STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE ON MONDAY 17th AUGUST 2026 at 7.30pm

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

26.103 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kate Dawson has resigned as Parish Councillor and her resignation was accepted by the Chair.

26.104 APOLOGIES : There were no apologies for absence

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

26.106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr I Richardson declared an interest in 26.119 as he is an allotment holder.

26.107 DISPENSATIONS – None

26.108 Public Forum: No members of public were present

26.109 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20th JULY 2026- Minutes confirmed as correct with a minor amendment to cost of Highways project. Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by E Thwaites

26.110 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7th AUGUST 2026 – Minutes confirmed as correct with a minor spelling amendment. Proposed by Proposed by M Sealby, seconded by E Thwaites

26.111 REPORTS

26.111.1 County Councillor Report: County Cllr Hicks attended the meeting and read his report. Key points include:

- SCC awarded £564,000 for major bus franchising study
- £18.9million investment to expand SEND support

26.111.2 District Councillor Report: District Cllr Hardingham attended the meeting and read his report. Key points include:

- Pride in your Place grants have reopened
- Free Community Day at Stowupland Village Hall on Weds 19th August

26.111.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Further email sent to Earl Stonham Farms field (next to woodland) regarding broken gate and overgrown but these have not been dealt with.

Action – I Richardson will pass on telephone number of new farm manager.

26.111.4 Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard – Interment of ashes took place on 25th July.

St Mary's Churchyard has been cut (footpath).

26.111.5 Play Area/Playing Field – Email has been sent to MSDC to ask whether they would accept £14,200 for the playing field and to discuss any covenant.
There is a query about the use of CIL for this purchase which will be followed up this weekend.

No cutting has taken place this last month.

A query was raised regarding land registry which was being looked into a few years ago but unsure if this concluded.

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Action – W Brame to check emails and documents to see whether land registry was completed.

26.111.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update.

26.112 SALC – No update.

26.113 COMMUNICATION – Councillor list has been amended so addresses have been removed and only email addresses given. This is on all noticeboards but needs to be updated on website.

Action – W Brame to update website

Discussed adding a 'report a problem' page to the website a report so people can easily access this information.

Information to be put on Facebook about councillor vacancy.

Contact from Paul Watson re erection of scaffolding on old barns and access needed in churchyard. Ivan spoke to CCT and obtained permission.

26.114 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – No update.

26.115 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – No update

26.116 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – No update.

26.117 GOVERNANCE – The Subject Access Request Policy was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

Internal Audit Action Plan has been updated and everyone reviewed this.

26.118 FINANCE – The July bank reconciliation was reviewed against the July bank statement. Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by M Goodrum

26.119 ALLOTMENTS – There is a meeting between plot holders and the Parish Council on 23/8/26 at 2pm at Baptist Church for plot holders to raise any issues. All previous and current tenants invited.

26.120 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Fete on 7th August 2027.

26.121 MAGPIE SIGN – Letter was sent to potential contractor and he has provided details for both references – these have now been approached.

26.122 ST MARYS CHURCH – Theatre production on 19th August 2026 – leaflets delivered to all houses. Church service on Sunday.

Plaster has fallen from the wall and the Church will instal heras fencing.

26.123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 21st September 2026 at Baptist Church

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.29pm

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