

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 8pm on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at the Village Hall, The Street, Stonham Aspal

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Ian Wright (Vice-Chair), Cllr Malcolm Leith, Cllr Rob Stevenson and Cllr Charles Tydeman

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), Arthur Charvonja (CE of Babergh & MSDC), Simon Bailey (Babergh & MSDC Team Leader Heritage and Planning Compliance), 12 Members of the Public

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Jean Timms and Cllr Josephine Mitson and their absence was approved.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary interests by Members

Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Wright and Cllr Tydeman expressed a non-pecuniary interest in item 6a

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2018

It was agreed that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th October 2018 were a true and accurate record and each page of the minutes were signed by the Chair.

4. Consideration of the Reports by the District Councillor

The Chair delivered Cllr Morley's report to the meeting, a copy of the report is available at the end of these minutes

5. Contributions by Members of the Public

Planning application 04808, agenda item 6b, a member of the public raised concerns regarding access onto A140, parking and passing, status of footpath and previous applications being declined on this basis and planning conditions re the access not being adhered to.

Support for planning application 04808 was emailed to the Parish Council and read out at the meeting.

The problem of dog fouling in the village was raised. A piece will be written for the village magazine by Cllr Emberson. Residents will arrange a poster competition to raise awareness and the council will provide a prize.

Planning application 04982, agenda item 6c and ongoing issues, concerns raised over breach of residential XXXX in the planning and enforceability of existing lodges and additional ones. Concern was also raised for those in residence.

Several members of the public raised the issue of road safety on The Street. A member of the public member of the public was knocked over by a passing vans wing mirror. There is no continuous path and the paths are too narrow. Suggestion made of crossing points with drop down kerbs or zebra crossings at each end of the village. Could speed cameras / speed displays be used.

6. Consideration of Planning Applications and Decision Notices

(a) DC/18/04191 Application received – Land to the rear of The Leas Quoits Meadow, Stonham Aspal, IP14 5DX

Members agreed that their position had not changed from the meeting in October 2018 and the changes in the application failed to address any of the previous reasons raised at inspection for which the application was dismissed. Cllrs Stevenson, Wright and Tydeman did not participate in this discussion.

(b) DC/18/04808 Application received – Kennylands, Thornbush Lane, Stonham Aspal IP14 5DX

Members agreed that they have objections to this application on the grounds of access and safety. The access is not suitable for additional traffic and the junction with the A140 is not suitable in terms of width and visibility

(c) DC/18/04982 Application received - Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AT. Variation of Condition 19 (Specific restriction upon use: break period for lodges/statics) of planning permission 3150/15 in order to enable 28 static caravans/lodges to be occupied for short term rental all year round.

Member agreed that they have objections to this application on the grounds that it would not be in keeping with the site's designation as a holiday park, allowing year-round occupation would obscure the purpose of the site. It could set a precedent for residential occupation which is already a cause for concern.

Arthur Charvonia (CE of Babergh & MSDC), Simon Bailey (Babergh &MSDC Team Leader Heritage and Planning Compliance) provided the meeting with an over view of all current planning conditions, a definition of these and how they could be enforced. This raised the following points

- i. What are the terms of Stonham Barns Site Licence?
- ii. Issue of mud on the road in a 60mph limit at the access and exit to the site
- iii. How noise measurements are made
- iv. How residence is defined, requirements and enforcement
- v. Questions as to why a path to the Stonham Barns site is acceptable to Highways but village path is not

(d) DC/18/04993 Application received – Land adjacent to High Elm Bungalow, Crowfield Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 6AW.

Members agreed that they have objections to this application on the grounds that it is outside of the settlement boundary.

(e) DC/18/04595 Conditions met - Old School House, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal.
IP14 6AT

Members noted that planning conditions had been met

7. Finance

(a) Payments were authorised in favour of the Parish Clerk's wages, office and personal expenses (£307.83). Approval of these payments was proposed by Cllr Tydeman, seconded by Cllr Wright and agreed by Members.

(b) it was agreed to defer the review of income and expenditure to the January 2019 meeting.

(c) Approval of the bank reconciliation to 31st October 2018 was proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Leith and agreed by Members.

(d) It was agreed to defer the review of budgets, reserves and precept setting for 2019/20 to the January 2019 meeting

8. Governance

(a) Following the consideration, the appointment of Alison Green as Parish Clerk was unanimously agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Emberson will liaise with the Clerk with regard to employment contract and other employment matters.

(b) After consideration it was unanimously agreed to invite the Suffolk Tree Warden Network to present to the January 2019 meeting on the benefits of appointing a local Tree Warden

9. Recreation Ground

(a) The issue of whether an annual inspection had been undertaken was raised by the Clerk, it was agreed this should be checked and confirmed at the next meeting
The recreation ground representative confirmed that

(b) the new bin had been installed,

(c) no additional issues to report,

(d) repairs to rotten posts and replacement mats had not been completed but would be chased up.

10. Highways

(a) Councillors considered responses to the letter to residents with regard to relinquishing land for a footpath on the north side of The Street. A majority of residents were not in favour of this course of action. It was agreed that road safety is an issue and a strategy for the road is needed. Cllr Emberson agreed to take the lead on this issue and liaise with Cllr Mary Evans, responsible for Highways at Suffolk County Council, with regard to options available.

(b) It was agreed by members, that with the funding offered, the council should go ahead and purchase the required grit bins for the locations where grit was previously delivered (The Pound, Mickfield junction and the Old Rectory). The Clerk will liaise with Suffolk County Council Highways about bin requirements and Cllr Hicks and Cllr Morley re funding available.

(c) Members agreed that there were no current Highways issues requiring attention.

11. Consultations

The members had no response to make on the following consultations

- (a) MSDC Joint Housing Strategy,
- (b) BMSDC Homelessness Reduction Strategy,
- (c) Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan

12. Matters for Future Consideration

- (a) Review of (i) Income & Budget ii) Expenditure & Budget to 31 October 2018
- (b) Review & Approval of the Council's Budget, Reserves & Precept Setting (2019/20)
- (f) Review & Approval of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations & LTN 87 Procurement

13. Dates of the Next Meetings

- (a) 15th January 2019 (Agenda Items & Documents Received by 7 January 2019)
- (b) 19th February 2019 (Urgent Items Only)
- (c) 19th March 2019

14. The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.40pm.

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