

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 11st APRIL 2022

22.1 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum, J Baldwin and M Sealby

22.2 APOLOGIES : Cllr S Dinc

22.3 Public Forum: There were no members of public present.

22.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Dawson & Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 22.15 Allotments as they are tenants on the allotments.

22.5 DISPENSATIONS – None

22.6 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21st MARCH 2022- Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum

22.7 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS –
No updates on the planning applications discussed with at the last meeting.

22.8 COVID-19 – No update

22.9 REPORTS

22.9.1 No report from C Cllr Hicks for April was received.

Action – All to read M Sealby’s views on the Net Zero initiative before this is sent to C Cllr Hicks

22.9.2 No report from D Cllr Morley for March received.

22.9.3 Footpaths – No response from farmer yet.

An issue has been raised regarding a public footpath where the owners of the house/land which runs alongside it have planted hedging plants on the footpath and as they grow this will impede the footpath. It was agreed to write to the resident and suggest they move the hedging plants while they are still small otherwise in the future they will need a lot of cutting back which means a lot of the hedgerow will be lost.

Action – W Brame to send letter

The bridge near the playing field has been recovered with chicken wire – this was completed by a resident.

22.9.4 Cemetery – The pile of sticks/tree cuttings needs to be reduced and it was agreed to do this after April.

Action – T Benjamin to chip the tree cuttings

22.9.5 Play Area – A sign has been put up on the play area

Other items from the report to be completed in April are the extra soil to cover concrete bases and the inside of the teen shelter, will need approx. 0.5tonne.

Action – K Dawson to check whether she will be able to get hold of some, if not we can order from the same person as before.

There is a 12mm gap in the gate which needs to be increased.

Action – T Benjamin to increase this gap.

The mats need lifting and relaying but this is likely to be a big job as the mats have been down for quite some time.

Action – M Sealby to speak to a friend about how we would do this and whether he can help with equipment.

Other work to be completed is the bench needs to be repainted and also the teen shelter needs treating regularly.

We need to find a handyman who can complete this work for us.

Action – W Brame to find local handyman to complete jobs for us

22.9.6 Neighbourhood Watch – J Baldwin has the details for this now.

22.9.7 Tree Warden – The free tree/hedgerow scheme from the STWN will be happening again later this year.

22.9.8 SALC – No update

22.10 COMMUNICATION – Survey results have been compiled and it was agreed that we will feedback about this in our next newsletter and on noticeboards.

The next newsletter is part completed and will be finished shortly.

Action – T Benjamin to write section on survey results and finish newsletter.

22.11 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The A140/A1120 junction white lines are very worn and this has been reported.

The roadworks at Saxham Street have finishes so the diversion signs have gone.

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

22.12 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – M Sealby has completed his Councillor training. K Dawson is starting hers shortly.

22.13 GOVERNANCE – The asset register was approved. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by J Baldwin.

Action - W Brame to email to T Benjamin for website

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

Cutting schedule received from Vertas so new contract has been signed.

The accounts for 21/22 were approved.

Budget which we were over include Audit (as we had not budgeted for needing an external audit as we are usually exempt but a grant took us out of the exemption), Donations (we did not budget enough for donations to the Baptist Church for room use), Equipment (grant and fundraising money was used to replace equipment).

Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

All agreed that we are exempt from external audit. Proposed by T Benjamin, seconded by J Baldwin.

Action – W Brame to email exemption form to PKF Littlejohn

22.15 ALLOTMENTS – Email sent to agents with our thoughts but no response as yet. Invoice for 22/23 has been received at £400 so this will be paid.

22.16 JUBILEE EVENT – Update given regarding the Jubilee event which will be The Big Lunch on Sunday 5th 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. Souvenirs have been agreed and we await numbers before these are ordered. A cake has also been ordered.

Next Working Group meeting to be on Monday 25th April @ 7pm at The Baptist Chapel

22.17 FUNDRAISING – There will be 11 tables available for the quiz on 29th April. A poster has been designed and will go on noticeboards as well as save the date leaflets (for quiz, jubilee and APM). Agreed to start advertising it immediately, payments can be made into the Parish Council bank account and W Brame will issue tickets.

Plant sale will start soon.

I Richardson has kindly offered to host an open garden

22.18 MAGPIE SIGN – M Sealby is speaking to some structural engineers about the best way for the sign to be erected to prevent issues in the future.

I Richardson has spoken to Valiant who are working on the Church and they confirmed this is the sort of work they would undertake.

22.19 PLAYING FIELD PURCHASE – No reply from MSDC as yet so will chase up.

Action – W Brame to email MSDC to chase up reply

22.20 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

22.21 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – The village sign needs to be moved and we can discuss at the next meeting. We also need to consider a new site for the village noticeboard.

22.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th May at 7.30pm (AGM).
Annual Parish Meeting to be on Saturday 14th May.

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