

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary & St Lambert Church, The Street, Stonham Aspal

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Ian Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Jean Timms, Cllr Rae Betts, Cllr Josephine Mitson arrived at 8:30pm

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk) and 18 member of the public including developer and applicant for planning application DC/19/02299 – agenda item 5

### 19.81 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Charles Tydeman, Cllr Josephine Mitson had apologised but advised the meeting she may arrive later. Cllr Jean Timms advised the meeting she would be leaving early. Their absences were approved by the members. Cllr Rob Stevenson was absent.

### 19.82 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interest.

### 19.83 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

The members agreed that the minutes of the meetings on the 1<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were an accurate record of the meetings and the Chair signed each page of the minutes.

### 19.84 Contributions by Members of the Public

The developer for application DC/19/02299 presented details of the plans to the meeting and answered questions from other members of the public. They expressed the opinion that they had taken into account the needs of the community and gone for smaller houses and included a new club house and youth pitches.

Other members of the public expressed opinions about the application in terms of

- the location of the access to the development on a bend in the road,
- ability of the village infrastructure to cope with the additional households. In particular, capacity at the school, increased traffic on an already busy road, capacity at doctor's surgery.
- Whether the development is sustainable as a lack of facilities in the village.
- The impact on listed houses such as Ponds Cottage and Chevers Farm.
- The fact that the development falls outside of the village boundary
- The percentage increase in the number of households in the village
- Internet connections
- How the development fits with the village's classification as a secondary village
- Moving of the bus stop
- Concern that the village have invested in the village hall and they don't need a club house too
- That the football club attracts mainly players from outside of the village
- That the football club does provide a community hub and would be a good facility to expand football in the village.
- The community aspect of the plan and the consideration of village needs is laudable but does not hide the fact it is a large development in a secondary village.

Several members of the public who live close to the development site reported that they had not received notice of the development from Mid Suffolk District Council – the Clerk will write to MSDC planning and council leaders about flaws in the consultation process.

## **19.85 Planning**

### **Consideration of Planning Applications and Decision Notices**

#### **19.85.1 [DC/19/02299 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 46 dwellings, sport pitches and a sports community building with associated access improvements, parking, play space, infiltration basin and landscaping. | Land South Of The Street Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 6AN](#)**

The members of the council objected to the application; full details of the objection can be found at appendix A to these minutes.

- 19.85.2** The members of the council were advised of the following decision notices  
DC/19/01062 Discharge of conditions application DC/18/03149 Longlands Hall  
DC/19/01811 Replacement of existing limewash render Phoenix the street, - Granted  
DC/19/01268 (DC/18/05221) Green farm Crowfield Road – approval of reserved matters and provision of parking - Granted  
DC/19/01699 outline planning permission for 2 dwellings at Mill Cottage – Granted

## **19.86 Finance**

### **19.86.1 Authorisation of Payments**

Members approved the following payments  
Clerks salary £266.02  
Clerks expenses £18.00 (cheque not signed)

### **19.86.2 2018/19 accounts**

The accounting statement for 2017/18 was reviewed and approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair

- 19.86.3** The meeting agreed that the use of electronic transfers for payments should be investigated and options presented to a later meeting.

## **19.87 Dates of the next meetings**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm at the Village Hall  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30pm at the Village Hall

- 19.88** The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm

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9<sup>th</sup> July 2019