

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL  
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

21.145 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum, S Dinc and M Sealby and 2 members of the public (Chapel representatives)

21.146 APOLOGIES : Cllr J Baldwin

**21.147 Public Forum:** None

21.148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

21.149 DISPENSATIONS – None

21.150 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 - Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by M Goodrum., seconded by K Dawson.

A one minutes silence was held in honour of David Matthew, a former Councillor who served on the Parish Council for over 30 years who has sadly passed away.

The next agenda item was taken out of order as representatives from the Chapel were in attendance.

21.151 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - The Chapel are planning to have the Chapel and back field open on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021. It was confirmed this was the day of The Big Lunch. Could do a BBQ, have some songs and music and a few games. The Parish Council will be able to fund some of this. The Chapel will next meet in January and they will invite a couple of members of the Parish Council to discuss further. The Chapel also confirmed that they have a Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December and will send round a poster.

21.152 COVID-19 – No update

21.153 REPORTS

**21.153.1** Report from C Cllr Hicks for November which was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Extra Covid-19 support
- Lorry Route Plan Review

**21.153.2** Report from D Cllr Morley for October was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Local Energy Showcase Event held
- Ipad Lending Scheme
- £1.5million in neighbourhood CIL distributed last month

D Cllr Morley was asked whether she could make a locality grant towards the church restoration and she requested an application form is completed as depending on the work she may be able to fund this but will need to check.

**Action – T Benjamin to complete locality grant application form**

**21.153.3 Footpaths** – Overgrown grass/tress at both areas in the village have been report to Suffolk Highways.

There had been a complaint about the amount of litter on the footpath behind The Magpie, this was picked up by I Richardson.

The fencing of the field on the footpath behind the Church is damaged and there are sharp wires sticking out.

**Action – W Brame to contact Earl Stonham Farms to ask them to make this safe.**

**21.153.4 Cemetery** – Need to look at headstones which were at an angle.

**Action – T Benjamin to co-ordinate cemetery visit to decide on headstones**

There is an Environment Agency consultation out which impacts cemeteries, this will be forwarded round and discussed at the next meeting.

**21.153.5 Play Area** – No reply from Sovereign but guarantee has been checked and this is 20 years against rot providing it is not in a waterlogged area.

We need to check with Suffolk Legal what is happening with our application to register our land.

**Action – W Brame to chase Suffolk Legal**

**21.153.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – No update

**21.153.7 Tree Warden** – Application for trees and wildflower seeds is ongoing.

**21.153.8 SALC** – Nothing to update

**21.154 COMMUNICATION** – Noticeboard still needs to be installed.

**Action – T Benjamin and volunteers to put up noticeboard.**

A local resident told a Councillor that we were the ‘worst’ Parish Council the village has had. It was hoped that all residents did not feel like this and it was agreed to include a questionnaire in the next newsletter which can be completed in paper form or via Survey Monkey.

The next newsletter will likely be in late January so we can also include a piece about the precept.

**21.155 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS** – No one had any comments about the planning applications DC/21/05741 & DC/21/05959.

**21.156 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY** – SID to be removed and hopefully fixed as not displaying correctly.

No info has been received about the traffic survey as part of the Quiet Lanes initiative.

**Action – W Brame to check next steps**

There was a burst water main on Clockhouse Lane which meant a road closure for a few weeks.

A query was raised about cats eyes on the A140 and whether these are going to be introduced again.

**Action – T Benjamin to email C Cllr M Hicks**

**21.157 TRAINING/CONFERENCES** – J Baldwin starts her Councillor training tonight.

**21.158 GOVERNANCE** – External audit report was received. The only issue was the exercise of public rights was held after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – the reason for this was that the internal audit was late being returned to us and so we had to call an Extraordinary meeting but due to the time line this was not able to be held until after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

**21.159 FINANCE** – Clerk’s finance report for October was emailed to everyone ahead of the

meeting. No questions raised.

The first draft of the budget was reviewed, everyone to consider additional items. Although the draft tax base calculator is due later this week the final tax base calculator will not be sent out until early January so we will set the precept at the January meeting.

21.160 FUNDRAISING – The plans for the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 are coming along, the save the date flyers have been hand delivered. More raffle prizes are needed if possible.

Next year the fundraising group will look to set up their own group with a constitution so they can apply for grant funding.

21.161 ST MARY'S CHURCH – The external scaffolding will be erected this week. The total cost of the works is over £460,000 and 20% of this is not covered by a grant and the Parish Council have been asked to help with fundraising.

Ahead of the meeting a document from NALC was circulated which advised that Parish Councils are not able to fund repairs and maintenance of Churches but can fund electricity, water, insurance etc.

It was agreed to approach C Cllr Hicks and D Cllr Morley and to also agree to hand deliver a letter to all residents to see if they will contribute while the work is ongoing.

21.162 CORRESPONDENCE – None

21.163 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – I Richardson has met with G Denny and he has agreed 2 locations where the sign can be placed, I Richardson has emailed us photographs and we can agree the best location and then undertake the work in 2022.

21.164 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – Discussion regarding The Magpie Sign took place.

21.165 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 8pm

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 10:10pm