

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 21st April 2020 online via zoom

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Josephine Mitson, Cllr Charles Tydeman, Cllr Jean Timms, Cllr Rob Stevenson, Cllr Ian Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Rae Betts,

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public

20.37 Apologies and Approval of Absences

All councillors were present.

20.38 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members - None

20.39 Update Regarding Parish Council Meetings and other issues in current lockdown situation

Members unanimously agreed to not holding an annual meeting as this was not a requirement under the new legislation. Other meetings would continue as scheduled location to be determined by the lockdown situation.

20.40 Approve amendment to standing orders to allow remote meetings and procedures associated with them.

The amendment was proposed by Cllr Tydeman, seconded by Cllr Timms and unanimously agreed by all.

20.41 Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings on 17th March 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2020 were agreed by those present, Cllr Rae Betts, Cllr Ian Wright and Cllr Emberson to be an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes will be signed by the Chair at the next face to face meeting

20.42 Contributions by Members of the Public -

No comments by members of the public.

Cllr Emberson delivered the following tribute to Andrew Turnbull and Eric Cousins.

I'd like to take a moment to mention the passing of Andrew Turnbull and Eric Cousins last week. Andrew gave a significant contribution to the parish through his involvement with the parish council, community council and Metcalf trusts. He was a parish councillor for 46 years, was a founder member of the community council from 1970 until his passing, and a trustee of the Metcalf and Olivier charities for many years. He'll also be fondly remembered for his involvement in the autumn lunch and as the driver of Santa's sleigh delivering Christmas presents to the children of the village.

Eric was known in local football circles as Mr Stonham Aspal for his dedication and hard work to maintain and develop Stonham Aspal football club for over 50 years. He was also the driving force behind the future development of the football ground to bring additional sports facilities to the benefit of the village and surrounding areas.

Both will be sadly missed and I'm sure you like to join me in sending our condolences to both families at this sad time.

20.43 Planning

Consideration of Planning applications

- 20.43.1** DC/20/01328 | Householder Application - Erection of detached garage/workshop (following demolition of existing garage) | 1 Town House East End Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AR

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

- 20.43.2** DC/20/01340 | Householder Planning Application - Erection of a two storey front extension and workshop | Broad Green Cottage Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

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

- 20.43.3** Re - Consultation 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

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

- 20.43.4** Re-consultation DC/20/00495 | Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping and scale) following outline approval given under DC/20/00682 (Outline planning permission sought for the erection of 9 No. dwelling houses with associated access and layout). | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk

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

- 20.43.5** DC/20/01375 | Application under S73(a) for variation of Condition 18 relating to DC/19/05249 - To enable the 21 holiday lodges/caravans (labelled R1-21 on the approved plan) to be occupied all year round but no person or persons to occupy the lodges/caravans R1-21 for a period exceeding 28 days in any calendar year. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members unanimously agreed to object to this application on the basis that it appears to be a re hash of application DC/18/04982 which was refused and that the reasons for refusal still apply. The change would undermine the sites definition as a holiday park, the closed month is integral to this as agreed in the master plan

The application online also appears to be sketchy, missing key documents (there is reference to a letter which is not included online) and inadequate for proper consultation.

“The proposal to remove the break period as a variation to Condition 19 of application 3150/15 without adequate justification, evidence or robust explanation to warrant approval. The proposal is in direct conflict with a fundamental aspect of the assessment made under 3150/15. Officers are not satisfied that the removal of the break period would retain adequate control of the caravans to retain active tourism use generation that secures economic and tourism benefit that otherwise outweighs harm of unsustainable development of long term residential use provision where there is insufficient infrastructure to support and would otherwise lead to poor social cohesion. The scheme would, if approved, by reason of the removal of the break period generate environmental and social harm representing an inappropriate intervention upon Policies GP1, HB1, H11, H16, CL8, E8, E9, E12, T9 and T10 of the Mid Suffolk Local Plan (1998), Policies FC1, FC1.1, CS1, CS2, CS5, CS6 and CS11 of the Mid Suffolk Core Strategy Focused Review (2012), and the values of the NPPF 2018. Consequently, the proposal is therefore unacceptable and is at variance to the development plan and national planning policy.”

20.43.6 DC/20/01438 | Full Planning Application - Change Use of land for the stationing of 5 holiday lodges. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members unanimously agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it falls outside of the area previously agreed under the Master Plan for Stonham Barns. It contravenes national planning policy frame work in that it is not proportionate and sustainable (MSDC Chief planning officer has acknowledged that the development is unsustainable).

There is also a need for developments need to be carbon neutral and as all units are heated with and cook with gas this would not be the case.

The council members have concerns over the water supply which is possibly via un licenced boreholes. In addition, there are question marks over the robustness of the electricity and foul water infrastructure within the site, as evidenced during 2019 with onsite power outages and overflow of foul water into surrounding ditches and water courses

It also represents the loss of agricultural land.

20.43.7 DC/20/01453 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Planning Permission DC/19/02869 for the variation of Condition 2 to allow for alternative layout plan for the static lodges (L80 - L86). | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

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

20.43.8 The members noted the following decision notice

DC/19/05785 Green Farm, Crowfield Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk discharge of conditions

20.44 Finance

20.44.1 The following payments were authorised by verbal agreement from each member of the council present. Payments will be made by BACS and authorisation form will be signed at next face to face meeting.

Clerk’s wages £160.32
Clerk’s office expenses £18.00

SALC annual subscription £260.15

20.44.2 Bank reconciliation to 31st March 2020

balances

- Community account £16,376.79
- Business Premium saving account £7,891.18

To clear

17/03/2020 Clerk's Salary £160.32

17/03/2020 Clerks Office Expenses £18.00

17/03/2020 Village Hall Hire 2019/2020 £165

Total £343.32

each member verbally agreed that the bank reconciliation reports were accurate. The report will be signed at the next face to face meetings.

20.44.3 Review of budget vs expenditure to 31st March 2020 each member verbally confirmed receipt of the budget and expenditure / income reports and that they had no additional questions

20.45 **Dates for next meeting**

Wednesday 20th May Village Hall or online TBC

Tuesday 16th June 7:30pm at the Village Hall or Online TBC (urgent matters only)

Tuesday 21st July 7:30pm at the Village Hall or Online TBC

20.22 The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:36

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22nd April 2020