

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL  
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

21.78 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson; J Baldwin; M Goodrum & S Dinc

21.79 APOLOGIES : None

**21.80 Public Forum:** None

21.81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

21.82 DISPENSATIONS – None

21.83 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021 - Minutes confirmed as correct  
- Proposed by S Dinc, seconded by M Goodrum.

21.84 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL EGM 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 - Minutes confirmed as correct –  
Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

21.85 COVID-19 – Lockdown restrictions eased today. Discussed our risk assessment for face-to-face meetings and agreed to update this to say we will still socially distance and wear masks to walk around but not when seated.

**Action – W Brame to update risk assessment**

21.86 REPORTS

**21.86.1** Report from C Cllr Hicks for July which was sent ahead of the meeting.

Key points:

- Independent review of SEND provision
- Launch of Cassius service

**21.86.2** Report from D Cllr Morley for July:

Key points:

- Joint Local Plan to reconvene from September
- £97, 000 for biodiversity schemes

D Cllr Morley mentioned her locality funding, we had previously asked for £500 towards signs but this was put on hold while information was clarified and also it was the end of the year. D Cllr Morley recommended we apply again for money towards signs on Clockhouse Lane.

**Action – Grant application needed for signage**

**21.86.3 Footpaths** – Clerk to speak to farmer re Footpath 14 and where the footpath diversion could go.

I Richardson has spoken to a local farmer who mentioned that he receives a grant for cutting some of the footpaths in the village. If this is the case this would only leave a few for us to do.

**21.86.4 Cemetery** – Information on website has been updated

The Cemetery has not been cut for some time, this needs chasing.

**Action – W Brame to chase Cemetery cut.**

Need to look at headstones which were at an angle.

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

**21.86.5 Play Area** – It has been agreed that we will not use rope on the slide mound.

The fencing around the play area has been finished by T Benjamin.

We need to include the mound in the play area cutting schedule.

**Action – W Brame to email Vertas to ask if this can be added**

There is a concern that the bottom of the play equipment may be hit by the strimmer when the area is cut and this damage can allow water ingress which can cause the wood to rot more quickly.

**Action – Play equipment to be checked.**

**21.86.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – Nothing to report

**21.86.7 Tree Warden** – J Baldwin confirmed she had attended the webinar but it was not relevant to us, however from that she has joined the Suffolk Tree Wardens Group.

We need an article in the newsletter asking for people to make suggestions for trees and hedgerow in their own gardens.

**Action – J Baldwin to write brief note for newsletter**

J Baldwin had a meeting with a parishioner and they have subsequently applied for 22 fruit trees so a community orchard can be established on the allotments.

There is a possibility that we can get wildflower seeds but this would not be via the MSDC scheme but through the Suffolk Tree Wardens.

J Baldwin has spoken to the Tree Officer regarding the oak tree and it may be too late to apply for a TPO for the tree as this should be done before any planning is applied for. Previously the Tree Warden had been told not to apply for TPO's unless there was a risk of development and a few years ago there was not. She will continue to attempt to get the oak tree registered for a TPO.

**21.86.8 SALC** – T Benjamin will attend SALC AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**21.87 COMMUNICATION** – Noticeboard has been purchased and delivered. T Benjamin will install this.

Discussed newsletter and what this should contain – need to include trees/hedgerow, fund raising and Councillor vacancy.

S Dinc is not able to help with website updates due to her job becoming busier so T Benjamin will continue with this.

**21.88 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS** – It was agreed that all planning applications will be emailed to all Councillors and a decision will be made on whether an EGM is needed to discuss this, if no EGM is needed the Parish Clerk will respond with a No Comment.

**21.89 TRAINING/CONFERENCES** – W Brame to let everyone know about any training/conferences which are coming up.

**Action – W Brame to email everyone with training/conferences**

21.90 GRASS/VERGE CUTTING – The verge along the A140 close to Church Lane has been cut but not all the way along and visibility is still an issue.

There is also a sign for the car wash which affects the visibility, this used to be further down the road.

**Action – W Brame to write to car wash owner and ask that his sign be placed further down the road.**

21.91 CASUAL VACANCY – MSDC were contacted to advise of the casual vacancy and a notice is on the noticeboard, if 10 electors do not write to the Returning Officer by 2<sup>nd</sup> August then we are able to co-opt.

We have a new resident interested in becoming a Councillor but currently he does not meet the criteria to be a Councillor, hopefully by the next meeting he will do so.

The Councillor list on the noticeboard has been updated.

21.92 GOVERNANCE – The internal audit report has been received – Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by J Baldwin.

The recommendations from the internal audit report have been collated and a list of actions created – Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Goodrum.

21.93 FINANCE – The quarterly report for April – June was received. The budget for equipment has been overspent but we received a £1000 grant to cover play equipment.

Clerk's finance report for June was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting. No questions raised.

21.94 TREE, HEDGE & WILDFLOWER PLANTING – This has been covered under 21.86.7

21.95 VILLAGE SIGN – No update as yet.

**Action – I Richardson to speak to G Denny**

21.96 VILLAGE HALL – There has been no interest by any Parishioners about building a village hall.

21.97 FUNDRAISING – Money raised from plant sales has been paid into the bank. G Davison has also raised £28 from plant sales.

K Dawson has been in contact with Asda regarding the green token scheme, we need to provide more information.

**Action – K Dawson to forward email to W Brame to supply documents.**

Agreed to revisit fundraising at next meeting when we know more about any further Covid-19 restrictions

21.98 MAGPIE SIGN – The Magpie sign (Grade II listed) was hit by a vehicle and as a result SCC/MSDC have removed the sign which now sits in the pub car park and we are concerned about damage or theft.

**Action – W Brame to write to owner and offer to store sign and also ask about the plan for the sign**

21.99 CLOCKHOUSE LANE – Earl Stonham Farms received deliveries from Whites Recycling between 12-16 times per day over the course of a week. This caused many issues in the village as the road was often blocked meaning vehicles could not pass, the school bus was asked to use a different route and the road was damaged by the heavy lorries.

**Action – W Brame to write to Earl Stonham Farms regarding the deliveries**

21.100 CORRESPONDENCE – A parishioner has complained about persistent dog barking, he has been advised to contact Environmental Health at MSDC.

21.101 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – None

21.102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 8pm (no meeting in August due to holidays)

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.49pm

ISSUED