

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN STONHAM BAPTIST CHURCH,  
NORWICH ROAD ON MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

25.145 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), K Dawson, L Courtenay, M Goodrum and E Thwaites

25.146 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25.147 APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Richardson

25.148 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of Cllr I Richardson was approved. Proposed by E Thwaites, seconded by Lucy Courtenay.

25.149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Thwaites declared a pecuniary interest in 25.155 as she is the applicant.

25.150 DISPENSATIONS – None

**25.151 Public Forum:** There were no members of the public present but a member of the public sent in an email regarding the car wash and all the signage which they felt was causing issues, they would like to know if advertising consent has been granted.

25.152 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025- Minutes confirmed as correct. - Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Goodrum.

25.153 REPORTS

25.153.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT: Report received from County Cllr Hicks for November meeting. He was unable to attend. Key points include:

- Help shape 2026 budget – survey open
- 70% increase in home fire safety visits

25.153.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT: Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for November. Key points include:

- Listed Building Energy upgrades
- Sustainable communities food fund

Spoke to Cllr Hardingham regarding the public forum statement and advertising consent.

**Action - Email to be forwarded to Cllr Hardingham for investigation.**

25.153.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Footbridge still awaiting repair.

25.153.4 Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard – The Rowan tree has been cut down.

25.153.5 Play Area/Playing Field – Cllr Hardingham advised that he is progressing the playing field purchase and will report back as soon as he can.

25.153.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

25.153.7 SALC – None

25.154 COMMUNICATION – All emails sent round.

Cllr E Thwaites left the meeting at 7.56pm

25.155 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – DC/25/04776 – agreed to support the application. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by M Goodrum.

Cllr E Thwaites returned to the meeting at 8pm

25.156 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – Streetlight on corner of Church Lane/Clockhouse Lane is not working  
Streetlight by bridge on Church Lane is too dim – to be reported.

**Action – W Brame to report street lights on the reporting tool.**

A member of the public has contacted us regarding a campaign to cut the speed limit from 60 mph to 40 mph on Debenham Road (C409). Agreed to support the campaign and look forward to hearing about the next steps.

**Action – W Brame to reply to campaign email.**

No update on SID

25.157 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

25.158 GOVERNANCE – None

25.159 FINANCE – Report for October sent ahead of meeting.

Q2 25/26 accounts received. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by K Dawson.

Internal Controls agreed. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by E Thwaites

3/7/25 – Suffolk Cloud – Website Hosting & Support - £120.00

21/7/25 – Clarke & Simpson – Allotment Rent - £400.00

11/8/25 – Sum Up – Income from Theatre Bar - £67.83

13/8/25 – Mr C Hawes – Grounds Maintenance - £245.00

2/9/25 – MSDC – Bin Emptying - £294.24

8/9/25 – MSDC – Precept 2of2 - £4086.00

Discussed change to email addresses which now must be gov.uk. Suffolk Cloud can create gov.uk email addresses for all Councillors.

**Action – W Brame to speak to Suffolk Cloud regarding change to gov.uk email addresses.**

Discussed Mr C Hawes and his contract, it was agreed to ask him to continue working through for 8 hours per month to continue work on verges on A140 and overgrown hedges etc

The Parish Council were awarded a grant for a ride on mower but before this can be purchased a safe area for storage is required, a previous request had been made for a garage but no response was received.

**Action – W Brame to email Cllr Hardingham to see about criteria for a MSDC garage.**

25.160 ALLOTMENTS – Email received from the Diocese regarding the allotment rent, further response sent asking for questions to be answered.

25.161 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Date for the fete to be set. Need to set up a fete organising group.

25.162 MAGPIE SIGN – ITT has been uploaded today with a start date of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

22.163 ST MARYS CHURCH – Carol Service – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

22.164 MEETING DATES 2026 – Continue with 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

22.165 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Stonham Baptist Church

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.42pm