

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON
MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2021

20.201 PRESENT: Cllrs, T Benjamin, I Richardson, J Baldwin, K Dawson & M Goodrum & 1 Parishioner

20.202 APOLOGIES : Cllr G Davison

20.203 Public Forum: None

20.204 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

20.205 DISPENSATIONS – None

20.206 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th JANUARY - Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson and seconded by J Baldwin.

20.207 COVID-19 – A newsletter was sent to all households covering information about Covid-19 and the help available.

A resident has passed away due to Covid-19.

20.208 REPORTS

20.208.1 Report from C Cllr Hicks for February which was sent after the meeting. Cllr Hicks ran through this.

Key points:

- Lateral flow test centres have started in Suffolk
- New recycling initiative

Cllr Hicks confirmed that the signage mentioned in a previous meeting has been costed and the cost will be between £7-£10k, this is because 17 posts need replacing along with 34 signs to put on them, this is due to new regulations and the fact the work will need to be completed at night with the associated costs. Cllr Hicks may be able to fund some of this and we need to look at maybe reducing what needs doing including not having a yellow background on every sign.

Signs for Clockhouse Lane are in the same budget as above.

There is no report back for repainting the white lines apart from they are only doing them where there is a clear safety issue, and this comes out of a central budget.

After Cllr Hicks left the meeting this was discussed, and it was agreed that if the white lines are going to be replaced from a central budget then we would be happy to just have yellow backgrounds on 30mph signs as you enter the village and not all the way along but if the white lines won't be replaced then we would like all the signs replaced with a yellow background. T Benjamin will email Cllr Hicks about a breakdown of the costs depending on what we would like done and also an email to Cllr Morley to see if she has any funding she can use.

Action – T Benjamin to email C Cllr Hicks regarding breakdown of costs and our preferred option

Action – T Benjamin to email D Cllr Morley to see if she has any funding available

20.208.2 Report from D Cllr Morley for February not received

G Davison has sent round the list of pros and cons of Neighbourhood Plan and email to everyone

20.208.3 Footpaths – A reply has been received from SCC regarding contact with landowners if a public right of way is blocked or not visible and the reply is that they have to prioritise workload and they will

only contact landowners if they have the capacity to follow the complaint all the way through which may include site visits. The suggestion was that some Parish Councils contact landowners themselves if there are footpath issues.

There has been no reply to my query about Footpath 14 so it was agreed to ask SCC for an answer to this question before we decide our next steps.

Action – W Brame to email SCC and ask for a reply regarding Footpath 14

Meeting suspended at 20:02.

Meeting restarted at 20:05.

20.208.4 Cemetery – Suffolk Records Office is closed currently as they relocate but will T Benjamin will check the records once they have opened.

I Richardson has identified some headstones which are a risk and has emailed the Clerk who will look at owner details before we put notices up.

Action – W Brame to look at Cemetery paperwork relating to grave ownership

The laurel hedge has been cut down for a cost of £120

There is a burial on 24/2 of a former resident.

20.208.5 Play Area – Wendy Brame to chase up Suffolk Legal regarding land registry of play area

Action – W Brame to chase up Suffolk Legal

A suggestion has been made that a concrete pipe could be placed inside the mound that the slide will go on to give the children something else to do.

20.208.6 Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report, has been sending out emails as received.

20.208.7 Tree Warden – Nothing to report.

20.208.8 SALC – The Mid Suffolk forum minutes were sent round.

20.209 COMMUNICATION – SCC have approved the application for the noticeboard with conditions and the cost is £100. Proposed by T Benjamin and seconded by J Baldwin to pay the fee.

Action – W Brame to pay the application fee of £100 for the new noticeboard.

M Goodrum will bring quotes for noticeboards to the March meeting for decision.

J Baldwin is happy to create a Welcome Pack /Directory.

Action – T Benjamin to send old copy of Directory to J Baldwin

Action – J Baldwin to refresh Welcome Pack/Directory

Website pages have been allocated for everyone to check.

Agreed to purchase the Accessibility webinar for £25. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

Action - Wendy to email SALC to buy the webinar

A roof lip is to be put on the Church Lane noticeboard to stop water ingress.

Action - I Richardson to add roof lip

Notice for new residents regarding the newsletter is on both noticeboards

20.210 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Agreed to leave the issue with the caravan on land next to The Magpie for now as it is approaching 2 years and we don't believe anyone is living there now. If further complaints are received in the future, we can deal with it again.

20.211 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – A Speeding forum is taking place in March with the Police Crime Commissioner and we are able to join.

Action - W Brame to send link to join speeding forum

20.212 FINANCE – Clerks finance report for January was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting. No questions raised.

Precept form emailed to MSDC and has been acknowledged.

Agreed to use SALC as our internal auditors. Proposed by T Benjamin. seconded by J Baldwin.

Action – W Brame to email SALC to request they conduct the internal audit

20.213 GOVERNANCE – Agreed to approve the standing orders. Proposed by I Richardson and seconded by K Dawson

Action – T Benjamin to put new standing orders on website.

20.214 CASUAL VACANCY – Siobhan Dinc has applied to be a Parish Councillor. The application was discussed and it was agreed for Siobhan to join us as a Parish Councillor. Siobhan Dinc agreed to this.

It was agreed by all to move the meeting to 8pm to better accommodate everyone.

Action – W Brame to send paperwork to Siobhan Dinc for completion

20.215 VILLAGE SIGN – Graham Denny has agreed that our sign can be placed in his field, need to arrange a meeting to agree placement in the next few weeks.

20.216 ST MARYS CHURCH – An update has been received from The Churches Conservation Trust and they are just waiting on an options report from a structural engineer. St Marys has also moved up the list for being repaired as various churches have been repaired during the pandemic. The Churches Conservation Trust requested our comments on the erection of a notice board just inside the gate, agreed that we had no objections.

Action - I Richardson to speak to D Mathews to confirm all the above

Action – T Benjamin to email The Churches Conservation Trust to give our view

20.217 FUNDRAISING – The total amount raised since 2019 is £695.63 (Garden party £303, Plant and other sales £392.63) and the total spent is £381.46 (Topsoil, picnic bench and gate/fencing). It was agreed to move the fundraising money in to a separate account.

Action – W Brame to move fundraising money to savings account.

20.218 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – the no-fly tipping sign has been removed. T Benjamin will put up the new sign

Action – W Brame to drop off sign and post to T Benjamin

No further action on the car wash as the bins have been emptied and the grounds have been tidied up.

20.219 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 8th March 2021 at 8pm

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.17pm

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