

Stonham Parva Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2018/2019

I took over the role of Chairman in July and whilst we have had a number of challenges, I feel we have also made progress in a number of areas.

Membership of the Parish Council

Following the recent elections in May we have the same seven councillors in the seven positions the parish is allowed. So, there was no need for a Parish Council election as it was uncontested.

Your Parish Councillors are: -

Ivan Richardson Vice Chair and Cemetery, Andy Harvey – Protected Trees, Gill Davidson – Planning and Data Protection, Kate Dawson – Neighbourhood Watch, Sam Baldry – Play Area and myself Trevor Benjamin Chair

Parish Clerk – Mrs Marilyn Bottomley has served this parish as clerk for more than 30 years; she has now decided to step down from the role. On behalf of the parish and all councillor's past and present who have worked with her, we would like to thank Marilyn for her long and loyal service with us. Wendy Brame was successful at interview and become our new Parish Clerk, Wendy has also stood in on a temporary basis since September for which the parish is very grateful.

Financial

The Precept (which is collected as part of Council Tax) is the main source of income for the Parish. The precept for 2019 / 2020 has been set at £6,565, this is unchanged from previous year (2018/19).

Expenditure this year was £7,278.91, with hedge and grass cutting £2,340.44 and Clerks Salary £1,785.60.

The Bank Account stand at £11,638.89 this is considered too high by the guidance and should not normally exceed half the precept value. We are considering contributing to the play equipment.

Planning

The main development proposed this year was 9 bungalows in the field to the east of the A140 opposite the car wash. A meeting was held in December to discuss the villages views on the development and a number of concerns were raised and fed back to the Planning Department. The developer has since withdrawn the planning application and has discussed new proposals for a smaller development more in keeping with the style and density of the village. We await a further planning application.

An enforcement order is in place on the Magpie Development, as work started prior to several prerequisites being completed. We are also concerned about removal of trees as this is counter to the agreed planning application. We continue to monitor this development closely.

WW1 War Graves 100 Year Commemoration

In November we held a short ceremony to mark our WW1 War Grave in St Mary's Church. The soldier was Frederick William Steward enlisted in the 3rd Suffolk's on December the 29th, 1914. He went out to France in May, 1915, and after six months there he was sent to Salonika where he remained for 2 ½ years. He then worked in England in the Labour Corps, and after a severe illness with several complications he died on January 9th, 1919, at the age of 25. He was interred at Stonham Parva, his native place.

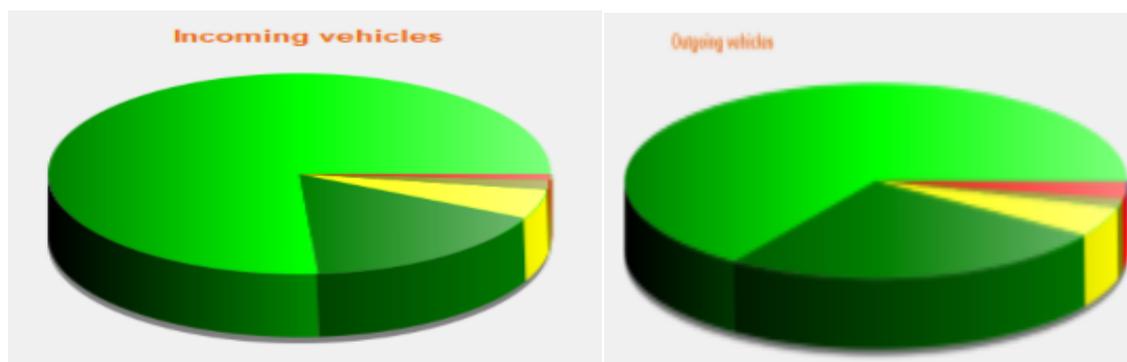
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Play Area at the corner of Church Lane and Clockhouse Lane – We have been developing ideas of how to refresh the play area after most of it was dismantled for safety reasons several years ago. After some difficulties and delays we now have obtained a number of quotes and would like to move to sourcing the money to build it. The advice is that we will have a stronger case to bid for funds if it comes from a group representing parents and grandparents in the village.

Speed Indication Sign – The Parish has invested in a Speed Indicator Device (SID) which will be deployed at the start of the village 30 mph zone on the A140 and alternated between the north and the south of the village every 3-4 weeks. Covering 28/4 – 9/5/2019 when in spy mode south of the village.

Summary Volumes - Over the 11 days in operating 129,299 vehicles passed the sign – that's an average of 11,754 per day. With 69,779 going north and 59,520 going south – presumably East Anglia is filling up! Peak traffic flow of 358 vehicles / hour on 3/5/19 at 5pm Friday of the May Bank Holiday Weekend. That day was also the highest volume at 14019.

Summary Speed - North on A140 76.21% are in the speed limit, with 92.74% (64,708 vehicles) are 35MPH and below, 5,071 vehicles exceeding 35mph and 4 exceeding 70mph. South on A140 65.49% are in the speed limit, with 90.6% (53,925 vehicles) are 35MPH and below 5,595 vehicles exceeding 35mph and 90 exceeding 70mph and 4 exceeding 100mph! Maximum Speeds Outgoing 106.78 MPH 4/5/19 at 2:00am. Maximum Speeds Incoming 70 MPH 5/5/19 at 2:12am. Speed is worse going south leaving the village than north coming in.



Incoming - North		
Speed MPH	Vehicles	Percentage
<=30	57,534	77.05%
31-35	11,913	15.95%
36-40	3,320	4.76%
41-45	1,077	1.54%
46-70	670	0.96%
71-85	4	0.01%
86-105	0	0%
106-125	0	0%
Totals	74,518	100%

Outgoing - South		
Speed MPH	Vehicles	Percentage
<=30	41,733	65.76%
31-35	15,865	25.00%
36-40	3,149	4.69%
41-45	918	1.49%
46-70	1,701	2.76%
71-85	78	0.12%
86-105	14	0.02%
106-125	1	0.00%
	63,459	100%

Active data will be collected to compare.

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Focus for coming year

- Neighbourhood Development Plan - The Parish Council is proposing to develop a plan for the village and will be consulting on it over the next eighteen months.
- Secure funds for Play Area.

Closing

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and our Clerk for their contributions over the past year. Thank you for attending this Annual Parish Meeting You are now welcome to comment, ask questions or air your views.