

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2022

21.186 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum, J Baldwin and S Dinc

21.187 APOLOGIES : Cllr M Sealby

21.188 Public Forum: None

21.189 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

21.190 DISPENSATIONS – None

21.191 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th DECEMBER 2021 - Minutes confirmed as correct with the addition of ‘...may not be suitable, K Dawson to check’ under 21.180 Covid Restart Grant - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

21.192 COVID-19 – Reminder about village Covid response went into the newsletter.

21.193 REPORTS

21.193.1 Report from C Cllr Hicks for January which was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Over 10,000 new LED streetlights installed across Suffolk
- 2022/23 budget set, there will be a 2.99% increase in Council Tax (plus 1% for adult social care)

21.193.2 Report from D Cllr Morley for January was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Joint Local Plan continuing with more work needed on it before it goes back to Planning Inspectors
- Free bus and taxi service across Suffolk for those travelling for a vaccination

21.193.3 Footpaths – Awaiting contact from local farmer about grass cutting schedule.

Report received regarding bridge near playing field as this has got slippery when wet due to moss and has no chicken wire on it. W Brame to report.

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

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

Consultation responded to before the deadline.

I Richardson contacted the member of public who complained and she is happy with the response.

21.193.5 Play 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

Action – W Brame to create spreadsheet from play inspection report

21.193.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

21.193.7 Tree Warden – Unfortunately there are no wildlife seeds available.

The tree/hedgerow scheme should go ahead again later this year. Need to send photos to them of this years trees/hedgerows and then some again next year to show progress.

Action – W Brame to write letter to D Hughes to thank him for his help in obtaining the fruit trees for the allotment via Mid Suffolk.

21.193.8 SALC – Nothing to update

21.194 COMMUNICATION – Noticeboard still needs to be installed.

Action – T Benjamin and volunteers to put up noticeboard.

Newsletter, survey and letter from Churches Conservation Trust have been delivered (or emailed). Some responses have been received from the survey already. Agreed to discuss survey results at February meeting.

Survey to also go on Facebook page.

Action – W Brame to put survey on Facebook page

21.195 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – None

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

Awaiting next steps for the Quiet Lanes initiative.

Email sent to C Cllr Hicks about cats eyes on the A140.

21.197 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – J Baldwin has completed her 6 sessions of Councillor training and found it interesting. She would advise completing them in order rather than as and when as they do lead in to each other.

21.198 GOVERNANCE – None

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

The budget for 22/23 was agreed.

Precept set at £6692 (1.5% increase or 6p pm for Band D property) – Proposed by S Dinc, seconded by J Baldwin.

Action – W Brame to complete precept form and email to MSDC.

21.200 FUNDRAISING – Money raised at the Christmas Coffee Morning has been paid into the bank.

The Asda Green Token scheme comes to an end on 31st January.

We are eligible for the Community Restart Grant of up to £2500, agreed that we would apply for springer rockers for toddlers and goal posts with nets.

Action – I Richardson to obtain quotes.

Action – W Brame to complete grant application form.

21.201 PLAYING FIELD PURCHASE – Discussed approaching MSDC about purchasing or being gifted the Playing Field for which we currently pay £2pa for. History of site has been emailed to W Brame.

Action – W Brame to email MSDC re being gifted/purchasing the site

21.202 CORRESPONDENCE – I Richardson spoke to Radio Suffolk but no one has called him back.

21.203 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – Updated Councillor list and new meeting dates for 2022 are on the noticeboard.

Action – T Benjamin to put on website

21.204 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.30pm

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

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