

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th September at Stonham Aspal Village Hall, The Street, Stonham Aspal

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Ian Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Jean Timms, Cllr Josephine Mitson,

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Suzie Morley, 1 member of the public

### 19.105 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies received from Cllr Charles Tydeman and Cllr Rob Stevenson approved. Cllr Rae Betts absent.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### 19.107 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

It was noted that Cllr Tydeman's name was missing from the list of those present. Cllr Tydeman's name was hand written on the minutes. Other than this the members agreed that the minutes of the meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were an accurate record of the meetings and the Chair signed each page of the minutes.

### 19.108 Consideration of Reports by District Councillor and County Councillor

Cllr Hicks report had been received by the members

Cllr Morley presented her report to the meeting including the following topics

- Joint Local Plan consultation
- Gateway 14 Expansion
- New refuse collections

Both reports are available on the Parish Council Website

<http://stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports/>

### 19.109 Contributions by Members of the Public

No comments, the member of the public present was Interested in Joint Local Plan

### 19.110 Planning

#### Consideration of Planning Applications and Decision Notices

- 19.110.1 [DC/19/03935 | Planning Application - Erection of stables and stores \(following demolition of existing stables\) | Tophorn Equestrian Centre Debenham Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BX](#)

The members unanimously agreed they had no comments to make on this application

- 19.110.2 [DC/19/03930 | Full Planning Application - Subdivision of dwelling to form 2no. seperate dwellings. | Grove Farm Debenham Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BX](#)

The members unanimously agreed they had no comments to make on this application

- 19.110.3 [Re consultation - DC/19/02869 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Planning Permission 3150/15 for the variation of Conditions 2 and 21 to allow for changes to approved layout plan for the static lodges and removal of conditions 7, 8 and 9 \(surface water drainage\). | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

The members unanimously agreed that their previous comments on this application stand.

They also agreed that it would be premature to remove conditions 7, 8 and 9 as there is no detail of the surface water drainage plan for the planning department and environmental experts to consider.

Further note. The actual letter from the applicant requesting the change does not appear to be on the MSDC website and therefore their reasoning for the request cannot be considered either.

- 19.110.4 [DC/19/04261 | Planning Application - Use of land for stationing of lodge for fishing warden | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

The members unanimously agreed to object to this application on the basis that that the situation has not changed since previous applications. There is no need for a 24hr fishing warden at the site. There is already a site warden.

They could also not see how this would work in practice if one person was living and working 24hrs a day would breach working hours directives so multiple people would be required to fulfil the role.

The members also did not see how the alleged health and safety issue of holidaymakers and children swimming in the lake were relevant to a fishing warden. They would like to see more direct methods employed to negate these issues eg fencing and lighting.

- 19.110.5 [DC/19/04243 | Discharge of Conditions Application for 3150/15- Condition 5 \(Provision of Fire Hydrants\), Condition 6 \(Event Management Plan\), Condition 10 \(Landscaping\) and Condition 12 \(Details of Hard Surfacing to car parks A and B\) | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

Condition 5

The members agreed they had the following comments to make on this application. As there is no facility online to comment on discharge of conditions these will be emailed to the planning officer Bron Curtis

The Parish Council have spoken to the county fire service and believe that the 45,000 litres would be enough for a fire at one residence or holiday unit. The council are not experts but given the layout of the units and the fact the units are fuelled by LPG there are concerns that fire could not be contained to one unit and therefore the 45000 litres in the fishing lake is inadequate.

The councils concerns are not only for the holiday units but the retail and entertainment facilities that are in clusters over the site. Many some distance from the lakes on the 140 acre site.

Stonham Aspal Parish Council would like to see confirmation from the Suffolk Fire Service as to whether the fishing lake is adequate for the nature or the whole development / site.

Condition 6 no comment

Condition 10 The members would like to see more planting on the site for the environment and in line with MSDC recently adopted climate change emergency policy

Condition 12 The decision not to hard surface the carpark will lead to contamination of the main road with mud and grass coming off the site onto a 60mph road. This had not been addressed in the documentation.

Hard surfacing needs to address the issue of drainage for the site to avoid flooding on the main road. This has also not been addressed as per condition 7 &9 which need to be resolved before parking can be approved either way.

