

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON
MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2024

23.191 PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson (Chair of meeting), K Dawson, M Goodrum and L Courtenay

23.192 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23.193 APOLOGIES : Cllr M Sealby

23.194 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of Cllr M Sealby was approved. Proposed by L Courtney, seconded by K Dawson.

23.195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor I Richardson & Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 23.186 Allotments as they are plot holders.

23.196 DISPENSATIONS – None

23.197 Public Forum: There were no members of the public present

23.198 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8th DECEMBER –Minutes confirmed as correct. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Goodrum.

23.199 REPORTS

23.199.1 Report received from County Cllr Hicks for February who also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Budget decisions being made to help balance the budget

23.179.2 Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for January and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Empty Homes & Council Tax changes
- Increase in charges to some discretionary services

23.179.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Nothing has been heard about the pavement on Pains Hill and the taking back of the bank so this needs to be chased.

Action – Clerk to chase Cllr Hicks re pavement.

A drain cover on Pains Hill has become dislodged and is also overflowing with water. Reported to Suffolk Highways.

23.179.4 Cemetery – No update

23.179.5 Play Area – Legal matters for the Play Area & Playing Field have been chased.

Need to look into a recycled plastic accessible picnic bench and also consider a path to run from the gate to the picnic bench.

Action – W Brame to purchase a picnic bench

23.179.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

23.179.7 SALC – No update.

23.180 COMMUNICATION – Newsletter will be sent out shortly.

23.181 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Discussed planning application DC/24/00021 for Listed Building Consent at Clock House, Clockhouse Lane for works to chimney. It was agreed not to comment.

23.182 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The SID at the north of the village was damaged in the recent storm. The pole has been reported to Highways as it is leaning. Agreed that we would consider repair to SID or if too expensive will claim on insurance.

Action – W Brame to speak to Elancity re SID repair.

There have been 2 accidents in the 50mph zone in the north of the village in the last month.

23.183 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

23.184 GOVERNANCE – None

23.185 FINANCE – Clerk's finance report for December was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting.

Quarterly accounts for Sept – Dec 2023 were received.

The budget for 24/25 was agreed subject to an increase to litter bins to £300. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Sealby

The precept for 24/25 was agreed as £7139. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by M Sealby. Precept form completed.

23.186 ALLOTMENTS – Email received from Clarke and Simpson, discussion around response to send.

Action – SPA to be invoiced for Allotment rental

23.187 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Coffee & Chat at The Chapel to take place on 10th February.

23.188 MAGPIE SIGN – Agreement has not yet been returned.

Action – W Brame to send text to owners to check if they have received agreement.

No contact from Highways since the meeting in November.

Action – W Brame to chase up Highways.

23.189 WOODLAND – A piece of land near the Church will be donated to the Parish Council, Suffolk Legal will be acting on our behalf in this.

23.190 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 19th February 2024

The meeting closed at 8.27pm