

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

24.1 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum & L Courtenay and 2 members of the public.

24.2 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24.3 APOLOGIES: None

24.4 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: There were no absences to approve.

24.5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor I Richardson & Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 24.xxxx Allotments as they are plot holders.

24.6 DISPENSATIONS – None

**24.7 Public Forum:** No members of the public wished to speak

24.8 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 – Minutes confirmed as correct. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

24.9 REPORTS

**24.9.1 County Councillor Report** - Report received from County Cllr Hicks for April. Key points from report:

- Campaign to get Suffolk drivers to switch off engines.
- School transport opt-in is now open and parents should register by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

**24.9.2 District Councillor Report** – No report received from District Cllr Hardingham

**24.9.3 Footpaths/Pavements** – The rotten plank on the footbridge from Church Lane leading to the allotments was reported to Suffolk Highways has not yet been fixed and is quite dangerous so will chase up Highways regarding this.

The footpath along Pains Hill is very overgrown and narrow due to land slippage and is now impassable in places.

**Action – W Brame to write to landowner to ask when they are due to cut this and also if they can deal with the land slippage that has occurred from their land.**

**24.9.4 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard** – The Churchyard has been cut and needs to be done every September.

**24.9.5 Play Area/Playing Field** – M Goodrum to do a drawing of where the path on the playing field can go.

No response from MSDC re playing field purchase.

**Action – W Brame to ask District Cllr Hardingham if he can find the right person for us to deal with.**

**24.9.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – No update

**24.9.7 SALC** – L Courtenay has completed her Councillor Basics course.

24.10 COMMUNICATION – Newsletter will be sent out shortly.

Recorder – The Magpie is up for sale

24.11 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Discussed appeal for DC/23/03407 and our response to that. The deadline for the Parish Council is 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 as we did not receive our paperwork. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

24.12 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The pole for the SID has been installed. Still awaiting contact re SID repair.

24.13 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – See 24.9.7.

24.14 FINANCE – Accounts for 23/24 approved. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by K Dwason.

AGAR Exemption approved. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by I Richardson.

Report for March finances sent ahead of meeting. No questions raised.

24.15 GOVERNANCE – Assets Register approved subject to the addition of the Magpie Sign at a value of £1. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

24.16 ALLOTMENTS – No update

24.17 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Fete meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> April. Preparations are underway.

24.18 MAGPIE SIGN – No contact from Highways since the meeting in November and this information is needed so we know where the sign can be located. C Cllr Hicks should be chasing this up for us.

The drawings for the new structure have been emailed to M Sealby and these will be forwarded to Councillors for comments.

24.19 WOODLAND – The results from the searches and the title deeds are due this week. If we are happy then we can progress.

24.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at St Mary's Church

The meeting closed at 8.40pm