think about all issues, not just the development, was discussed



7. Community Matters

a. It was reported that Stansfield Good Neighbours have received a Gold Star Award for their works.

b. There are still potholes that need filling and the issue is ongoing. It was agreed Highways appear slow to respond. CCTV cameras have been installed near to local diversion signs.

Cllr Slater informed the clerk that the definitive maps had still not been received. Clerk to chase up the application.

c. A report from Suffolk Wildlife Trust on flora and fauna at old Chapel Graveyard was received and it was discussed and agreed that a working party of Cllrs P Barnes, Slater and Ball would discuss the proposals.

d. Member of the Village Hall Committee reported on the community coffee morning on 24 Feb 2024. It was agreed that the event was a great success and all who attended appeared to have a good time. Comments from the visitors were encouraged and a working party will be established to move forward with ideas, in particular with a summer family event which, if possible, will include a display of any Stansfield connections of the D Day landings, as this year is the 80th anniversary.

e. A Spring village litter pick was discussed and Saturday in April was agreed and the date to be advertised in the Parish Pump.

8. Clerk's Report

a. The action points from previous meetings was discussed and the clerk will follow up on the items raised. In particular :

- Ensure an alternative dedicated Parish Council email address for all members and staff has been completed.
- The clerk to contact Cllr Bobby Bennett with regard to the ongoing speeding issues with a view to having more ANPR regularly with dates planned.
- The wording and size of the chapel graveyard signs to be agreed and the signs printed
- To ensure the high vis jackets and waistcoats are within the specifications required by WSCC
- To transfer £500 to the Good Neighbours Scheme as previous discussed and agreed.

b. The use of the current website versus the proposed new website was discussed. The current website has been described as a bit “clunky” to use, but it has the relevant and correct information accessible on it. The proposed new website as presented to the PC was described as “unusable” and missing much of the required/relevant information. It would require a vast amount of work to get it to a useable state and the question was posed that if this were undertaken, would it in the end be any better than the current website, if that were to be improved a little? A working party to include Cllrs R Barnes, P Barnes, A Palett and member of the public, Derek Adams, was agreed to be set up to look at this issue. Also to look at the village website as a whole.



c. The clerk recently attended a SALC forum regarding EV charging points in the county. Access to more information available can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/transport-planning/plug-in-suffolk>

d. A portrait of HM King Charles, free to all councils has been ordered and awaiting delivery

9. RFO Report

a. A list of payments, the Bank Reconciliation and a Statement of Accounts was presented to the councillors and signed by the Chairman

b. No new virements across Cost Codes and from Reserves have been initiated.

c. Assets of Community Value were raised but not discussed. It was decided that a list of places would be discussed at the next meeting including sites, such as the Village Hall, Pub, Phone box and viewpoints over the Glem Valley.

10. Agenda items for future meetings

Assets of Community Value

11. The date of the next meeting, the Annual General Meeting, will be on Wednesday May 8th, 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

On Tuesday 14th May, 2024 at 7.00 pm in the village Hall, the Annual Parish meeting is planned for all residents to raise and/or listen to ideas and concerns about the village.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25pm