

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

20.220 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, G Davison, J Baldwin, K Dawson, M Goodrum & S Dinc

20.221 APOLOGIES : None

20.222 Public Forum: None

20.223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

20.224 DISPENSATIONS – None

20.225 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th MARCH - Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by M Goodrum and seconded by I Richardson.

20.226 COVID-19 – Lockdown pathway started today with schools returning.

A Councillor mentioned issues with booking at our closest vaccination centre, D Cllr Morley advised that the Government decide who get the supplies of vaccines and vaccination centres then make appointments available. Currently Suffolk have vaccinated one of the highest percentages and as a result less vaccines are sent to Suffolk while the rest of the country catch up.

There is a Lateral Flow Test centre at Debenham which opened recently.

Action – T Benjamin will add the information about Community Testing at Debenham to our website

20.227 REPORTS

20.227.1 Report from C Cllr Hicks for March which was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Highways drainage budget increased
- 16 new Covid-19 rapid testing centres open in Suffolk
- New hedgerow planted as part of biodiversity project under Suffolk 2020 fund

20.227.2 Report from D Cllr Morley for March received.

Key points:

- Community Testing at MEAL in Stowmarket
- Hardship Fund for those who receive Local Council Tax Support

Locality Funding of £500 was applied for from D Cllr Morley and this is currently being processed.

20.227.3 Footpaths – SCC has replied to say that Footpath 14 has not been diverted. Agreed that W Brame will write to the owners to suggest that we work together to either place better signage or a diversion for Footpath 14 & 5.

Also other concerns about other footpaths but agreed to look into this after we have resolved issues with Footpath 14 & 5.

Action – W Brame to write to owners of College Farm

Action – G Davison to email footpath map for discussion at next meeting.

20.227.4 Cemetery – W Brame has looked at the records and grave ownership is not known. Agreed to add notice to headstones and cemetery gates giving 28 days asking relatives to contact us.

Local grave digger can affix headstones if needed for families.

Action – W Brame to find wording for notice and T Benjamin will create notice

20.227.5 Play Area – W Brame has emailed Suffolk Legal to chase up land registry of play area

Local resident has agreed to chip the branches that have been cut back already and also cut the brambles back on the other side.

First grass cut of the year has taken place.

20.227.6 Neighbourhood Watch – There have been reports of drug dealing within the village. Reminded that this needs to be reported as soon as it happens. Discussion around safeguarding training for Councillors.

Action – K Dawson will find some online training and send link round

20.227.7 Tree Warden – Nothing to report.

20.227.8 SALC – Nothing to report.

20.228 COMMUNICATION – Application fee has been paid to SCC for noticeboard application.

M Goodrum has got quotes for signs, same company as noticeboard on Church Lane would charge £509+VAT (£470 for noticeboard, £39 for engraved sign) and Xcel Displays would charge £450 (inc. VAT). Decision to be made at next meeting.

Action – M Goodrum to email round noticeboard information

I Richardson has put the new roof lip on the noticeboard on Church Lane.

T Benjamin sent the Welcome Pack /Directory to J Baldwin. She has started updating this and will send a copy round to be checked.

Action – Everyone to email J Baldwin with anyone new who has moved into the village.

Accessibility webinar has been purchased.

Action – All to watch this and update webpages allocated to them

20.229 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – None

20.230 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – Accessibility Webinar purchased recently.

Agreed that the Parish Council will contribute £100 towards the cost of resources for the Parish Clerks CILCA training. Proposed by J Baldwin, seconded by I Richardson.

20.231 FINANCE – Clerk's finance report for February was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting. No questions raised.

SALC are confirmed as Internal Auditors, paperwork can be sent anytime from 6th April 2021.

Need to consider depreciation of assets. W Brame confirmed that the budget has earmarked reserves for 21/22.

Asset register approved for 20/21.

Due to the new play area the assets are now over £20,000, to change our insurance so our policy covers items between £20,000 - £50,000 will cost an extra £22.40. Agreed to increase insurance cover and pay

additional premium. Proposed by G Davison, seconded K Dawson.

Action – W Brame to renew insurance

20.232 GOVERNANCE – The updated standing orders have been placed on the website.

20.233 VILLAGE HALL – I Richardson would like us to consider purchasing the Playing Field from MSDC – to be discussed later in the year.

Will need to consider residents wants and needs regarding a village hall/community building. Could this be built on the playing field if we are able to purchase this?

20.234 VILLAGE SIGN – I Richardson will contact G Denny to arrange meeting to discuss location of village sign.

Action – I Richardson to contact G Denny

20.235 SAFETY CONCERNS A140 – Email was sent to C Cllr Hicks regarding cost for renewal of white lines and better signage and we are awaiting a reply.

Safety concerns by residents of Stonham Parva and Stonham Aspal who live on A140/A1120 junction were discussed. I Richardson and W Brame attended a meeting with them and Stonham Aspal Parish Council and W Brame has sent letters to Suffolk Highways and Suffolk Police.

Action – W Brame to email copies of letters to all

20.236 FUNDRAISING – Fundraising money has been moved to savings account.

Discussion around who would help with fundraising.

20.237 CORRESPONDENCE – All emails sent round as received.

20.238 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – No Fly-tipping sign will be put up by T Benjamin.

S Dinc has completed her declaration of office and register of interests and this has been updated with BDC.

Action - Everyone to check Register of Interests and confirm to W Brame if update needed or not

Bank details for wreath to be sent to W Brame.

Action – G Davison to send bank details to W Brame

I Richardson has spoken to D Matthews re churchyard.

T Benjamin emailed Churches Conservation about noticeboard

20.239 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 12th April 2021 at 8pm

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.57pm