

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL  
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022

21.230 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum, J Baldwin and M Sealby  
4 members of public

21.231 APOLOGIES : Cllr S Dinc

**21.232 Public Forum:** All members of the public were here to discuss planning application DC/22/00862 and were permitted to speak in that section.

21.233 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Dawson & Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 21.444 Allotments as they are tenants on the allotments.

21.234 DISPENSATIONS – None

21.235 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 & EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 - Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson

21.236 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS –

DC/22/00862 – Members of the public spoke about their thoughts on the application. It was agreed to object to this application due to concerns about the visibility towards pedestrians (as a pavement runs along the front of this development) and other road users when trying to join the A140. The Parish Council are not averse to development within the village but need their concerns taken into account. There is no infrastructure within the village so everywhere has to be travelled to meaning there is a need for every house to have at least 1 car. The Parish Council are concerned about the power cables which run above this site which have not been mentioned in the current plans. We are also aware that the village sewer pipe runs under this field and hope that both these will be considered. The Parish Council would like to see an archaeological dig to take place before any work commences and also a full ecology survey as there are great crested newts in the ponds within the village (as per a recent planning application) so would want to see all ponds within the village checked and not just those which are accessible

DC/21/06953 – New plans have been provided which shows the barn as moving to the left of the site and not in front of Angel Hill Farm. It was agreed to object again on the same grounds as before.

21.237 COVID-19 – No update

21.238 REPORTS

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

Key points:

- Budget agreed, 1.99% increase on council tax bills & 1% for adult social care
- 20,000 street lights replaced so far
- New strategy for how Suffolk will address Violence Against Women and Girls

**Action – M Sealby to email all regarding his views on the Net Zero initiative before this is sent to C Cllr Hicks**

**21.238.2** No report from D Cllr Morley for March received.

**21.238.3 Footpaths** – No response from farmer so will write again.

**Action – W Brame to write to farmer regarding footpath cutting schedule.**

**21.238.4 Cemetery** – No update

**21.238.5 Play Area** – A sign is needed for the play area confirming ownership and who to contact if any problems.

**Action – T Benjamin to create sign**

Paperwork has been sent to Suffolk Legal and we are awaiting an update.

**21.238.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – J Baldwin to be lead on this.

**Action – K Dawson to pass details for email account to J Baldwin**

**21.238.7 Tree Warden** – No update

**21.238.8 SALC** – No update

**21.239 COMMUNICATION** – Discussed survey results and how we communicate these to the residents, it was agreed to compile the results ready for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

**Action – T Benjamin to compile results**

**21.240 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY** – No contact from Quiet Lanes regarding next steps.

The A140/A1120 junction white lines are very worn and it makes it difficult to see the lanes.

The diversion signs for Saxham Street works are affecting visibility.

Nothing has been heard regarding the white line repainting since we were informed the contract had gone out for tender.

**Action – T Benjamin to report the A140/A1120 white lines**

**Action – J Baldwin to report the siting of the diversion signs**

**Action – T Benjamin to check with C Cllr Hicks regarding white line repainting,**

**21.241 TRAINING/CONFERENCES** – M Sealby is currently completing Councillor training.

**21.242 GOVERNANCE** – It was agreed to use SALC as our internal auditors at a cost of £161 + VAT – proposed by T Benjamin and seconded I Richardson.

Safeguarding policy to go on our website.

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

No reply received from Vertas yet so new contract has not been signed.

**21.444 ALLOTMENTS** – An email has been received from the agents suggesting an increase from £400pa to £490pa as per RPI, there would also be a fee of £300 for a new contract/. The current contract ran for 5 years and ended in 2020 but was not renewed.

It was agreed to contact the agents and state that the increase is much higher than RPI but we would be happy with a £20 increase and to ask for 1 years notice on any increase as allotment rents are set in the previous September to be paid in April of the following year. Also to ask for the fee of £300 to be reconsidered as this is nearly the same amount as the yearly rent and we were not charged before. We also need to make them aware that we have a lot of families using the allotments and they are facing increased costs elsewhere and that we would not want to exclude families from having an allotment due to cost as this may lead to adverse publicity.

**Action – W Brame to contact agents**

21.245 JUBILEE EVENT – Update given regarding the Jubilee event which will be The Big Lunch on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June held at the Baptist Church. There will be a BBQ and ice cream plus drinks. There will be some live music and also some sporting activities.

Next Working Group meeting to be on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm at The Baptist Chapel

21.246 FUNDRAISING – The cheque from the Asda Green Token scheme has been received.

£1958.84 has been awarded from the Community Restart Grant.

There will be a quiz on 29<sup>th</sup> April to be held at The Magpie as it will be towards The Magpie sign. Cost £7.50 per person. W Brame will issue tickets and collect money in via bank account. S Dinc to design poster.

Plant sale will start soon.

21.247 MAGPIE SIGN – M Sealby will speak to some structural engineers about the best way for the sign to be erected to prevent issues in the future.

**Action- M Sealby to speak to structural engineers.**

21.248 PLAYING FIELD PURCHASE – No reply from MSDC as yet.

21.249 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

21.250 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – The Chapel is available for the change of meeting date of 11<sup>th</sup> April.

21.251 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – There was no press or public to exclude.

Parish Clerk left the room at 9.05pm

21.252 CLERKS SALARY – The Clerk's salary was discussed.

Parish Clerk entered in the room at 9.08pm

21.225 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.  
Annual Parish Meeting to be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Action – W Brame to check if Chapel is available on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm