Stansted Parish Council comprising the villages of Stansted & Fairseat

Items of interest from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th February 2013

Neither the Chairman nor Vice-chairman was available to attend the February meeting but all other councillors were present and they elected Cllr Sheila Goodworth to chair the meeting. 4 members of the public also attended.

Regarding village security and the possibility of CCTV, we still don't have a date to meet the Crime Reduction Officer and his colleague.

6 planning applications were considered. One was for change of use of the Horse & Groom to a house. The Council would prefer to see the building remain commercial premises, but if this proves unviable, we would want a restriction on any further development of the site, including the field belonging to the property. Of the other applications, the Council again supported the re-erection of the traditional pub sign at the Vigo and had no objection to a 2 bay garage at Fairseat Farmhouse, but again commented that the roof height seemed excessive. Thriftwood Caravan Park wants to rearrange the caravans, moving the vans stored for the winter. We have asked that there is no more lifting of the tree canopy to protect local amenity and that any extra lighting will be low level, both in terms of fittings and illumination.

Councillors reviewed again the prices submitted for the grounds maintenance from April and decided to split the contract 3 ways, giving parts to local contractors and the remainder to KCC Landscape Services, who have been cutting the two Recreation Grounds for some years.

Entries for the "Design the Playpark" project set up with the school, which has now become a competition, should be sent either to the Parish Clerk or to the school by the beginning of the summer term in April.

The April meeting will be held on Monday 8th in Stansted Village Hall at 8 pm. This is a week later than normal, due to the first Monday that month being Easter Monday.

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