

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 20th DECEMBER 2021

21.166 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum and M Sealby

21.167 APOLOGIES : Cllr J Baldwin and S Dinc

21.168 Public Forum: None

21.169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

21.170 DISPENSATIONS – None

21.171 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15th NOVEMBER 2021 - Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Sealby.

21.172 COVID-19 – Due to the new variant being more easily transmitted it was agreed to put a reminder piece in the next newsletter about our Covid response if anyone needs help.

21.173 REPORTS

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

Key points:

- SCC investing £12.8m to decarbonise buildings
- Public consultation underway regarding 2022/23 budget

21.173.2 There was no report from D Cllr Morley.

Locality grant form was completed but this was turned down as it was to fund renovation/repair to a Church and this is not permitted.

21.173.3 Footpaths – The overgrown grass on the pavement in the north of the village will be cut within 8 weeks (this may have already been done as M Goodrum thought it looked like work had been done there over the last few days)

The overgrown hedgerow from the file near The Magpie was not deemed as needing to be cut.

I Richardson has walked the length of the footpath through the village and has trimmed anything overgrowing the footpath making it easier to walk along.

W Brame spoke to the Farm Manager from Earl Stonham Farms and he confirmed that over winter all fencing is checked and replaced if needed and the area I raised was on the list to be repaired but they currently have material supply issues.

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

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

Discussed the Environment Agency consultation which involves cemeteries (including burial plot sizes), agreed to answer questions in Section 3 and follow similar response to NALC regarding plot sizes etc.

Action – W Brame to complete online consultation by 22nd December

I Richardson received a complaint from a member of the public about the hedge cuttings which are in the Cemetery, it was agreed that we will remove these in the spring due to hibernating animals.

Action – I Richardson to reply to complaint

21.173.5 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

A resident had raised a concern about land ownership, it was agreed not to pursue this.

Discussed play inspection report, all items were low risk or very low risk, some notes said that certain items did not conform to BS standards which we are concerned about as the equipment is so new. Need to create a spreadsheet of the risks and then decide which we can resolve, some issues such as repainting cannot be done until spring.

Action – W Brame to create spreadsheet from play inspection report

21.173.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

21.173.7 Tree Warden – Hedgerows/Trees have been distributed to those residents who requested them.

21.173.8 SALC – Nothing to update

21.174 COMMUNICATION – Noticeboard still needs to be installed.

Action – T Benjamin and volunteers to put up noticeboard.

The newsletter and survey are nearly ready to be sent out and will be delivered to all homes (even where email copies have been opted into)

21.175 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – A planning appeal (AP/21/00105) has been received from MSDC regarding planning application DC/21/02375.

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

Awaiting next steps for the Quiet Lanes initiative.

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

21.177 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – J Baldwin is currently on her Councillor training.

21.178 GOVERNANCE – None

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

21.180 FUNDRAISING – The Christmas Coffee Morning held on Saturday 11th December 2021 raised £911.50.

The Asda Green Token scheme runs until 31st January and everyone can vote weekly from all devices within their home. A reminder will go on the Stonham Parva Facebook page weekly.

Mention was made of the Covid Restart Grant but this appears to be for Community groups who need help with the cost of restarting after Covid.

Correction from January meeting - '...may not be suitable, K Dawson to check' under 21.180 Covid Restart Grant - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

21.181 PLAYING FIELD PURCHASE – Discussed approaching MSDC about purchasing or being gifted the Playing Field for which we currently pay £2pa for.

Action – T Benjamin to find out history of site

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

21.182 ST MARY'S CHURCH – As we are not allowed to fund any of the restoration work at the Church it was agreed that instead we could fund the open day once the work has been completed.

There is a template letter to go to all households within the village, all checked this and are happy with the content (can be delivered with newsletter/survey)

21.183 CORRESPONDENCE – Radio Suffolk would like to speak to us about The Magpie sign as part of their round up of 2021.

Action – I Richardson to speak to Radio Suffolk

21.184 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – W Brame has spoken to the Farm Manager from Earl Stonham Farms and he confirmed that the delivery by Whites Recycling to their whole farm takes 2-3 weeks in July/August every year. The waste is green water waste from vegetable factories. They are not sure if they will have this delivery in 2022 due to the issues which occurred including our letter, if they do decide to go ahead they will contact us and let us know and hopefully we can work together to mitigate some of the issues which arose this year.

21.185 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Action – W Brame to update meeting date list for noticeboards

Action – W Brame to update Councillor list for noticeboards

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.29pm