

Stonham Aspal

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7:30pm at The Village Hall, The Street Stonham Aspal

Attendees: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair) Cllr Jean Timms, Cllr Ian Wright, Cllr Charles Tydeman (Village Hall Committee) , Cllr Josephine Mitson, Cllr Suzie Morley (Mid Suffolk District Council), Sue Turnbull (Community Council) Ruth Wailes (WI), John Ince (Stonham Aspal & Mickfield Parochial Church Council), Rae Betts (Recreation Ground) and 6 other members of the public

1. Welcome by Stonham Aspal Parish Council's Chair

Cllr Peter Emberson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Agreement of Minutes of the Previous Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2018

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15th May 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair. As Councillors are also members of the public at an Annual Parish Meeting the 'other' was added between the list of representatives and other members of the public in attendance and initialled by the Chair.

3. Report by Stonham Aspal Parish Council's Chair

Cllr Peter Emberson delivered the report for Stonham Aspal Parish Council. A copy of the report is on the website alongside the minutes.

There was discussion around Stonham Barns, a link to the Hybrid planning application was requested. [Stonham Barns Hybrid Planning application 3150/15](#)

There was also discussion around the A1120 as a designated lorry route, and when and how this would be reviewed and if there would be an opportunity to input into the review.

4. Report by Mid Suffolk District Councillor

Cllr *Suzie Morley* delivered her report to the meeting based on the flyer that had been distributed to the parish. Members of the public asked Cllr Morley about social housing in the village, the possible movement of the 30mph limit near Stonham Barns and the situation regarding the exit onto the A1120 from the carpark. Although planning permission has been granted for the exit it is believed that under section 148 it still requires permission from Highways to cross the verge onto the A1120. Cllr Morley agreed to look into this.

5. Report by Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Matthew Hicks sent apologies as he was not available to attend the meeting. Cllr Emberson delivered the annual report to the meeting. A copy of the report is on the website alongside the minutes. Questions were raised by members of the public regarding waste services opening on Wednesdays, whether cats eyes that had been removed eg on A140 will be replaced. The Chair reminded people that any highways issues or questions could be reported via the online tool [link to Suffolk Highways reporting tool](#)

6. Report by Suffolk Police's Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team's Representative

Stefan Henriksen, Community Engagement Officer sent apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting but he will attend a future Parish Council meeting. He directed the council towards police.uk website which gives details of crime statistics for the area.

The Community Council representative asked if Stefan could supply reports for the local magazine.

It was suggested that if people were aware of crimes in the area they should post on the village facebook page or village website to make people aware

7. Report by the Village Hall Committee's Representative –

Charles Tydeman delivered the report on behalf of the Village Hall and Tennis Courts committee. Maintenance interior exterior decoration is more or less finished. New focus is rising money for the resurfacing of the car park and for fencing near the pond. Regular events such as quiz night are well attended. There are vacancies for membership at the tennis club. A new aluminium sign had been ordered for the village hall.

8. Report by the Community Council's Representative

Sue Turnbull reported on behalf of the Community Council. The committee are raising funds for a defibrillator and its running costs, the plan is to place it in the village telephone box or at the Village Hall. Autumn lunch was well attended with positive feedback. Santa's Sleigh went out on Christmas Eve and delivered 113 presents and 15 hampers. The village magazine could do with more content, Sue asked if the Parish Council could provide a monthly report for the village magazine. Some people were stopping their subscription to the Community magazine in favour of the Church's 10 Village News.

9. Report by the Recreation Ground Committee's Representative

Rae Betts reported on behalf of the Recreation Ground, a copy of the report is on the website alongside the minutes. Repairs have been largely completed. Next on the list are the fence, string unit and goal posts.

10. Report by the Metcalf Charities Representative

There was no report from the Metcalf Charities

11. Report by the Women's Institute's Representative

Ruth Wailes reported on behalf of the WI, a copy of the report is on the website alongside the minutes.

12. Report by Parochial Church Council's Representative –

John Ince reported on behalf of the Parochial Church Council. A copy of the report is on the website alongside the minutes.

13. Public Forum

i. Housing developments in the village

Discussion centred around whether the village could sustain sizable developments, if smaller developments or gentle growth were ok. How much the village expanding would actually change it and the impact on facilities such as the recreation ground and school.

It was also felt that there was a need to develop affordable housing for purchase or rent.

ii. Ideas for CIL payments

It was agreed that a village questionnaire would be useful to look at ideas for the CIL money.

Some of the possible uses suggested were flashing 30mph sign, help towards the Community Councils Defibrillator (although believe this would not be considered for CIL money), car park surface, transport projects identified by current discussions with Suffolk County Council.

iii. Any other comments

Some attendees felt there was a need for a neighbourhood plan which would include the opinions of the wider parish not just those that attend meetings. Cllr Emberson had looked into this and felt there was no appetite for it in the village. It is not the job of the Parish Council and will need a team of volunteers, with the right skill set. It will take between 18mths and 5 yrs to complete. The plan must be kept up to date as anything more than two years old would lose its impact. Cllr Morley explained that the District Council is very supportive of neighbourhood plans and it may be worth considering undertaking the work with a neighbouring parish.

It was suggested that a message should go out looking for volunteers to compile the plan.

It was agreed that a survey to find out residents' priorities would be a good idea. There had been one in the past that could be used as a template (the Clerk will find the paperwork). Ideas for distributing the survey included paper based, electronic via Google Forms or SurveyMonkey, possibly a monthly question in a magazine or on a website or Facebook page.

14. Meeting closed at 10pm

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