

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST
CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson (Chairman), A Harvey, Mrs B Pieterse, Mrs G Davison, D Matthew, T Benjamin & Mrs M Bottomley (Clerk). C Cllr M Hicks (arrived 7.55 p.m.) & D Cllr Mrs S.Morley (arrived 8.20 p.m.)

2 villagers

APOLOGIES : None

Public Forum: - complaint by villager regarding noise from the play area and the closeness of some play equipment – resulting in her property being continually overlooked by users of the equipment.

Overgrown brambles interfering with villager's private property boundaries. Parish Council has scheduled this work to be undertaken in the Autumn.

Play area report discussed with certain items of play equipment being withdrawn from use.

Waste bin on layby, Norwich Road – Clerk to liaise with MSDC on replacement.

Private property in village being used as a business. D Cllr to check.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

DISPENSATIONS - None

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13^h JULY 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th July 2015 were a true and accurate record and signed accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pieterse - all in favour.

The meeting recessed for the next item.

REPORTS

C Cllr Hicks – report attached covering new partnership to inspire young people/Mason Trust; landlords to act of new fire safety laws; refinancing proposals for Suffolk Energy from Waste and launch of Suffolk Walking Strategy; GCSE results. “not spots” – no mobile telephone reception. An application was in for 4Gmasts on the Crowfield/Coddenham Road and it was hoped this would be built by March/May. Updated on Broadband/super fast Broadband.

The Chairman referred to the recent Play Area report and stated some of the equipment had had to be withdrawn. The two items in question would need replacing and it was hoped the County Councillor could provide some financial assistance since the costs for replacement were beyond the current PC's finances. The parish council would also be approaching MSDC/

Additionally the Church Road light was not working again.

D Cllr Mrs Morley – report circulated covering Devolution; Energy Efficiency grants/loans; Community; Grow your community; Affordable Housing exemption threshold; licencing Act 2003 & Gambling Act 2005 consultation; Syrian Refugee Crisis.

Police - no crimes reported. Priorities 1) Youth engagement. Mid Suffolk Police now have a Twitter account and is regularly updated with crime prevention advice etc. www.suffolk.police.uk

The meeting resumed.

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Footpaths - the Pains Hill footpath was becoming very restricted and SCC needed to be contacted to trim back the overgrowth. Additionally there was a property whose hedging was obstructing the path at the top of Pains Hill. Both matters to be dealt with by the Clerk.

Newsletter/Website – ongoing.

Cemetery – it was proposed by Cllr Benjamin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Pieterse for an area to the left of the gate entrance be designated for cremated remains. It was understood a further burial was scheduled later this week. Clerk to check with the Co-op.

Play Area – following the recent call from MSDC Playground Inspection, the slide and swing had been withdrawn from use. Replacing some of the equipment could prove costly and Cllr Mrs Davison kindly agreed to research funding opportunities such as Viridor, MSDC etc.

Neighbourhood Watch – ongoing and the speed signs recently purchased have been circulated to properties along the A140

Chairman's report - intended trimming back the brambles on the allotment, pathway etc. One more cut is scheduled. Nothing further to report.

GLEBE ALLOTMENTS

15 allotments are now rented. Draft agreement being drawn up between allotment holders and Parish Council. Clerk to contact Clarke & Simpson and advise that Mr E Brown recently gave up his allotment.

BUS SHELTER

It was not known how many villagers used it and the meeting agreed to monitor the situation.

PLANNING

The following application was supported by Councillors:-

2428/15 **The Grange, Norwich Road:** Clad 2 storey clay lump outbuilding in larch weatherboarding. Replace first floor window. Alterations to hard and soft landscaping and fencing.

MSDC application approvals:-

2817/15 **The Rosery, Norwich Road:** T1 Horse chestnut – fell or prune

FINANCE

3835 **Signatories:** Forms to be obtained from Lloyds Bank for Cllrs Mrs Pieterse and Benjamin to apply as signatories.

3937 **SALC Audit Report:** circulated and noted by councillors.

3938 **Cheques:** It was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Harvey and agreed unanimously that the following cheques be issued:-

Chq No.

321	Baptist Chapel (July/September hire)	£ 16.00
322	SALC (audit)	£141.60
323	Haughley Parish Council (IT fee shared)	£ 4.00
324	EFMS (cuts)	£162.00
325	Clerk (expenses)	£ 85.84
326	Horringer PC (payment for speed stickers)	£ 47.50
327	Sarah Place (services)	£ 30.00
328	Post Office (tax)	£117.40

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S/O Personnel (October/November) £313.00

VILLAGE MATTERS

Speed stickers – Horringer-cum-Ickworth Parish Council had invoiced the council for the 50 speed stickers Payment agreed under Finance. Stickers had been delivered and circulated to the relevant properties.

Brambles update – Chairman to get quote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Various brochures/leaflets

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 9th November 2015

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.04 p.m.

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