

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at the Village Hall,

Present: Cllr Emberson (Chair), Cllr Mitson, Cllr Morley, Cllr Noble, Cllr Mullings, Cllr Betts

Attendance: 3 members of the public and Clerk Sam Pass

24.18	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Wright (Vice-Chair)
24.19	<b>Declaration Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest</b> No interests to declare
24.20	<b>Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 17th November 2023 and 16th January 2024</b> The minutes for both meetings were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record by those in attendance and were signed by the Chair.
24.21	<b>Consideration of Reports by the District Councillor and County Councillor</b> <b>County Councillor Matthew Hicks</b> delivered his report to the meeting a copy can be found on the PC website: <a href="http://stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports/">http://stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports/</a> Highlighted the need to report fake websites. Encouraged the use of <b>one.network</b> for roadwork notifications. Offered funding towards the 2 <sup>nd</sup> SID – <b>ACTION Clerk</b>  <b>District Councillor Nick Hardingham</b> delivered his report to the meeting a copy can be found on the PC website: <a href="http://stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports/">http://stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports/</a> Stonham Barns planning application has been refused. Offered funding towards the 2 <sup>nd</sup> SID – <b>ACTION Clerk</b>
24.22	<b>Contributions by Members of the Public</b> Members of the public raised concerns of Crowfield Road issues – further details below. Council also received a request for support of the Ten Bells Pub reopening – further details below.
24.23	<b>Planning</b>
24.23.1	<b>Consideration of Planning Applications</b> <a href="#">DC/24/00668   Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or Activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Town &amp; Country Planning Act 1990 - Confirmation that existing use is a place of worship and any other uses on the land are ancillary.   Mickfield Evangelical Church Stonham Road Mickfield Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5LS (babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – As not located under SAPC it was agreed a <b>NO RESPONSE</b> .

	<p><a href="#">DC/24/00035   Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of existing cement render on rear and side elevations with lime render and associated repairs to Oak Frame   Broughton Hall Stowmarket Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AD (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – Council agreed to <b>APPROVE</b>.</p> <p><a href="#">DC/24/00102   Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/02299- Condition 11 (Fire Hydrants) and Condition 25 (Landscaping Plans)   Land South Of The Street Stonham Aspal Suffolk (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – Council agreed to a <b>NO COMMENT</b></p> <p><a href="#">DC/24/00142   Application for the Modification of a Section 106 Planning Obligation relating to DC/19/02299 to amend the wording of Schedule 3, Part 4 Sports Facilities and Schedule 3, Part 5 Phasing.   Land South Of The Street Stonham Aspal Suffolk (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – Council asks for an extension to 21<sup>st</sup> March and to contact John Hearn (Football Club chair) regarding section 106 for phasing on the land – <b>CLERK TO ACTION</b></p> <p>T234 Proposed Stopping Up of Stonham Aspal Public Footpaths Nos 25, 28(part) and 36 and Creation of Alternative Footpaths – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257 – footpath through the football pitch – Council agreed to a <b>NO COMMENT</b></p> <p><b>24.23.2 Decision notices</b></p> <p><a href="#">DC/23/02988   Application for Listed Building Consent - Construction of 1no. dwellinghouse using reclaimed materials following demolition of barns (Alternative DC/17/04293 (LBC))   Barn Rear Of Angel Hill Farm Norwich Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5DN (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – <b>GRANTED</b></p> <p><a href="#">DC/23/02987   Full Planning Application - Construction of 1No. dwellinghouse using reclaimed materials following demolition of barns (Alternative design to conversion approved and implemented on site under DC/17/04292 and DC/17/04293 (LBC))   Barn Rear Of Angel Hill Farm Norwich Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5DN (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> - <b>GRANTED</b></p> <p><a href="#">DC/20/04296   Planning Application - Use of land for the stationing of 18 holiday lodges   Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT (baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)</a> – <b>REFUSED</b></p>
<p><b>24.24</b></p> <p><b>24.24.1</b></p>	<p>Finance</p> <p><b>Authorisation of Payments</b></p> <p>The following payments were unanimously <b>APPROVED</b> and the authorisation form was signed by Cllr Emberson and Cllr Mullings</p> <p>Clerk Salary November to February – £629.64</p> <p>Reimbursement to Alison Green for MS Subscription – £59.99</p> <p>SALC training for Cllr Peter Emberson / Cllr Wright / Cllr Morley - £139.20</p>

