

Stonham Aspal

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Stonham Aspal

Attendees: Cllr Ian Wright (Chair), Cllr Peter Emberson, Cllr Josephine Mitson, Cllr Rob Stevenson and Cllr Charles Tydeman (Stonham Aspal Parish Council), Cllr Suzie Morley (Mid Suffolk District Council), Cllr Matthew Hicks (Suffolk County Council), John Ince (Stonham Aspal & Mickfield Parochial Church Council), Simon Ashton (Parish Clerk) and seven other Members of the Public

1. Welcome by Stonham Aspal Parish Council's Representative

Cllr Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that there would be opportunities to raise questions with the speakers of the relevant items.

2. Agreement of Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2017

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2017 were received, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Report by Stonham Aspal Parish Council's Representative

Cllr Wright delivered the Parish Council's Chair's report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.

4. Report by Mid Suffolk District Councillor

Cllr Morley delivered her report at the meeting and responded to several questions. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information. She confirmed that she had previously escalated the outstanding matter of the outcome of the Stonham Barns hybrid planning application and was awaiting a response. The Parish Clerk agreed to invite the MSDC Chief Executive to provide an update at a future Council meeting and to copy the correspondence to the Cabinet Member for Planning.

5. Report by Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Hicks delivered his report at the meeting and responded to several questions. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.

6. Report by the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Representative

Cllr Emberson delivered his report at the meeting and explained that the success of the development of a neighbourhood plan would depend on the level of interest expressed by volunteers within the village who could provide suitable expertise to the process. He advised that it was also not uncommon for the process to cost in excess of £10,000. Cllr Morley agreed to invite a MSDC Neighbourhood Plan representative to the Parish Council's meeting in July 2018 and Cllr Emberson agreed to prepare a submission for the Community Council's magazine.

- 7. Report by Suffolk Police's Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team's Representative**
A representative of Suffolk Police's Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team was unable to attend the meeting to present a report.
- 8. Report by the Village Hall Committee's Representative**
Cllr Tydeman delivered his report at the meeting which included an appreciation of thanks to those providing their time and energy to manage the operation of the facility. The Village Hall had recently been subject to modernisation works and it was hoped that further work would take place on the car park, outside drainage and a bar facility.
- 9. Report by the Community Council's Representative**
A representative of the Community Council was unable to attend the meeting to present a report.
- 10. Report by the Recreation Ground Committee's Representative**
A representative of the Recreation Ground Committee was unable to attend the meeting to present a report. However, confirmation of the availability of £192.34 for the financing of future projects was received from the Recreation Ground Committee's Representative.
- 11. Report by the Metcalf Charities' Representative**
Cllr Wright delivered the Metcalf Charities' report at the meeting which included a brief history of the origins of the charity and responses to a few questions. A new Chair and Clerk were also required following the recent departure of those previously in the roles.
- 12. Report by the Women's Institute's Representative**
Cllr Mitson delivered the Women's Institute's report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
- 13. Report by the Parochial Church Council's Representative**
Mr Ince delivered the Parochial Church Council's report at the meeting. A copy of the report has been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
- 14. Report by the Parish Council's Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Representative**
Cllr Stevenson delivered his report at the meeting and explained that there was currently no registered neighbourhood watch scheme within the village. He confirmed that anyone interested in representing the village could receive support from the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association. Details of the scheme and a copy of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator's role description have been made available at the end of these minutes for information.
- 15. Public Forum**
Further discussion took place in connection with the activities at Stonham Barns. The meeting finished at 8.50pm.