

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARYS CHURCH,
CHURCH LANE ON MONDAY 21st AUGUST 2025

25.86 PRESENT: Cllrs M Sealby (Chair), I Richardson, K Dawson, L Courtenay and E Thwaites

25.87 APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from W Brame and Cllrs M Goodrum

25.88 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: The absence of M Goodrum was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay

25.89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Richardson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 25.100 Allotments as he is a plot holder and Councillor Dawson declared an interest in 25.95 Planning Application.

25.90 DISPENSATIONS – None

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

25.92 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21st SEPTEMBER 2025- Minutes confirmed as correct. **Request for the Action Plan to be reinstated with dates for actioning W Brame to issue with all minutes.** - Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay

25.93 REPORTS

25.93.1 County Councillor Report - No report received from Cllr Hicks for August who was also unable to attend the meeting.

25.93.2 District Councillor Report - Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for August who was unable to attend the meeting. Key points include:

- Additional grant funding for the Stowmarket Food museum
- Tour of Britain Cycle race coming to Stowmarket.
- Needham Lake has received a Green Flag Award

25.93.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Cllr Hicks has confirmed that the works on Pains Hill to clear the footpath will be undertaken in the future.

The bridge across the small ditch on to the playing field to be reported to Suffolk Highways to fix the broken wooden slat.

Action – W Brame to report to Suffolk Highways.

Discussed whether a grant from Pride in Your Place could fund a second-hand ride on mower.

Action – Clerk to confirm what the options are.

25.93.4 Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard – Churchyard required to be cut this week

Action – W Brame to confirm with Chris for Thursday.

25.93.5 Playing Field – No update

25.93.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update

25.93.7 SALC – None

25.94 COMMUNICATION – No update

Cllr K Dawson left the meeting.

25.95 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS –

Planning application was DC/25/03543 discussed and was unanimously supported.

Action – W Brame to confirm support on the Planning Portal.

Cllr K Dawson returned to the meeting.

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

Action – W Brame to chase company.

25.97 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – None

25.98 GOVERNANCE – None

25.99 FINANCE – Report for August sent ahead of meeting. Reviewed financial items noted. Request to confirm in what month the takings from the St Marys Church play were shown.

Action – W Brame to confirm and indicate on accounts.

25.100 ALLOTMENTS – Rent was paid.

25.101 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – The theatre production, Perseus and Andromeda took place at St Mary Church raised some £88. It was noted that Humber Doucy brewery kindly donated the beer for the event.

25.102 MAGPIE SIGN – ITT to be drawn up and issued by end of August. Fundraising to be started in September.

Action – W Brame to confirm and action.

22.103 ST MARYS CHURCH – There was a Church Service last Sunday.

22.104 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 15th September 2025 at The Baptist Church

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 19:49pm