STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 at 7.30pm

26.124 PRESENT: I Richardson (Chair), L Courtenay, M Goodrum and E Thwaites

26.125 WELCOME: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26.126 APOLOGIES : Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Sealby and District Cllr N Hardingham.

26.127 APPROVAL OF ABSENCE: No absence was approved.

26.128 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr I Richardson declared an interest in 26.139 as he is an allotment holder.

26.129 DISPENSATIONS – None

26.130 Public Forum: No members of public were present

26.131 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 17th AUGUST 2026 – The minutes had not been uploaded to the shared folder so could not be approved.

26.132 REPORTS

26.132.1 County Councillor Report: County Cllr Hicks did not attend the meeting and no report was received ahead of the meeting.

26.132.2 District Councillor Report: District Cllr Hardingham was unable to attend the meeting, a report had been received. Key points include:

- Local Government Reorganisation process
- Financial assistance for heat pumps

26.132.3 Footpaths/Pavements – Chris has been clearing foothpaths and fallen trees and other odd jobs.

There has been flytipping at The Magpie, I Richardson has spoken to the person and if it happens again he will report this.

The hedgerow next to the layby on the A140 is overgrown which makes walking on the pavement difficult.

Action – W Brame to report this to Clarke & Simpson.

26.132.4 Cemetery/St Marys Churchyard – No update.

26.132.5 Play Area/Playing Field – Neighbourhood CIL can be used to purchase the playing field.
MSDC would be happy to amend the covenant on the land to also include use for a cemetery (this would only be a very small area next to the Parish Council's land), they require the full asking price of £15,000, this was agreed. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

A query was raised about whether Anglian Water need to fence off the area they own that sits in the top corner of the playing field.

26.132.6 Neighbourhood Watch – No update.

26.132.7 SALC – No update.

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26.133 COMMUNICATION – No update

26.134 PLANNING INCLUDING APPLICATIONS – None

26.135 ROADS/ROAD SAFETY – No update on the Cut It To 40 campaign.

26.136 TRAINING/CONFERENCES – No update.

26.137 GOVERNANCE – The Data protection Policy was approved. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by L Courtenay.

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

26.138 FINANCE – The August bank reconciliation was reviewed against the August bank statement. It was noted that the cash taken at the bar (£71) for the theatre is not showing on the bank statement (this was paid to the bank account in early September)
Proposed by E Thwaites, seconded by I Richardson

It was agreed to go ahead with the insurance renewal which was a 10% increase on the previous year. Renewal is 1st October 2026.
Proposed by L Courtenay, seconded by M Goodrum

26.139 ALLOTMENTS – It was agreed to adopt the allotment rules as circulated. Proposed by I Richardson, seconded by E Thwaites.

26.140 EVENTS/FUNDRAISING – Thank you to Humber Doucy Brewing Company who supplied the beer at the bar for the theatre production in August.

Fete on 7th August 2027.

26.141 MAGPIE SIGN – The Parish Clerk was not in attendance to confirm progress of this.

26.142 ST MARYS CHURCH – The Church service in September went ahead.

Masonry fell off the chancery end of the church, this has been assessed and believe this is due to the dry weather.

26.123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 19th October 2026 at Baptist Church

The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm

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