

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BAPTIST CHURCH,  
NORWICH ROAD

ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

24.158 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair) , K Dawson, M Goodrum & L Courtenay  
2 members of the public attended.

24.159 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24.160 APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Richardson.

24.161 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of Cllr I Richardson was approved. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by K Dawson.

24.162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor K Dawson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 24.173 Allotments as she is a plot holder.

24.163 DISPENSATIONS – None

24.164 Public Forum: The members of the public were allowed to speak during 24.168 Planning Applications as they are the applications of DC/24//04741 and DC/24/04742.

24.165 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024 – Minutes confirmed as correct. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by L Courtenay.

24.166 REPORTS

24.166.1 County Councillor Report - No report received from County Cllr Hicks for November. He attended and read a report. Key points from report:

- Budget consultation for 25/26
- House building targets have increased across Suffolk.
- Section 19 reports are starting to be released, £20million investment is required towards flood mitigation.

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

- New taxi bus service will cover Stonham in the future (this will be route 06/07)
- Fees and Charges increased

24.166.3 Footpaths/Pavements – No update

24.166.4 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard – Cllr I Richardson arranged for a contractor to part cut some of the laurel hedge at the Cemetery (front and right), this was carried out last weekend.

The left side and the back still need cutting and also the other areas will need tidying around the edges.

Some headstones in the Cemetery are toppling, we need to topple test the headstones.

24.166.5 Play Area/Playing Field – Discussed goals and whether sand bags or pegs would be better.

**Action – W Brame to look into this and get quotes**

24.166.6 Neighbourhood Watch – Suffolk crime rate is down. Update to be sent round by M Sealby

Meeting suspended at 7.53pm

Meeting reconvened at 7.57pm

24.166.7 SALC – No update

24.167 COMMUNICATION – None

24.168 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – Applicants of DC/24/04741 and DC/24/04742 spoke about their plans and answered questions. There is already a comment from PROW at Suffolk County Council re public footpath. Applicants advised they hope to apply for a diversion either through our woodland or along their fence line rather than across the field. Heritage Team are visiting next week.

DC/24/04741 - Agreed to support the application but raise a holding objection as further clarity needed on public footpath situation once gate is installed as this is a well used footpath within the village. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by L Courtenay.

Action – W Brame to email applicant to advise of our decision and to ask they raise any potential diversion through our land at a Parish Council meeting.

DC/24/04742 – It was agreed to support this application. Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Sealby.

Discussed EN0110003 – Solar Farm at White Elm Farm. It was agreed to respond to say that we have concerns around road and transport, namely that there will be an increase in traffic on the A140 and what specific works/programmes will be put in place to mitigate this. Also to query what are they doing to increase biodiversity in the local community. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by K Dawson.

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

24.170 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – No update.

24.171 GOVERNANCE – No update

24.172 FINANCE – Report for October finances sent ahead of meeting.

Our Lloyds bank account will start charging £4.25 per month (as long as less than 100 transactions) so it was agreed to consider other accounts.

**Action – W Brame to prepare a report regarding bank account options.**

Version 1 of the budget for 25/26 will be discussed at December's meeting so any suggestions to be emailed to W Brame. A tree survey will be required so need to obtain quotes for this.

24.173 ALLOTMENTS – No update

24.174 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – No update.

24.175 MAGPIE SIGN – The Heritage Statement has been sent to a heritage expert to review for us before the application is submitted.

24.176 WOODLAND – We have cover on our insurance for this but require a 2-yearly tree survey.

24.177 ST MARY'S CHURCH – Candlelit Carol Service is on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

24.178 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The meeting closed at 8.49pm