

**STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
BAPTIST CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2014**

PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson (Chairman), A Harvey, D Matthew, Mrs B Pieterse,
T Benjamin & Mrs G Davison (arrived at 7.56 p.m.).
C Cllr Matthew Hicks (left at 8.09 p.m.)

Mr P Watson & 3 villagers

APOLOGIES : D Cllr T Curran

<u>Public Forum:</u> - no matters raised

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11.11.13

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 11th November 2013 were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Pieterse & seconded by Cllr Benjamin. All in favour.

PLANNING

Mr P Watson presented planning proposals for creating a new build of 1700 square feet in respect of the site at Four Elms. Details were circulated to all councillors and the meeting then recessed to discuss the proposals further.

On reconvening, Mr Watson left and councillors noted there were no planning applications to be considered.

Planning Committee meeting at MSDC on the 15th January for The Magpie Planning application number 0825/13 – Cllr Richardson to attend and possibly Cllrs Mrs Davison and Harvey.

Applications approved by MSDC:-

1723/13 Midsummer Cottage, Mowness Hall Lane. Erection of 2 storey and single storey rear extensions.

The meeting again recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

C Cllr M Hicks - Report covering Better Broadband; Free School meals funding; Ninth new care home for Suffolk and SCC leading the way in championing good rail service for Suffolk. Full report attached and circulated to all councillors. C Cllr Hicks invited applications from his Locality Budget.

Councillors discussed having speed watch in the village twice a year and were advised to approach Tim Passmore – MSDC – or Josh White – Highways - with this request.

D Cllr T Curran – report highlighting the recently issued Town & Parish Newsletter along with 2014 Community Achievement awards, waste recycling calendars reminder and the warm homes Healthy People fund. Full report circulated.

Police – two crimes reported in the village, update on priorities and the Community Priority Setting Meeting will be on 7th April – venue to be confirmed. Report circulated.

Councillors asked the clerk to ascertain if a report could also be provided on traffic crimes.

The meeting reconvened.

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REPORTS Cont/...

Footpaths – Chairman to provide the clerk with footpath numbers of where the signs are missing.

Parish Newsletter/Website – no further progress at present due to Cllr Mrs Davison's current heavy workload. nnnnnnnn Councillors were grateful for Cllr Benjamin's offer of assistance at the current time.

Cemetery – one burial scheduled for next week. No other issues raised.

Play Area – repairs have been undertaken to the swings and the graffiti is being dealt with by Cllr Richardson.

Neighbourhood Watch – matter ongoing.

FINANCE

3813 **Precept 2014/2015:** Councillors had been circulated the draft figures in respect of the precept. It was felt that the Council should start putting funds aside for increasing equipment and improving the play area over the next few years and with that in mind Cllr Harvey proposed a precept of £6,700. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Davison – all in favour.

3814 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Pieterse, seconded by Cllr Benjamin and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be issued:-

<u>Chq No.</u>		
433	PGM (grass/path cuts)	£480.00
434	EFMS (14 cuts)	£282.58
435	Sarah Place (service payroll)	£ 24.90
436	Post Office (1/4ly payroll)	£ 97.00
437	Stonham Baptist Chapel (donation)	£ 8.00
438	Haughley PC (1/6 th pc drum)	£ 14.66
439	SLCC (clerk annual subs)	£165.00
440	Clerk (expenses)	£ 60.01
S/O	Personnel (Dec/Jan)	£273.16

Bank A/c: £7,445.49

3815 **Standing Orders:** Revised standing orders to be circulated and reviewed at the March meeting.

GLEBE ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman advised there were currently only two allotment holders and questioned whether to continue negotiations with the Agents. No firm decision reached.

CORRESPONDENCE

MSDC – Eye Airfield Planning position statement – Adoption 18th November 2013. Circulated

MSDC – Community Governance Review. Circulated

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 10th March 2014

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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