

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON
MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023

23.115 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby, I Richardson, M Goodrum and L Courtenay

Former Councillor and Parish Council Chair, John Izzard has sadly passed away. Condolences have been sent to his family.

23.116 APOLOGIES : Cllr K Dawson

23.117 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: Absence of Cllr K Dawson was approved. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by L Courtenay.

23.118 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 23.129 Allotments as they are plot holders.

23.119 DISPENSATIONS – None

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

23.121 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18th SEPTEMBER 2023- Minutes confirmed as correct subject to an addition to 23.104.5 to include a question regarding the land registry of the Play Area – Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

23.122 REPORTS

23.122.1 Report received from County Cllr Hicks for October and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Predicted overspend of £22 million compared to budget.
- Councils unite against National Grid pylons

Cllr Hicks also advised that our street light will be fixed within 10 days and if not able to be fixed without traffic management will do this when the road closure for the large load happens.

23.122.2 No report from District Cllr Hardingham.

23.122.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Pavements at the north of the village are overgrown again.

Action - W Brame to report overgrown pavements.

I Richardson reported that a tree had fallen down across a footpath and he has cut this back.

There will be one further cut of the footpaths before winter.

23.122.4 Cemetery – Burial of ashes took place on 5th October.

The Churchyard was cut by M Sealby 2 weeks ago.

There is no date set for the cutting of the trees.

There will be 16 visitors to St Mary's on 23rd October and a request has been made for someone to speak about the Church, no one is available but it was suggested that Roy Tricker's booklet on the Church could be used instead.

23.122.5 Play Area – The playing field was cut recently but the play area has not been cut.

Action – W Brame to chase up play area cut

MSDC have been chased up regarding the playing field.

Action – W Brame to chase up Savills regarding Anglian Water land

23.122.6 Neighbourhood Watch – There have been a few emails from the police regarding crime, this is mainly around farm crime. Discussion around sharing this on Facebook.

23.122.7 SALC – The SALC AGM is on 29th November 2023.

23.123 COMMUNICATION – RECORDER – large load road closures.

23.124 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Application DC/23/03407 has been refused on numerous grounds.

Discussed DC/23/04532 and agreed to object to this as the domestic gardens will be further encroachment on an ancient meadowland affecting the boundary trees/hedgerow which are important habitat for wildlife and will impact the ecology of the area. There is a 100% increase of the boundary for plot 1 with an available access for future development, we request that permitted development rights are removed. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by M Goodrum.

23.125 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The Suffolk County Council consultation on 3 junctions on the A140, including the A1120 junction has now ended.

Discussed the road closures on up to 6 Sundays for abnormal loads being transported and how this will impact local businesses.

23.126 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – The SALC conference is on 29th November 2023.

23.127 GOVERNANCE – None

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

The half yearly accounts were received.

23.129 ALLOTMENTS – No update.

23.130 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – The fete debrief meeting took place on 20th September and the notes were shared. Next years date is 31st August 2024. The event made a profit of nearly £400 and we have some alcohol still in stock.

The next coffee and chat is on 28th October 2023.

There will be a quiz held at The Magpie on 15th December 2023.

23.131 MAGPIE SIGN – Awaiting legal paperwork to confirm ownership of the actual sign.

A meeting with Suffolk Highways is currently being arranged.

23.132 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th November 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm