

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2020 at Stonham Aspal Village Hall, The Street, Stonham Aspal

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Ian Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Rae Betts,

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), 1 member of the public

20.23 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Stevenson, Cllr Jean Timms and Cllr Josephine Mitson, Cllr Charles Tydeman

20.24 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members

There were no declarations of interest

20.25 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting on 18th February 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2020 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and the Chair signed each page

20.26 Consideration of Reports by District Councillor and County Councillor

The Chair delivered the County Councillors and District Councillors reports

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

20.27 Contributions by Members of the Public

There were no contributions from the member of the public.

The Chair recognised the village efforts pulling together and helping out those who were self-isolating due to Corona Virus.

The Chair also expressed condolences to the family of Roy Hudd who recently passed away, he had been a valuable member of the local communities.

20.28 Planning

Consideration of Planning Applications and Decision Notices

- 20.28.1** DC/20/00495 | Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval under 4847/16 dated 29th March 2017 (Outline planning permission sought for the erection of 9 No. dwelling houses with associated access and layout) and subsequent S73 DC/18/05221 dated 19/02/2019 - Details for Appearance, Landscaping and Scale. | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk

The members agreed that they had no comment on the change however do still object to the development being outside of the settlement boundary

- 20.28.2** DC/20/00682 | Application under S73 for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission 4847/16 dated 29/3/2017 and subsequent S73 DC/18/05221 dated 19/02/2019 without compliance of Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) - To remove reference to "no dig" construction via Arboricultural Assessment by AT COOMBES ASSOCIATES, and alterations to layout and access. | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk

Members agreed they had no comment to make on this application.

- 20.28.3** DC/20/00762 | Full Planning Application - Erection of retail unit (alternative to that permitted under planning permission DC/18/03354) | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members agreed they had no comment to make on this application.

- 20.28.4** DC/20/00760 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission DC/18/03367 (Erection of retail units) for amended design. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members agreed they had no comment to make on this application.

- 20.28.5** DC/20/00761 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission DC/18/02808 | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members agreed they had no comment to make on this application.

- 20.28.6** DC/20/00554 | Householder Planning Application - Construction of swimming pool with surrounding paving | Longlands Hall East End Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AR

Members agreed they had no comment to make on this application.

- 20.28.7** DC/20/01031 | Full Planning Application - Erection of 1no. dwelling including alterations to existing access | Land East Of Kennylands Thornbush Lane Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5DX

The members agreed that they had no comment to make about the nature of the property. However, the members expressed concern that as the access to the property is a Public Right Of Way there could be restrictions on vehicular access. The Parish Council was keen that the regulations associated with the footpath were adhered to or enforced by Suffolk County Council Highways and any unlawful use of vehicles on the footpath be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

20.28.8 Decision Notices

Members made aware of following decision notices

DC/20/00121 | Full Planning Application - Erection of glazed link extension and alterations to cartlodge in connection with use of premises as boutique hotel. | Wayside Cottage Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AU – GRANTED

DC/20/00429 | Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/01766 - Condition 9 (Levels), Condition 10 (Landscape and Boundary Treatments), Condition 11 (Surface and Foul Water Drainage) and Condition 12 (Materials) | Land Adjacent To High Elm Bungalow Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal IP14 6AW – CONDITIONS APPROVED

DC/19/05680 | Application for approval of reserved matters following grant of DC/19/05786 dated 10.02.2020, submission of details for the appearance, scale and appearance of development (Erection and layout of 5 No. dwellings and associated garage structures (following demolition of existing barn and outbuilding)). Details of access. | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk – APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS

DC/19/05985 | Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey front extension and workshop. | Broad Green Cottage Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT - GRANTED

Appeal Ref APP/W3520/W/19/3239632 land to the North of A1120 Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket IP14 6AT – APPEAL DISMISSED

20.28.9 Stonham Barns Liaison Group Update

Notes from the February Meeting are on the Parish Council Website

Questions were asked about the filtration system, is there possibility of contamination, the council seeks clarification and reassurance on this and also what permission / licence is required? The Chair will investigate.

20.29 Site for Village Sign

Highways have approved the site for the sign, however the Parish Council must use an approved contractor who has checked for utilities on the site. Clerk to find out who approved contractors are and obtain a quote.

20.30 Recreation Ground Update

Regular check done

20.31 Tree Warden Update

Cllr Rae Betts updated the members on the tree warden

- **The Clerk has** confirmed that Edwin is covered under public liability as long as he has required training
- The Warden, Edwin, will contact landowners, see who is happy to plant trees and hedgerows
- Edwin would like to get volunteers who would be interested in any of the following:
 - getting training on tree surveying
 - getting trained on tree planting
 - would like to help with tree planting
- Cllr Betts will add a question into the village survey asking if anyone would like to get involved
- Edwin to write a short piece about his role in the village magazine
- Edwin to get his contact details added to the back of the village magazine

Other ideas

Volunteers can then take part in updating Suffolk hedgerow survey and Ancient Tree Survey online.

In lockdown - we could encourage people to take part in Edwin's suggested training during lockdown but of course stay 3m away from each other!

Any activities will use Woodland Trust risk assessment. A copy of which will be sent to the Clerk.

Edwin Has a DBS certificate, safeguard training and first aid training.

20.32 Village Survey

Members agreed the format of the survey however reference to individual planning applications would be changed to how many there has been in the past. The aim is to distribute electronically and in hard copy by end of April.

20.33 Highways

20.33.1 SIDS/TVAS – is progressing a post has been put up outside The Old Rectory and existing post identified by The Rectory.

20.33.2 Edge of carriageway lining – Highways confirmed this has not happened as payment has only just been received. The Clerk confirmed it cleared the Parish Council's accounts on 5th February 2020.

20.33.3 Speeding on Angel Hill – the members discussed the issue of speeding on Angel Hill and the site of two recent fatal accidents. However as the sites fall outside of the Parish so members agreed they could not really assist.

20.33.4 Update on other current issues- Flooding on Scotts Hill is still an issue and drainage needs clearing. Clerk to follow up with Highways.

20.34 Finance

20.34.1 Authorisation of payments

Members approved the following payments for online payment, two members signed the authorisation sheet and bank signatories the individual transactions.

Clerk's salary for December and January £160.32

Clerk's office expenses for December and January £18.00

Stonham Aspal Village Hall Hire April 19 to March 2020 £165

20.34.2 The Parish Council have applied for grants from Cllr Morley's budget for the recreation ground fencing and additional dog waste bins. The clerk will obtain quotations for the items and also compare to previous application.

20.35 Dates for next meeting

21st April (urgent matters only) – assuming government guidelines are allowing meetings in these extraordinary times.

Due to the current exceptional circumstances, members agreed that in the absence of meetings they would issue a blanket authorisation for all payments that appear on the parish budget if there is no alternative method of approval

Members also agreed in the absence of meetings, councillors should be encouraged to record their personal comments against planning applications.

May APM / APCM - depending on government legislation the meetings will be held as late as possible eg Tuesday 26th May and follow the same format as last year.

20.36 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm

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1st April 2020