

Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

Parish Council

Village Matters

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Playground Up-grade

The play area on the Green at Stanningfield is one of our most used facilities. We have started the process of understanding what it will take to up-grade the existing equipment and add some new pieces and potentially a fence which has been requested on a number of occasions.

We are also looking at the possibility of adding an area of adult exercise equipment, which is becoming popular in many places.

This project is at the very beginning; currently we are gathering information on what is required and what the cost would be. We then of course have to go and find the money from grants and fund raising. If you have any thoughts on how we can do this development please let us know.

Land Development

You may recall that last year there was a planning application to build nine houses on the acre of land, which is on the right-hand side of Bury Road as you leave Stanningfield village heading towards Great Whelnetham. This application was rejected by the Parish and subsequently by St Edmundsbury.

The Parish Council has now been approached by St Edmundsbury and a housing development company named "Orbit Homes" with a view to creating a range of ten properties of shared ownership and affordable rents on this piece of land. This would be possible under the Government New Exception scheme.

The major difference with this proposal is that the houses would be allocated to people living and working in the Parish or related to people in the Parish. We believe this might be something of interest to you. The next stage would be to hold a Parish meeting to allow everyone to understand all the facts.

At the moment we have pushed this back until late spring, while we understand fully the Government's proposals around these types of schemes.

Bingo

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Bingo on the 4th December, this was the best yet with a top prize of £100 and total prize money of £390.

For 2016 we will continue with every first Friday in the month apart from January which be held on the 8th January followed by February 5th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th and June 3rd.

Village Hall Booking Secretary

After a great many years faithful service the current booking secretary Sheila Bennett is about to retire.

Anyone interested in taking on the duties should contact Stanningfield Community Chairman (SCA) Chairman Ron Back on 01284 828657.

The Parish Council and all who enjoy the Village Hall would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila for her many years of good work – We thank you

Neighbourhood Watch.

There have been nearly thirty reported crimes in and around our Parish during 2015, a lot of the crime is opportunistic so it is vital we all stay alert to people, vehicles and activity that are unusual.

Anything unusual should be reported using the numbers below. A full list of reported crimes during 2015 can be found on the village website.

Register for local crime e-mail alerts:

andrewtucker7@btinternet.com (Bradfield) or bakersfarmhouse@gmail.com (Stanningfield)



24/7 & less urgent than 999.

Parish Council Vacancies

There are **TWO** vacant positions for Councillors. Contact Paul MacLachlan or any Councillor for details.

Up-dated List of Parish Councillors

David Staff	Chairman	01284 828578
Tony Langan	Vice Chairman	01284 386125
Mark Duchesne	Councillor	01284 828566
Ray McKenna	Councillor	01284 828691
Clive Mears	Councillor	01284 827462
Andy Tucker	Councillor	01284 386825
Colin Walters	Councillor	01284 828565
Paul MacLachlan	Clerk	07958932480

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Parish Meeting dates for 2016 -2017

18th Jan, 21st March, 16th May, 25th July, 26th Sept, 28th Nov, 23rd Jan 2017 and 27th March 2017

Merry Christmas