STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST

CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 26th MARCH 2018

PRESENT: Cllrs A Harvey (Chairman), I Richardson, Mrs K Dawson, T Benjamin,

 D Matthew & Mrs M Bottomley(Clerk). C Cllr M Hicks &

 D Cllr Mrs S Morley.

4 Villagers

APOLOGIES : Cllrs Mrs G Davison and T Brame

**Public Forum**: Villager advised councillors of a number of matters requiring attention:-

Area adjacent to Mill Farm . Church Lane (Playing Field main entrance) was overgrown Council agreed their contractor would be contacted about this. Lack of dog bin signs and new dog bin needed – permission on location to be obtained.

Overgrown hedges by the side of The Magpie; Ditches needed cleaning out; Paines Hill footpath overgrown; noisey all night parties at The Magpie; rubbish and fly tipping at The Magpie - the County Councillor advised the villager whose responsibility it was to be informed since the majority of her complaints were the responsibility of Suffolk County Council or Mid Suffolk District Council and all could be reported by any parishioner on the web facility for both Councils.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th JANUARY 2018.

It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th January 2018 were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly having noted the deletion of Mrs M Bottomley under “Apologies”. . Proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Harvey - all in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

**C Cllr Hicks –** Februaryand March reports circulated covering On line safety among children; Drone technology usage by Suffolk; Suffolk Public Health – Asthna treatment; preferred Secondary School by parents;/carers; Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service calling for new recruits; Great East run challenge.

**D Cllr Mrs Morley** – referred to the press release and the independent phone survey on the proposed merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The full report had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting..

Funds available from the Locality Budget were also discussed before D Cllr Mrs Morley left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened.

**Footpaths** - Cllr Richardson referred to two paths which he would ensure were made more accessible – Cllrs Brame and Mrs Dawson agreed to assist.

**Parish Newsletter/Website** – nothing to report.

**Cemetery** – Nothing to report.

**Play Area** – A meeting with another play area contractor has been arranged in two weeks time.

**Neighbourhood Watch** – nothing to report.

**Clerk’s report** – provided an update on the situation regarding the changes in the Data Protection Act which was due to come into force on 25th April 2018.

**Chairman’s report –** Nothing to report.

PLANNING

General discussion on the caravans located behind The Magpie and the accumulated rubbish. Fly tipping to be reported to Mid Suffolk District Council.

FINANCE

3968 **Bus Shelter –update.** Discussion on dismantling the shelter – Chairman to prepare action list of work.

3969 **Fidelity cover:**  to consider at next meeting.

3670 **BDO report:** circulated and conclusion of audit notice place on the Notice Board.

3671 **Standing Orders**: defer to next meeting

3672 **Financial Risk Assessment:** Approval proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Richardson – all in favour

3673 **Grass Cutting Contract:** Contract for 2018 accepted. Proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Harvey – all in favour.

3674 **Cheques** - It was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Richardson and agreed

unanimously that the following cheques be issued:-

Chq No.

 673 Vertas Group (Inv.SIN023295/SIN002727) £348.59

 674 SALC (nv.20216) £ 54.00

 675 HMRC (tax) £105.00

 676 Haughley PC ( cartridges) £ 36.69

677 Clerk (expenses) £ 49.99

678 Earl Stonham PC (Newsletter) £ 90.00

679 Stonham Parva Vaptist Chapel (hire) £ 16.00

 S/O Personnel ££280.10

 Current Account £12,193.30

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion on provision of flashing signs – Clerk to make enquiries as to the cost etc.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14th May 2018 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.)

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m..