

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

23.191 PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson (Chair), 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: Absence of Cllr M Sealby was approved. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by K Dawson.

23.195 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor I Richardson & Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 23.206 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 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 –Minutes confirmed as correct. Proposed by L Courtenay, 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:

- Website one.network which contains information regarding roadworks and traffic disruption
- Urgent improvements to Send service

A query was also raised on behalf of a member of the public regarding the bus service for pupils from the village attending Debenham High School.

A question was also asked regarding Locality funding towards the reinstatement of the Magpie Sign.

**Action – W Brame to email C Cllr Hicks regarding Locality funding.**

**23.199.2** Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for February and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- MSDC Precept set at 2% increase
- Nationally standardised service for recycling and refuse collection

A question was also asked regarding Locality funding towards the reinstatement of the Magpie Sign.

**Action – W Brame to email C Cllr Hicks regarding Locality funding.**

**23.199.3 Footpaths/Pavements** – Awaiting response regarding the land at the side of the footpath along the A140.

The drain cover on Pains Hill which is dislodged and is overflowing with water has not been dealt with despite being reported.

**Action – W Brame to email C Cllr Hicks regarding the drain.**

During the meeting the rotten plank on the footbridge from Church Lane leading to the allotments was reported to Suffolk Highways.

A query was also raised about horses using public footpaths and what is permitted.

**23.199.4 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard** – Works to some trees/hedgerow in St Mary's Churchyard has been completed.

Repairs will take place shortly to repair the inside wall, scaffolding is currently up.

The Churchyard needs its yearly cut – quotes to be obtained.

**Action – W Brame to obtain quotes for cutting of churchyard**

**23.199.5 Play Area** – A repair to the fence bordering the Cemetery is required as some is damaged, a new piece of fencing is required where hedgerow has been cut previously.

**Action – W Brame to obtain a quote for this**

The ownership sign needs replacing as it is sun damaged.

**Action – W Brame to reprint ownership sign.**

Discussed path which we are hoping to have put in to allow access for those with mobility needs.

**23.199.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – No update

**23.199.7 SALC** – No update.

**23.200 COMMUNICATION** – Newsletter will be sent out shortly.

**23.201 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS** – None.

**23.202 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY** – A new pole location has been identified and has been emailed to Suffolk County Council for consideration.

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 are lots of pot holes on Pains Hill, during the meeting the Highways reporting tool was checked and these have all been reported and works are planned.

**23.203 TRAINING/CONFERENCES** – L Courtenay has her Councillor training in March.

**23.204 GOVERNANCE** – The General Reserves Policy was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

**23.205 FINANCE** – Clerk's finance report for January was emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting.

Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by K Dawson the following payments (Oct - Dec) were checked as an internal control measure for online banking:

MSDC - £2.00

CAS - £357.50

HMRC £42.60

HMRC £42.40

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W Brame - £316.80

23.206 ALLOTMENTS – Awaiting response from Clarke & Simpson.

23.207 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – A fete meeting has taken place so preparation has started.

Quiz night planned for 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Possible bingo night later this year.

23.208 MAGPIE SIGN – Agreement to pass on ownership should be signed this week.  
Once agreement signed will need to inform media and a new go fund me page can be set up.

No contact from Highways since the meeting in November.

**Action – W Brame to chase up Highways.**

23.209 WOODLAND – The transfer of ownership of land near the Church is progressing.

23.210 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

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