

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

24.74 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, K Dawson & L Courtenay  
2 members of the public.

24.75 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24.76 APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from M Goodrum.

24.77 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of M Goodrum was approved. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by I Richardson.

24.78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor I Richardson & Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 24.89 Allotments as they are plot holders.

24.79 DISPENSATIONS – None

**24.80 Public Forum:** A director of Clockhouse Properties attended the meeting to talk about their development of the barns and land that was part of the estate of Little Stonham Hall. This is brown belt land and will be converted into residential. There are currently 6 buildings on the site. Pre-application advice has been sought but no response as yet, once this has been received more details will be shared.

A member of the public attended to ask questions about parking for Church Services as attendees have always parked in and around the Church but this is not Church land. The owners of this land can be spoken to regarding parking which happens 4 times per year. There was also a discussion about toilet facilities at the Church when services are on, the Parish Council will give permission for this to be used if the dates of Church services are known.

She also thanked the Parish Council for having the layby cut to make it easier to walk along there – this is also where the mobile library now parks.

24.81 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 & 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 – Minutes confirmed as correct.

Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

#### 24.82 REPORTS

**24.82.1 County Councillor Report** - Report received from County Cllr Hicks for July who was not able to attend. Key points from report:

- Rogue trader plumber admits to defrauding residents
- Fire Service urges people to stay safe this summer

**24.82.2 District Councillor Report** – Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for July. He also attended. Key points from report:

- Economic Land Needs Assessment carried out
- Student Event to be held in July.

**24.82.3 Footpaths/Pavements** – The rotten plank on the footbridge from Church Lane leading to the allotments was has still not been fixed despite chasing this last month.

The footpaths around Earl Stonham Farms has not been cut recently, email to be sent.

The dog bin on Clockhouse Lane is having large bags of dog waste left underneath it and this has not been taken despite the bin being emptied weekly.

**24.82.4 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard** – The Cemetery is only being cut once a month when it should be twice.

The Churchyard has been cut by the new contractor and one area will be done again before the theatre production as the bar will be outside.

**24.82.5 Play Area/Playing Field** – Planning have confirmed that no planning permission is required for a path on the play area.

Cllr Hardingham has chased up our offer to purchase the playing field and is awaiting a response.

**24.82.6 Neighbourhood Watch** – No update

**24.82.7 SALC** – L Courtenay has attended a further planning webinars and will share the powerpoint once received.

**24.83 COMMUNICATION** – Newsletter to be sent out in the next few weeks.

**24.84 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS** – No applications to discuss.

**24.85 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY** – SID repair has not yet been completed.

**24.86 TRAINING/CONFERENCES** – See 24.82.7.

**24.87 GOVERNANCE** – None

**24.88 FINANCE** – Report for June finances sent ahead of meeting. No questions raised.

**24.89 ALLOTMENTS** – No update.

**24.90 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING** – Fete organising is nearly complete.

Grass cut for week of fete needs to be organised.

A Go Fund Me page will need to be set up in time for the fete in case anyone wishes to donate to The Magpie sign fundraising efforts.

**24.91 MAGPIE SIGN** – After a complaint our request for utility information has been passed to a new member of staff who hopes to get us the information needed within 7 days.

**24.92 WOODLAND** – The deed of transfer is awaiting completion as there is an outstanding issue.

**24.93 ST MARY'S CHURCH** – The theatre production of Beowulf is on 4<sup>th</sup> August, poster was created and shared. We will run a refreshment tent in the grounds.

**24.94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

The meeting closed at 8.58pm