

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHAPEL ON
MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023

23.1 PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson, K Dawson and M Goodrum
Plus 3 members of the public

23.2 APOLOGIES : Cllrs M Sealby and R Andrews

23.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Richardson and Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 22.235 Allotments as they are plot holders.

23.4 DISPENSATIONS – None

23.5 Public Forum: Members of the public discussed their concerns regarding planning application DC/23/01525 which are mainly around visibility, pedestrians using the pavement and overtaking issues.

23.6 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th MARCH 2023- Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by m Goodrum, seconded by K Dawson

23.7 REPORTS

23.7.1 Report received from Cllr Hicks for April ahead of the meeting.

Key points include:

- Children's expert brought in to strengthen reform of SEN provision
- Ipswich Re-use shop has reopened at Foxhall Recycling Centre

23.7.2 There was no report from D Cllr Morley for April.

23.7.3 Footpaths/Pavements – All the footpaths need cutting which I Richardson will do this week.

Also need to look at the verges where Church Lane meets A140 as this grass grows quickly and affects visibility.

23.7.4 Cemetery – No update

23.7.5 Playing Field – Play area report has been received, all items are low and very low.

Action – Goal nets to be put back on goals.

23.7.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

23.7.7 Tree Warden – No update

23.7.8 SALC – None

23.8 COMMUNICATION – No update

23.9 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS –

Application DC/22/05467 was discussed and it was agreed to make object as we would like to see an up to date ecological report taking into account everything the applicant mentioned previously relating to nature as this recent application may affect this.

Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by K Dawson

Application DC/23/01525 was discussed and it was agreed to object on the following grounds:

1. The visibility from the access road on to the A140 (a very busy road which in 19/20 had 13,000 traffic movements per day – we will attempt to get more up to date figures) is severely compromised when vehicles park in the layby. This layby is heavily used throughout the day and night and is used for overnight parking by lorries. When lorries are parked in the layby the visibility from northbound traffic is non-existent. There have been 2 accidents within 100 yards of this site within the last 18 months. Could a traffic survey of the layby be carried out?
2. The proposed development is outside the area set as potential development land in the joint local plan (which is also mentioned in the planning statement). Setting properties this far back is out of keeping with the village which has a linear effect of housing.
3. The site is in close proximity to listed buildings and other buildings of importance and no heritage impact statement has been provided.
4. The main sewer pipe for the village runs under the proposed development. Has this been taken into account? Can the sewer cope with the extra houses?
5. Can a full ecological survey be conducted as the site contains rare plants and fauna which will be lost with this development? We believe the pond to the northwest corner of the site has great crested newts as do other ponds within the village and would request a full survey of these be conducted? This is the second proposed development in the village with one already under construction. The village is in rural community surrounded by arable farm land with very few hedgerows. The few remaining natural green spaces in the village support a wide range of wild life and fauna. Both the existing development and the proposed development will dramatically reduce these natural areas which cannot be replaced.
6. Has full access been allowed for the allotment site behind this development including for vehicles (and trailers)? Historically there has been a right of way across the field to the allotments. The allotments are a community asset and if some form of development is granted the developers should be encouraged to lay on a water supply to this area

Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Goodrum

23.10 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – We are still awaiting confirmation of when we can collect our Quiet Lanes signs.

23.11 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

23.12 GOVERNANCE – The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Saturday 27th May during our Coffee & Chat session.

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

23.14 ALLOTMENTS – It was agreed to chase up EADT once we are out of purdah and to also contact the Diocese.

23.15 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – The Coffee & Chat on 29th April will be run by M Goodrum. The next coffee and chat is 27th May when it will incorporate the APM.

Posters for the Coronation event need to be delivered to the village.

The Community Games Night on 14th April was a success and the next one will be 12th May.

Action – W Brame to update poster and put on noticeboards and Facebook

23.16 MAGPIE SIGN – Emails to be sent to Solicitor and Land Owner.

23.17 ST MARYS CHURCH – A community project form needs to be completed for the CCT, Jayne will send this over.

Action – Project Form to be completed.

Action – Email to be sent to WeeHOuses re where we want the trap door and what symbol we want

23.18 HEDGE CUTTING – To be discussed at next meeting as some farmers may be responsible for some of the verges.

23.19 CORRESPONDENCE – None.

23.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th May 2023

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

ISSUED