

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH
LANE ON MONDAY 19th MAY 2025

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

25.24 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25.25 ELECTION OF CHAIR – M Sealby was elected as Chair. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by K Dawson.
Cllr Sealby signed the declaration of office.

25.26 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR – I Richardson was elected as Deputy Chair. Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by L
Courtenay

25.27 APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from I Richardson.

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

25.29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest.

25.30 DISPENSATIONS – None

25.31 Public Forum: No one wished to speak

25.32 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th APRIL 2025 – Minutes approved.
Proposed by M Goodrum, seconded by M Sealby.

25.33 REPORTS

25.33.01 County Councillor Report – Annual report received from County Cllr Hicks for May who was unable to attend due to
another engagement. Key points from the report:

- More information regarding SCC's suggestion for local government reform.
- Libraries now back under SCC

25.33.02 District Councillor Report – Report received from District Cllr Hardingham for May. He attended the APM
but was not able to stay for this meeting. Key points from report:

- Loca; Government Reorganisation brings uncertainty so a project combining services has been out on hold.
- MSDC have purchased land for wildlife (location not given)

25.33.03 Footpaths/Pavements – The footbridge on Church Lane has been replaced today.

The blocked drains on the A140 on Pains Hill have been reported including photographs. An email has also been sent to C Cllr
Hicks regarding the pavement which is narrow and dangerous in places due to slippage from the embankment (some caused by
water being splashed up due to the blocked drains)

The pot hole caused by the blocked drains has already been reported.

L Courtenay noticed a sign fallen down on the A140, she will report this.

25.33.04 Cemetery/St Mary's Churchyard – Signage on Cemetery gate needs replacing as it has faded.

25.33.05 Play Area/Playing Field – Signage on play area gate needs replacing as it has faded.

Concrete blocks are now in place to prevent unauthorised access.

The playing field was cut last week, play area cut today.

Bar for gate latch has disappeared – needs replacing. M Goodrum to send link to Clerk for one to be purchased.

25.33.06 Neighbourhood Watch – A resident reported a silver van in the area and the number plate was false. This has been reported to the police.

25.33.07SALC – No updates.

25.34 CO-OPTION – Eleanor (Ellie) Thwaites was co-opted. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by M Goodrum.

25.35 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVES - Footpaths – I Richardson, Cemetery/St Mary’s Churchyard – I Richardson, Play Area/Playing Field – M Goodrum, Website – L Courtenay, Safeguarding – K Dawson, Fundraising/Events – None, Tree Warden - everyone

25.36 COMMUNICATION – Update for May 2025 sent to everyone on the mailing list. Paperwork from the APM can be sent to everyone next month.

25.37 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – No Planning applications to discuss.

25.38 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – SID has been returned to manufacturer.

Pot hole on A140 Pains Hill has been reported.

25.38 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – SALC AGM taking place on 1st July – M Sealby will attend.

25.39 GOVERNANCE – CIL Return for 24/25 agreed.
Proposed by K Dawson, seconded by M Goodrum.

25.40 FINANCE – Report for April sent ahead of the meeting. No questions raised.

25.41 ALLOTMENTS – No update.

25.42 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Theatre show at Church on 21st May 2025, Parish Council have been asked to run the bar. No update on fete.

25.43 MAGPIE SIGN – ITT to be drawn up and funding investigations started.

25.44 ST MARY’S CHURCH – Theatre production on 21st May 2025. Church Service on 25th May 2025.

25.45 NEXT MEETING – Monday 16th June 2025

The meeting closed at 7.55pm