

## Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield

### Parish Council

# *Village Matters*

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Our community has over the last few weeks seen lots of activities taking place and more importantly those activities being supported by a good number of you. Sadness has also touched us this month with the sudden death of Michael aged 14 who lived in Norse Avenue. Michael was sadly only with us a short time, and indeed was part of the group of young people we have been working towards providing more facilities for. Coincidentally, we are in the process of making our first purchase this month, a set of Goal Posts which will be erected on The Green. As Michael was a great Liverpool fan and loved football it seems only right and proper that these posts are dedicated to his memory.

### Younger Generation

Some months ago the Parish Council started to look at ways to improve the facilities available to the younger generation as the number of young people who now live in our community has increased dramatically. There has been a lot of activity with footballs, bikes and scooters around the bus shelter and the entrance to Norse Avenue, both of which are on the busy road through the village. The potential for an accident to happen and serious injury to be caused was and is still believed to be quite high. We had also received a number of complaints regarding damage to the bus shelter.

A village meeting was called on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to discuss and find a solution that would benefit all members of our community. This meeting was attended by approximately thirty people and the conclusion was reached that better facilities should be added to The Green and a bike track should be built on the Parish land at the back of the allotments.

From this meeting the Parish Council has pursued this objective and is now at a point of being ready to build the track, subject to approval from planning for a change of use for the land.

However, there have been a number of concerns voiced regarding location, disruption and control, which unfortunately did not come up at the December Village Meeting. The Parish Council has therefore put everything on hold until after the Parish Council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July where this subject will be an agenda item.

## **The Proposal**

For clarity, outlined below is the current situation:-

The proposal is to build six dirt ramps on an area 8 metres by 25 metres on the piece of land between the allotments and the horse paddocks, the precise position is yet to be confirmed.

The Parish Council has required the parents and children who want the track to enter into an agreement to ensure those potentially affected are catered for. Hazel Whenman (mother of Sam) who lives at 8 Bury Road email [hazelwhenman@googlemail.com](mailto:hazelwhenman@googlemail.com) has taken the responsibility for this.

We have asked for a number of commitments based around the involvement of parents and the youngsters in the creation and orderly running of the proposed track. Hazel has details of what is required to help drive the project forward. She is happy and indeed would welcome your help and support.

We would stress that the original issue and reason for starting this process still exists. **The Parish Council Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> July starts at 7.30 in Stanningfield Village Hall.**

## **Internet**

Website [www.onesuffolk.co.uk](http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk) click on Parish, Town & villages and then click on B or S.

Would you like help with understanding how to access the Village Website or indeed the World Wide Web or how to just use a computer? If so let any member of the Parish Council know. As part of our commitment to improve communication in the Parish we are installing internet connectivity to the Village hall and there are various schemes available to help people understand how to use this fantastic facility.

What we do next depends on the response from you.

## **Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

What a fantastic weekend of celebration for the Queen, the Nation turned out to show just how much they appreciate the great work and stability Queen Elizabeth II has brought to our country. The population of our Parish were no exception. Our weekend started with the Fete which saw record numbers and raised over £700. The dedication of the Plaques was attended by approx 25 people but they, undaunted by numbers, gave a rousing rendition of God Save The Queen. Monday's Fun on the Green was an outstanding success, with over 80 people not only attending but many also brought wonderful plates of food. The weather was kind to us, the sun shone and fun was had by all. There are pictures from the day on the Gallery page of the village website.

### **Special thanks must go to:-**

The Stanningfield Community Association (SCA) for their work in preparing the various events for the weekend. There is a rumour that Ron Back has been approached for an Olympic roll following his sterling work 'on the Mic.' during games on The Green!!!

Marquees for Fun on the Green were kindly loaned for the day and indeed erected and dismantled by Kristen and Nicki Baker-Munton.

Joanne Price of Smythies Farm for organising the games and prizes for Fun on the Green.

The Art Club for organising and producing the posters for the day, and to anyone else who contributed to the weekend's events.

### **Parish Council Annual General meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

David Staff has been elected Chairman of the Parish Council following Graham Berrill's decision to stand down as Chairman and Councillor. Tony Langan was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Council members, and I am sure the Parish in general, would like to thank Graham for his work and commitment to the Parish over the last number of years.

### **Council Objectives**

1. To represent the whole community
2. To communicate and engage the community in supporting and developing village initiatives
3. To promote a caring spirit amongst the villages of Bradfield Combust and Stanningfield
4. To ensure National and Local Government changes affecting the Parish are understood and acted upon

## **List of Parish Councillors**

David Staff	Chairman	01284 828578
Tony Langan	Vice Chairman	01284 386125
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## **List of 2012 Parish Meeting dates**

Monday January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday August 20 <sup>th</sup>
Monday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Monday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monday November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Monday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday December 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Monday July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Monday February 4 <sup>th</sup> 2013

The Parish Council meets every six weeks in either Stanningfield Village Hall or Bradfield Combust Methodist Meeting Room Meetings usually starting at 7.30pm.