#### 19.110.6 **Decision Notices**

The members were advised of the following decision notices

DC/19/01618 Discharge of conditions application 3150/15 Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Refused conditions

5. Submission of details: Scheme for provision of fire hydrants
6. Submission of details: Event Management Plan
7. Action required prior to commencement of development: Disposal of Surface Water
9. Details of Sustainable Urban Drainage System
10. Submission of details: Landscaping
12. Prior to installation: Details of Hard Surfacing to Car Parks A and B
32. Action required prior to commencement of building works: Landscape Protection

Approved conditions

3. Submission of details: External Lighting Scheme
4. Submission of details: Scheme of Floodlighting to Showground

DC/19/00788 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved) – Erection and layout of 5 No dwellings and associated garage structures@ relocation and improvement to site vehicle access following demolition of existing barn and outbuildings at Green Farm, Crowfield Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk - Granted

DC/19/00973 Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved)- Erection of 34 No. dwellings and associated garaging and parking (affordable housing element to be agreed as per LPA policy). Creation of vehicular access to th highway and pedestrian pavement link to village and adjacent Stonham Barns at Land To The East Of Heatherleigh, East End Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk - Refused

#### 19.110.7 **Stonham Barns Liaison Group Update – no update**

### 19.111 **Consultations**

#### 19.111.1 **Green Access Strategy Consultation – rights of way in Suffolk**

No comments from the parish council

#### 19.111.2 **Ipswich Northern Route**

The Parish Council will encourage parishioners to voice their opinion but will not make a comment as a council.

**19.111.3 Joint Local Plan**

It was agreed that the Chairman would respond to the Joint Local Plan on behalf of the parish council and question errors in the scoring of Stonham Aspal which includes facilities that lay outside of the village.

**19.112 Finance**

**19.112.1 Authorisation of payments**

Members approved the following payments and signed the authorisation sheet and cheque book

Clerks salary for August and September £ 410.49

Clerks expenses for August and September £36.00

Roger Stannard for Recreation Ground maintenance in May and September £40.00

Mid Suffolk District Council waste and dog bin emptying £ 78.00

Mid Suffolk District Council Election recharges for 2<sup>nd</sup> May £104.78

Business Services at CAS Insurance premium including 3yr LTU including increase in fidelity insurance in line with Audit recommendations £597.01

**19.112.2 Review and approval of the Councils Bank Reconciliation** from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 9th August 2019 for Community Account and 27<sup>th</sup> August for Business Premium account. Councillors reviewed the documents and confirmed the reconciliation to be correct.

**19.112.3 Review of income and expenditure against budget**

The documents were reviewed by members and all differences considered and accepted.

**19.112.4 Update on online banking options**

The items necessary for online banking have been requested. A process for online banking will be agreed when they arrive.

**19.113 Recreation ground update**

Members approved the £45.62 + vat cost for the annual recreation ground inspection.

The Safeguarding policy was approved by members. It was agreed that Cllr Wright would be a safeguarding officer as he had recently undertaken safeguarding training. Julie Ponton would be approached to be the second safeguarding officer as she also had the necessary training.

Cllr Betts and Cllr Tydeman were not present at the meeting so updates on the recreation ground, training and fencing are deferred to November's meeting.

**19.114 Neighbourhood watch**

It was agreed to investigate if Stonham Aspal was part of any registered neighbourhood watch scheme and if so, who ran it. In the meantime, it was agreed to accept the offer to become involved by John Moody. The Clerk will contact Mr Moody about being Mill Green representative and help with co-ordination.

The currency of all listed representatives needs to be checked

**19.115 Highways**

**SIDS/TVAS**

Cllr Emberson will be applying for locality budget and other grants for funding towards the SIDS / TVAS.

**Edge of carriageway marking**

Suffolk Highways provided an estimated cost of £1943.74 for lining to the edge of the carriage (full quotation at appendix A). The members unanimously approved the estimate.

**19.116 Noticeboard update**

The cost of two new noticeboards for the village of £1308 +VAT was approved by members

**19.117 Dog Fouling and Waste Provision**

Two new dog waste bins have been installed and the situation in the village continues to improve.

**19.118 Dates of the next meetings**

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 7:30pm (Urgent Matters Only)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7:30pm apologies from Cllr Timms who will not be able to attend this meeting

**19.119** The Chairman closed the meeting at 21:50pm

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8<sup>th</sup> October 2019