

# Stonham Aspal

## Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm online via Zoom

**Attendees:** Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Ian Wright, Cllr Josephine Mitson (Community Council, Village Hall & WI), Cllr Teresa Mullings, Cllr Jean Timms, Cllr Rae Betts (Recreation Ground), Cllr Rob Stevenson, John Ince (Stonham Aspal & Mickfield Parochial Church Council), David Tydeman (Metcalf Charities), Cllr Matthew Hicks (Suffolk County Council)

**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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Minutes of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**3. Report by Stonham Aspal Parish Council's Chair**

Cllr Peter Emberson delivered his report to the meeting a copy can be found on the website.

**4. Report by Mid Suffolk District Councillor**

Cllr Suzie Morley was sent her apologies

**5. Report by Suffolk County Councillor**

Cllr Matthew Hicks annual report has been distributed to councillors and is available on the Parish Council Website.

Cllr Hicks added that Suffolk has pulled together and shown what can be done in challenging times to look after the most vulnerable. Credit to everyone involved in getting on with it with no fuss. Great pulling together in communities and organisations – big pat on the back and thank you to everyone.

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

SNT sent apologies and directed council toward Constables Country newsletter

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

Cllr Mitson reported on the Village Hall, there was not much information to pass on as the Village Hall had been closed most of the year because of Covid, but thanks to the government grants they had not suffered financially.

**8. Report by the Community Council's Representative**

Cllr Mitson reported that many normal activities were cancelled due to Covid. Decision yet to be made on Autumn Lunch. Village magazine has lost advertising so the Community Council were considering its future. The Community Council were also looking for funding for a defibrillator.

**9. Report by the Recreation Ground Committee's Representative**

CLlr Betts reported that during the first lock down the recreation ground was closed as per Government instructions, they created guidelines to enable safe reopening when this was permitted. Maintained on going and suggested improvements from the latest safety report will be actioned. A new fence installed along the boundary with Symonds and new goal net in place,

**10. Report by the Metcalf Charities' Representative**

David Tydeman delivered a report on the activities of the Metcalf Charities a copy will be available on the website

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

CLlr Mitson reported that WI activities had continued via Zoom during the pandemic.

**12. Report by Parochial Church Council's Representative**

John Ince delivered the report from the PCC a copy is available on the website

**13. Public Forum**

Village Survey – a summary of the village survey was presented. Full details can be found on the website. Traffic and development at Stonham Barns being two main issues.

Untrimmed hedges and use of pathways through the cemetery was discussed.

General usage of footpaths during the pandemic had been up by 100-150%

There was discussion about an end of lockdown celebration but no consensus about when would be the appropriate time for this, who should organise or fund it. To be discussed outside of the meeting with Community Council

Meeting closed 19:55