

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023

22.222 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby, I Richardson, K Dawson and M Goodrum  
Plus 2 members of public

22.223 APOLOGIES : Cllrs T Benjamin and R Andrews

22.224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Richardson and Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 22.235 Allotments as they are plot holders.

22.225 DISPENSATIONS – None

**22.226 Public Forum:** A member of the public had come to discuss the King's Coronation, she has accepted an offer for bunting to be hung around the Church. She also mentioned lorries which use the layby and often are on the pavement meaning pedestrians have to walk in the road and they leave lots of rubbish despite the bins being there.

22.227 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023- Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum

22.228 REPORTS

**22.228.1** Report received from Cllr Hicks for February ahead of the meeting.

Key points include:

- Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service rated as Good
- Extra funding for Citizens Advice

**22.228.2** Report received from D Cllr Morley for February. She also attended the meeting.

Key points include:

- Freeze on Council Tax bills
- ID required for voters in elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Morley for her locality grant award of £1800. Cllr Morley said she still had money in her Locality Fund and is encouraging people to apply.

**22.228.3 Footpaths/Pavements** – Footbridge repair has been emailed to Cllr Hicks as there was no response from Customer Services.

The hedging which runs along the footpath edges has been cut by landowner.

**22.228.4 Cemetery** – No update

**22.228.5 Playing Field** – The playground inspection has been chased up.

A copy of the lease has been sent to Asset Management and we are awaiting further contact.

Discussed applying for Locality Funding for a recycled plastic accessible picnic bench and a marquee for community events.

**22.228.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – There are still issues with access.

**22.228.7 Tree Warden** – No update

**22.228.8 SALC** – None

22.229 COMMUNICATION – **Recorder** – Village Games Night held at The Magpie on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Quiet Lane for Clockhouse Lane and Lambeth Way has been approved. Interview in EADT re Magpie sign ([A140 'could close for four days' to get Magpie sign back up | East Anglian Daily Times \(eadt.co.uk\)](http://www.eadt.co.uk)).

The noticeboard at the north of the village is not accessible as the locks have jammed.

22.230 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – None

22.231 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – We have received an email to confirm that we have been accepted for a Quiet Lane, SCC will fit the posts and we will need to collect the signs and fit the signs ourselves.

The light at the junction of Norwich Road/Church Lane is waiting to be fixed. No date given as yet.

The broken 'playground' sign is scheduled to be fixed within 20 working days.

The pothole on the A140 has already been reported and should be fixed within 20 working days.

22.232 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

22.233 GOVERNANCE – It was agreed to use SALC as our external auditor at a cost of up to £213 + VAT. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by I Richardson.

22.234 FINANCE – Clerk's finance report for January was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting. A request was made to update the names of the savings accounts to what they are for.

Precept has been accepted and notification received.

22.235 ALLOTMENTS – Solicitors have been contacted and there has been no call back so email sent to Clarke and Simpson asking for contact to discuss this.

22.236 FUNDRAISING – The CCT have offered bunting for the Kings Coronation which has been accepted.

Idea is to have a village picnic/street party on the playing field over the weekend and potentially offer free fruit and drink.

There is a fundraising meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, there will be a meeting about the Kings Coronation at 7pm on this day.

The Community Games Night was a success and the next one will be 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The next coffee and chat on 25<sup>th</sup> February will be run by Kate and Ivan.

Licensing at MSDC have advised that applying for a small lottery licence involves setting up a Committee and they will send all the relevant forms to be completed and returned.

Family quiz to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

22.237 VILLAGE SIGN – The village sign has been moved. It just needs painting black. Flowers to be considered in the spring. The website is to be updated with the location.

**Action – T Benjamin to update website**

22.238 MAGPIE SIGN – Awaiting legal process for ownership.

22.239 ST MARYS CHURCH – Locality funding of £1800 has been awarded for the cost of a compost toilet.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March a group of Councillors will clean the nave ready for the compost toilet to be sited there. I Richardson will buy all the equipment needed.

22.240 COMMUNITY WOOD – To be discussed at next meeting

22.241 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

22.242 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th March 2023

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

ISSUED