

STANHOE PARISH COUNCIL

Operation Menai Bridge Policy

Throughout the country there is one event which will affect the whole community, from the largest city to the smallest hamlet. With the date of this event still unknown the Parish Council need to be prepared. The event is Operation Menai Bridge – the code name given to the passing of HM King Charles the Third.

Following his departing and the official announcement from Buckingham Palace, a period of ten days state mourning will follow. D Day being the death and D10 the date of the full state funeral in Westminster Abbey, unless D10 falls on a Sunday, then the funeral will be held on the D11 Monday.

On D +1 the new king/queen will be announced. On D+2 the Parish Council will then make their official announcement and any flags lowered.

In recognition of 'Operation Menai Bridge' – Stanhoe Parish Council have adopted the below procedures. These will be implemented following the formal announcement:

A condolence book will be put in place in All Saints Church, Stanhoe for those wishing to leave any messages. This will be arranged in conjunction with the Church.

This will then be stored in Norfolk archives and a letter sent to the Private Secretary at Buckingham Palace to acknowledge this. An official portrait of the King will be placed by the condolence book for the period of mourning only. This will be obtained from NALC.

The Chair will prepare suitable wording which will be posted on the Parish Council website and village webpage.

Any events arranged by the Parish Council during the 10 day mourning period are subject to be cancelled with a view to re-arrange.

A list of any changes in events and details on what the Parish Council will undertake during this period will be advertised on the website and village webpage.

If any local buildings are floodlit these must have a purple screen or be switched off for 10 days.

The date of the State Funeral will be a Public Holiday unless the date falls on a Saturday.