

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH,
NORWICH ROAD ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2024

24.179 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, K Dawson, M Goodrum & L Courtenay
1 member of the public attended.

24.180 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24.181 APOLOGIES: There were no apologies for absence.

24.182 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: There were no absences to approve.

24.183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors I Richardson & K Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in
24.192 Allotments as she is a plot holder.

24.184 DISPENSATIONS – None

24.185 Public Forum: No members of the public wishes to speak.

24.186 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18th NOVEMBER 2024 – Minutes confirmed as
correct. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by L Courtenay.

24.187 REPORTS

24.187.1 County Councillor Report - No report received from County Cllr Hicks for December.

24.187.2 District Councillor Report – Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for December. He also attended the
meeting. Key points from report:

- Changes to bin schedule over Christmas/New Year
- Section 19 Flooding Report for Framsdon has been published.

24.187.3 Footpaths/Pavements – The new contractor has started cutting the grass and hedges away from the pavement at
the north of the village but more work is required. Agreed that he can complete 16 hours more work until the end of the
financial year and then restart again in April.

24.187.4 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard –Topples test of headstones to be completed by end of January
An oak branch fell into the Cemetery and has been cleared away.
Further cutting of the laurel hedge and other hedgerow to be completed after April.

24.187.5 Play Area/Playing Field – Quotes obtained for sand bags and pegs, as the goals can be moved around quite a bit
by users it was felt that sand bags would be best.

Action – W Brame to purchase sand bags for goals

24.187.6 Neighbourhood Watch – Update sent round to all Councillors.

24.187.7 SALC – No update

24.188 COMMUNICATION – Information for Recorder - planning applications for Magpie sign.

24.189 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – No updates

24.190 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – Insurance claim made for SID.

24.191 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – No update.

24.190 GOVERNANCE – It was agreed not to complete the consultation on remote meetings.

The Procurement Policy was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by K Dawson.

24.191 FINANCE – Report for November finances sent ahead of meeting.

It was agreed to remain with Lloyds Bank and pay the monthly charges and review this in January 2026.

Version 1 of the budget for 25/26 was discussed, will review and finalise in January when the tax base is confirmed and the 3rd quarter accounts are done at the end of December.

24.192 ALLOTMENTS – No update

24.193 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Carol Service took place on 14th December, mince pies and mulled wine were provided for a donation. Total amount received was £7.87 via SumUp and £1 in cash.

24.194 MAGPIE SIGN – Listed Building Consent has been submitted. The Heritage Officer has asked that we also complete a planning application and more details on which one to submit is being awaited.

Action – Website to be updated to include information about the Magpie Sign

24.195 WOODLAND – Emails have been sent regarding quotes for a tree survey, this can be discussed at the next meeting.

24.196 ST MARY’S CHURCH – Candlelit Carol Service took place on 14th December. Theatre Production is scheduled for August.

24.197 HEAT IMAGING CAMERA – I Richardson will collect this on 2nd January and we will have the camera for 13 days. Once this has been collected we can advertise on Facebook for people who would like a survey carried out.

24.198 MEETINGS IN 2025 – Agreed to continue with 3rd Monday of every month.

24.199 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th January 2025

The meeting closed at 8.24pm