

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARYS CHURCH,
CHURCH LANE ON MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2025

25.105 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, M Goodrum, L Courtenay and E Thwaites

25.106 APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Dawson,

25.107 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of K Dawson was approved. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by I Richardson.

25.108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 25.120 Allotments as he is a plot holder.

25.109 DISPENSATIONS – None

25.110 Public Forum: There were no members of the public present

25.111 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21ST AUGUST 2025- Minutes confirmed as correct - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay

25.112 REPORTS

25.112.1 County Councillor Report – Report received from Cllr Hicks for September who also attended the meeting. Key points include:

- SCC remains opposed to pylon project
- State of the art fire control room goes live
- Prevention of fires in thatched buildings

25.112.2 District Councillor Report - Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for September who also attended the meeting. Key points include:

- MSDC and other Councillors support a 3 unitary model under Local Government Reorganisation.
- Electrical recycling bins in 6 locations across MSDC

25.112.3 Footpaths/Pavements – The Clerk confirmed that the broken bridge across the small ditch on to the playing field has been reported to Suffolk Highways and is waiting to be fixed.

Grant application under Pride in Your Place has been made for £2,400 for a brand-new ride on mower. (Quote obtained from Wetheringsett Garden machinery)

25.112.4 Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard – Churchyard has had its yearly cut.

25.112.5 Playing Field – Multi-play has not been repaired yet – Chris is awaiting signs.

The purchase of the playing field which had been made to MSDC and subsequently taken up by Cllr Nick Hardingham is still outstanding.

Action – Clerk to chase this up

The play inspection should have been carried out over the summer but no email has been received.

Action – Clerk to chase this up

25.112.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

25.112.7 SALC – None

25.113 COMMUNICATION – All emails received are forwarded round.

25.114 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – No planning applications received.

25.115 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – Update on SID return and date to be chased and confirmed.

Action – W Brame to chase company.

Various road signs in the village have been reported to Highways with one being refused so email was sent to County Councillor Hicks.

There is a leak on the A1120 just off the A140 crossroads.

Action – Clerk to check that this has been reported.

25.116 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – Due to issues with the website that we have been having it was felt that some training would be beneficial.

Action – Clerk to email Suffolk Cloud regarding training.

25.117 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 7 – It was agreed to suspend Standing Order 7 to allow the next agenda item to be discussed. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by I Richardson

25.118 GOVERNANCE – The Annual Governance Statement within the AGAR 24/25 was agreed. Proposed by E Thwaites, seconded by L Courtenay

25.119 FINANCE – Report for September sent ahead of meeting.

Cash received from bar for theatre shows at St Mary's has not yet been paid into the bank. Cllr Richardson will visit Ipswich before the end of the month and will pay this in.

Action – I Richardson to pay cash into the bank

Insurance renewal has been received. Quote to be accepted as long as confirmation received that Magpie Sign is included within our insurance. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by I Richardson

25.120 ALLOTMENTS – Email received from Diocese to query payments made as these fall short of increased rent and also to say that the Parish Council have not responded to an email from November 2023. Response was sent to advise that an email was sent to Clarke & Simpson on 18th March 2024 to which we have not received a reply.

I Richardson advised that the Chair of the Allotment Group may resign at the next AGM and it looks unlikely that anyone will step up to this position and so the Allotment Group may close and the Parish Council will need to look after the allotments.

25.121 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – The Community Get Together schedule for 30th August 025 did not go ahead due to the weather. The village fete for 2026 was discussed.

25.122 MAGPIE SIGN – ITT to be drawn up.

Action – Clerk to draw up ITT

22.123 ST MARYS CHURCH – The Carol Service will be on 13th December 2025.

22.124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 20th October 2025 at The Baptist Church

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.44pm