

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST
CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs B Pieterse (Vice Chairman), A Harvey, D Matthew,
T Benjamin & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). C Cllr M Hicks
& D Cllr Mrs S.Morley.
1 villager

APOLOGIES : Cllrs I Richardson & Mrs G Davison

<u>Public Forum:</u> - playing field and upgrading equipment; clearing brambles
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9th NOVEMBER 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th November 2015 were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Matthew - all in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

C Cllr Hicks – report circulated covering future of Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service consultation; SCC launching competition “ Most Active Community 2015”; parents in Suffolk encouraged to get “Sugar Smart”. Full report attached.

D Cllr Mrs Morley – Locality Budget; Housing; Mid Suffolk income reduction ; Accommodation review & Litter. Full report circulated all councillors.

Police - one incident since the last meeting – theft of heating oil. Main priority “Youth Engagement” . Police attendance at meetings will no longer be possible due to the change in workload. Full report circulated and attached.

The meeting resumed.

Footpaths - all o.k. Nothing to report.

Website – ongoing. Keeping as current as possible.

Newsletter – need to decide when it will be sent out. Discussion and agreed February was a possibility.

Cemetery – Clerk provided an update on a recent burial where the family had insisted on an alternative plot although the initially designated plot by the parish council had been correct. The funeral undertaker had tried to charge the council but since the change had been instigated by the family, it was a matter between the undertakers and the family not the parish council.

Play Area – quotes were being obtained for replacement equipment and the council was advised by the District Councillor to apply for a grant under her Locality Fund. Clerk to progress. Contact to also be made with an officer at MSDC for financial advice in obtaining any further grant funding available. Cllr Harvey kindly agreed to progress the application.

Neighbourhood Watch – all very quiet. No recent meeting had taken place.

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Chairman's report (read out by Cllr Mrs Pieterse) - continuing to monitor the state of the bus shelter. Work on Brambles undertaken.

GLEBE ALLOTMENTS

Clerk confirmed having contacted Clarke & Simpson but there had been no acknowledgement.

BUS SHELTER - ongoing

PLANNING

The following application was considered and approved:-

3948/15 Verena, Church Lane: Erection of 1st floor side extension to dwelling with open car port under

FINANCE

3835 **Signatories:** ongoing

3841 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pieterse and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be issued:-

<u>Chq No.</u>		
339	Baptist Chapel (room hire)	£ 8.00
340	Clerk (expenses)	£ 70.39
341	Vertas (grass)	£162.00
342	Post Office (tax)	£117.40
343	Sarah Place (services)	£ 30.00
344	J Ward (brambles)	£200.00
S/O	Personnel (January/February)	£313.00

Current A/C £9,735.79

VILLAGE MATTERS

Brambles update – to commence work end of November 2015. Completed - remove from Agenda

Waste Bin, Norwich Road – Waste Management at MSDC were unable to explain what had happened to the bin and did not consider it was their responsibility to replace it.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures/leaflets

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th March 2016

The Vice Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

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