

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON
MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2023

23.152 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, K Dawson and L Courtenay

23.153 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23.154 APOLOGIES : Cllr M Goodrum

23.155 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: Absence of Cllr M Goodrum was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

23.156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor I Richardson & Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 23.167 Allotments as they are plot holders.

23.157 DISPENSATIONS – None

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

23.159 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16th OCTOBER 2023 & 20th NOVEMBER 2023 –Minutes confirmed as correct subject to an amendment to minute number 23.140.3 to read that the children have been riding along the ditch and not jumping over it. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by L Courtenay.

23.160 REPORTS

23.160.1 Report received from County Cllr Hicks for December who was unable to attend the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Cabinet approved £10million of new funding to resurface residential roads
- Suffolk Highways prepared for cold snap

23.160.2 Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for December and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Cosy Homes Initiative
- Call for land to support nature recovery

23.160.3 Footpaths/Pavements – The ride on mower has been repaired.

A local grounds maintenance contractor has mentioned that they did not quote for the grounds maintenance work as it also included work on the A140 which many companies do not wish to carry out for a variety of reasons. It was agreed to resend the quote document to all companies again and remove the section which includes work on the A140.

Action – Clerk to resent quote document to previous companies.

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.

23.160.4 Cemetery – The Cemetery has been cut.

The trees in St Marys Churchyard will be cut back shortly as soon as a bat survey has been conducted.

The Parish Council may be offered a parcel of land near the Church. Awaiting contact from a Solicitor.

23.160.5 Play Area – Need to chase up the legal matters for the Play Area & Playing Field.

Action – W Brame to chase this up.

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

23.160.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

23.10.7 SALC – The SALC AGM took place on 29th November 2023.

23.161 COMMUNICATION – Agreed that we should send a newsletter in January.

23.162 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Planning Application DC/23/04532 has been withdrawn.

23.163 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The SIDS are currently faulty as showing a reading of 188mph.

The pole for the SID at the north of the village is leaning slightly – to be reported to Highways.

Action – W Brame to report to Highways.

23.164 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – The SALC conference was on 29th November.

23.165 GOVERNANCE – None

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

Discussed budget and precept for 24/25. To increase Allotments to £550, legal fees to £750, fundraising expenses to £2000 and add in fundraising income of £2000 and reduce events expenditure to £500.

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

23.168 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Carol Service is on 16th December. Agreed to offer mince pies and mulled wine.

Coffee & Chat at The Chapel to take place on 10th February.

The quiz scheduled for 15th December was cancelled due to lack of interest, will possibly do this on 8th March.

A fete meeting will be held soon to start planning Fete 2024.

23.169 MAGPIE SIGN – No contact from Suffolk Highways since the meeting in November.

Agreement has been checked and awaiting signatures.

23.170 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th January 2024

The meeting closed at 8.47pm