<p><b>24.24.2</b></p> <p><b>24.24.3</b></p>	<p><b>Review of expenditure against budget to 31st January 2024</b> The members of the parish council reviewed and <b>APPROVED</b> the income and expenditure against budget.</p> <p><b>Reconciliation of Bank Accounts to 31st January 2024</b> The members of the parish council reviewed and <b>APPROVED</b> the bank reconciliation to 31st January 2024</p>
<p>; <b>24.25</b></p> <p><b>24.25.1</b></p> <p><b>24.25.2</b></p> <p><b>24.25.3</b></p> <p><b>24.25.4</b></p>	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p><b>Scotts Hill/Mill Green signage update</b> Reported approx. £2.5k for white lines for the road to appear narrow and £1.2k for signs. Suggested SCC funding for a percentage of spend with remaining from CIL funding to be made this financial year – <b>ACTION Cllr Morley</b></p> <p><b>2nd SID purchase and post</b> It was unanimously agreed to complete purchase by 31st March 2024, so within this financial year as per budget. Cllr Morley would like to know in what minutes had this been approved – <b>ACTION Clerk</b> Westcotec invoice to be sent to Clerk – <b>ACTION Cllr Emberson</b></p> <p><b>Crowfield Road repairs/improvements</b> Members of the public reported issues along Crowfield Road. Issues of pot holes and disrepair resulting in accidents that have been reported to Highways, SCC and Crowfield Parish Council. Established road does not fit with current category. Highlight issues to County Cllr Matthew Hick in potentially contacting Josh White, copy in Crowfield PC – <b>ACTION Clerk</b> Cllr Emberson to attend next meeting at Crowfield Parish Council – <b>ACTION Cllr Emberson</b></p> <p><b>Any other highways matters</b> None</p>
<p><b>24.26</b></p> <p><b>24.26.1</b></p> <p><b>24.26.2</b></p>	<p><b>Recreation Ground Update</b></p> <p><b>Monthly report for recreation ground</b> The report identified weeding to be actioned, clean up to be addressed. <b>ACTION Cllr Betts</b></p> <p><b>UK Power Network</b> Due to the lack of information, answers to concerns need to be addressed before signing the agreement, members suggested a representative from a UK Power Network should attend the next parish meeting. <b>ACTION Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>24.27</b></p>	<p><b>People and Place Plan</b> It has been agreed to remove the 2nd SID from the plan, as funded by Parish Council and SCC. Discussed the potential use of solar panels for EV charging, not sure this would be of use for the village.</p>

	Permission was granted to discuss the Emergency Plan outside of the parish council. It was noted that the results of the Parish Survey were not on the Parish Council website – <b>ACTION Clerk</b>
<b>24.28</b>	<b>Citizens Advice – cost of living update</b> Update from Cllr Mullings – Forum attended which confirmed the rising demand on the CAB. The offer of crisis support, and short-term assistance has increased in demand but with the Household Support Fund ending and reduced support from Stowmarket Relief Fund, this has and will continue to put pressure on services available to those in need, hence impacting foodbanks and free school meals during the school holidays. Parish Councils are not able to fund individuals but can assist towards a group. Cllr Emberson suggested to signpost to the Metcalf Sick and Poor fund, also suggested to highlight in the People and Plan survey. <b>ACTION Cllr Mullings</b>
<b>24.29</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Commemoration</b> To discuss in the next parish meeting in March – <b>ACTION Clerk</b>
<b>24.30</b>	<b>SALC Business Plan</b> It was unanimously agreed by all members to partake as individuals – <b>ACTION all</b>
<b>24.31</b>	<b>Other matters arising from previous meetings</b> None
<b>24.32</b>	<b>Dates of the Next Meetings</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 7.30pm, Village Hall Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 7.30pm, Village Hall
<b>24.33</b>	Chair closed the meeting at 21:50