

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

23.133 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby, K Dawson, M Goodrum and L Courtenay

23.134 APOLOGIES : Cllr I Richardson

23.135 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: Absence of Cllr I Richardson was approved. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by L Courtenay.

23.136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 23.147 Allotments as they are plot holders.

23.137 DISPENSATIONS – None

**23.138 Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present

23.139 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023- The minutes were not available for approval.

23.140 REPORTS

**23.140.1** Report received from County Cllr Hicks for November and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Flooding caused by Storm Babet
- Online consultation for next year's budget
- Online consultation regarding library services

**23.140.2** Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for November and he also attended the meeting.

Key points from report:

- Flooding caused by Storm Babet
- Solar & Low Carbon Energy
- Greenest County Awards

Cllr Hardingham also confirmed that the Joint Local Plan Part 1 was approved today.

**23.140.3 Footpaths/Pavements** – Pavements at the north of the village have been cleared.

M Goodrum has reported the ditch under the bridge in the middle of Church Lane as he has concerns about children jumping the ditch on their bikes.

**23.140.4 Cemetery** – Contact details for a new gardener have been provided.

**Action – W Brame to obtain quotes for cutting the laurel hedge in the Cemetery and also cutting St Mary's Churchyard.**

**23.140.5 Play Area** – No update

**23.140.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – No update

**23.140.7 SALC** – The SALC AGM is on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

23.141 COMMUNICATION – Due to issues with the Clerk email address a new one has been created which is [parishclerk@stonhamparvpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@stonhamparvpc.org.uk)

Agreed that we should send a newsletter in January.

23.142 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – There were no planning applications to discuss.

23.143 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – The street light has been fixed.

The ditches on either side of Church Lane need clearing as the water is flowing down Church Lane rather than down through the ditches.

**Action – W Brame to report this.**

The bracket for the Quiet Lanes sign on Clockhouse Lane is not the right size, Trevor Benjamin has requested a new bracket but if this is not forthcoming the Parish Council will purchase one.

23.144 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – L Courtenay is booked on for Councillor training with SALC.

23.145 GOVERNANCE – None

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

Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by M Goodrum the following payments (Jul – Sept) were checked as an internal control measure for online banking:

Scott Craig - £930

William Gladwell - £120

Clarke & Simpson - £400

Midas UK - £326.28

HMRC - £42.60

P Whinney - £66.73

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

23.148 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Coffee and chat held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The next Coffee & Chat will be linked to the Carol Service at the Church where we will serve mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be a quiz held at The Magpie on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Tickets are £5 each. Card machine will be needed on the night.

23.149 MAGPIE SIGN – Meeting with Suffolk Highways took place and they were very complimentary about our plans to move the structure outwards slightly to reduce the risk of being hit. They would also expect a removal top beam to allow for any large loads which pass through the village.

23.150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The meeting closed at 8.52pm