

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 20th MARCH 2023

22.243 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby, I Richardson, K Dawson and M Goodrum

22.244 APOLOGIES : Cllr R Andrews

Councillor T Benjamin has resigned.

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

22.246 DISPENSATIONS – None

22.247 Public Forum: There were no members of the public in attendance

22.248 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th FEBRUARY 2023- Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by I Richardson

22.249 REPORTS

22.250.1 Report received from Cllr Hicks for March ahead of the meeting.

Key points include:

- More funds for children's services, adult care and the environment
- New highways contractor
- Volunteers needed at Suffolk Archives

22.250.2 There was no report from D Cllr Morley for March.

22.250.3 Footpaths/Pavements – The footbridge has now been repaired.

22.250.4 Cemetery – No update

22.250.5 Playing Field – The playing field was cut last week.

It was agreed to use REJB for the playground inspection as there has been no reply from MSDC and the inspection is now 6 months overdue.

A Locality grant application was made to purchase a marquee and picnic bench but nothing has been heard and the deadline has passed. Agreed to purchase these items. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

22.250.6 Neighbourhood Watch – There are still issues with access.

22.250.7 Tree Warden – No update

22.250.8 SALC – None

22.251 COMMUNICATION – It was agreed that the agenda for our meetings should be put on to Facebook every month.

22.252 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Planning application DC/23/01209 was discussed and it was agreed to make no comment.

22.253 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The Give Way sign at the top of Church Lane has fallen over.

Action – W Brame to report to on Highways tool

The broken ‘playground’ sign on Church Lane has been fixed.

The pothole on the A140 has been fixed.

At the last meeting a member of the public commented on lorries using the layby on the A140. Discussed this. It was agreed to check with C Cllr Hicks to see if there are regulations around width of laybys and noise disturbance. It was suggested that we could ask for sign further down the A140 to point people in the direction of the layby near Mendlesham which is designed for lorries.

Action – W Brame to contact C Cllr Hicks.

22.254 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

22.255 GOVERNANCE – None

22.256 FINANCE – Clerk’s finance report for February was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting.

22.257 ALLOTMENTS – A telephone call took place with Clarke and Simpson and there is no movement on the contract. It was agreed to take this to the EADT.

22.258 FUNDRAISING – A meeting regarding the King’s Coronation took place on 6th March, it was agreed that there would be a picnic on the playing field. Free tea/coffee/squash would be offered. Electricity will be provided by Rachel.

It was agreed to allocate £600 towards this event to cover cupcakes, mementos and toilet hire. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

Save The Date posters to be put on Facebook.

The quiz scheduled for 1st April has been cancelled. May be 10th June.

The Community Games Night on 17th March was a success and the next one will be 14th April.

A fundraising/events meeting took place on 6th March to discuss the Village Fete. It was agreed to allocate £500 towards this to cover toilet hire, bands and prizes. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

The next coffee and chat is on 25th March.

22.259 MAGPIE SIGN – Awaiting legal process for ownership.

22.260 ST MARYS CHURCH – The nave has been cleaned and tidied.

The compostable toilet has been ordered, delivery is expected in June 2023.

A community project form needs to be completed for the CCT, Jayne will send this over.

The CCT Trustees are visiting on 16th May 2023 from 2.15pm and they would like to meet some Councillors.

22.261 HEDGE CUTTING – Discussion took place regarding hedge cutting in the village, areas which will need cutting are the hedge of the field next to The magpie (twice yearly), Hedge on Pains Hill (twice yearly), grass on corner of junction of Church Lane/A140 (6 weekly).

Action – all to consider other areas of the village which need cutting regularly

22.262 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

22.263 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 17th April 2023

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

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