

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST CHAPEL
SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2022

22.23 PRESENT: Cllrs T Benjamin, I Richardson, M Goodrum, J Baldwin and M Sealby

22.24 ELECTION OF CHAIR: Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by J Baldwin, M Sealby was elected as Chair.

The declaration of office was signed.

22.25 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR: Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by J Baldwin, I Richardson was elected as Vice-chair.

T Benjamin was thanked for his time as Chairman of the Parish Council.

22.26 APOLOGIES : Cllr K Dawson

Since the last meeting Siobhan Dinc has resigned as a Councillor. We thank her for her work during her time as a Councillor.

22.27 Public Forum: A member of the public raised a query about a book called 'Parva and Pye' and wondered if the Parish Council would consider reprinting this and selling copies to residents.

22.28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 22.40 Allotments as he is a tenants on the allotments.

22.29 DISPENSATIONS – None

22.30 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th APRIL 2022- Minutes confirmed as correct subject to 22.9.5 saying increase and not reduce - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by T Benjamin.

22.31 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS –Planning application DC/21/06953 (Land Rear of Angel Hill Farm) has been approved despite numerous objections,

22.32 COVID-19 – No update

22.33 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Footpaths – I Richardson

Cemetery – I Richardson

Play Area – M Goodrum

Website – T Benjamin

Newsletters – M Sealby

Neighbourhood Watch – J Baldwin

Tree Warden – J Baldwin

Safeguarding – K Dawson

Proposed by T Benjamin, seconded by J Baldwin the above representatives were agreed.

22.34 REPORTS

22.34.1 C Cllr Hicks ran through his annual report which included:

- Budget set at £625m which equates to an increase of 2.99% on council tax bills
- HWRC booking system is here to stay as feedback was very positive
- 30,000 streetlights have been converted to LED so far.

A query was raised regarding the Net Zero initiative and why this does not include Parish Councils, Cllr Hicks stated that he was not able to tell parish councils what to do but they could declare their

own climate emergency but he will see if there are ways of introducing something within his locality budget.

22.34.2 Report from D Cllr Morley received just before meeting so no one had a chance to read it.

22.34.3 Footpaths – The farmer spoke to the W Brame as he was driving past recently and said he had emailed in with his schedule but would do so again.

Letter has been sent to owners of house/land who have planted hedging plants within the footpath.

The ride on mower needs repairing, agreed that I Richardson can get a quote from Wetheringsett Garden Machinery.

Works to power lines are currently ongoing and they may need to close footpaths as they work, no email has been received regarding this.

22.34.4 Cemetery – The pile of sticks/tree cuttings needs to be reduced now we are in May.

Action – T Benjamin to chip the tree cuttings

We have an interment on 24th May 2022.

22.34.5 Play Area – There will be some soil delivered to the play area this week.

The gap in the gate has been widened as per the playground inspection.

The rubber matting cannot be lifted easily and most councils use bark over the top of the matting. This was a low priority on the play inspection so agreed to leave this for now as the next report is due shortly.

We now have the details of a handyman in the village who can carry out work for us including work within the play area. He is away until the end of the month but will make contact then.

We have over £4,000 in the fundraising account for football goals and rockers for toddlers so I Richardson will obtain quotes for these.

Action – I Richardson to obtain quotes for football goals and rockers

22.34.6 Neighbourhood Watch – Email account needs resetting.

Action – T Benjamin to reset the email account for Neighbourhood Watch.

The Church had a theft a few weeks ago, 2 men in a van stole 40 scaffolding boards.

22.34.7 Tree Warden – No update

22.34.8 SALC – No update

22.35 COMMUNICATION – It was agreed the next newsletter would go out at the end of June

22.36 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – There is no need to chase up the white line painting as the roads are being resurfaced and the white lines replaced.

At the APM a resident mentioned speeding issues and there was discussion around buffer zones which the village used to have.

Action – W Brame to email C Cllr Hicks to clarify what the criteria is for reducing a speed limit.

22.37 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – K Dawson is currently attending her Councillor training.

22.38 GOVERNANCE – None

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

Exemption form has been emailed to PKF Littlejohn.

22.40 ALLOTMENTS – Email received from agents, they are not willing to reduce the rent increase but will lower the fees for the legal agreement to be drawn up. It was agreed to ask for a 10year tenancy and to ask how much they intend to increase this by over the next 10 years so incremental increases can be planned for.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the fee for the legal agreement and not pass this on to the allotment group.

Action – W Brame to email agents

22.41 JUBILEE EVENT – Meeting held on 25th April and 11th May. Everything is coming together but we need numbers of attendees. Leaflets are being delivered this weekend and once numbers are confirmed the food can be purchased.

It was agreed to allow an extra £200 for the Jubilee event – Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Sealby.

22.42 FUNDRAISING – All 11 tables for the quiz sold, after expenses we raised £382.06. We will be looking to do a children's quiz and more quizzes at the pub.

The plant sale has started.

22.43 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.

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

Action – W Brame to email MSDC to chase up reply

22.45 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

22.46 REVIEW OF ACTIONS NOT COVERED ABOVE – The village sign needs to be moved and we can discuss at the next meeting. Our postwoman is retiring shortly, we can put up a Facebook post to share this information and to also suggest a collection.

Action – W Brame to put post on Facebook

22.47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th June 2022

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm