

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 15th September 2020 online via zoom

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

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), Cllr Suzie Morley, Cllr Matthew Hicks, Edwin Van Ek (Tree Warden) and 2 members of the public

20.86 Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Charles Tydeman and his absence was approved by the members

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

20.88 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting the Parish Council Meeting on 21st July 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2020 were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting with the exception of the omission of the members recognition of the positive feedback about the clerk from the Auditor. The minutes were amended accordingly. The minutes will be signed by the Chair at the next face to face meeting.

20.89 Consideration of Reports by the District Councillor and the County Councillor

District Councillor Suzie Morley and County Councillor Matthew Hicks delivered their reports to the meeting full copies of the reports can be found on the Parish Council website

Cllr Suzie Morley delivered her report to the meeting

Cllr Emberson asked about the impact of new Government planning policy on Midsuffolk and Babergh Council and also what progress has been made on the local plan. Cllr Morley confirmed that the new policy will mean more houses in the area c740 instead of c530 however MSDC have their five-year land supply and will be sticking to that. They are preparing replies to the consultation.

Next consultation on local plan due is due in Autumn 2020

The Consultation for the Governments planning changes to be circulated to the members and added to next agenda.

Both Cllr Morley and Cllr Hick's reports can be found on the village website at

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

20.90 Contributions by Members of the Public –

No contributions

20.91

Tree warden update

Edwin van Ek, Tree warden gave an update to the meeting.

Risk assessments taking into account Covid 19 are still being written, but Edwin is hopeful that there may be some work that can be done in the village in November.

With the Suffolk Agricultural Association show cancelled they are working on an outreach programme for schools instead.

There will be a distribution of trees to land owners in early December, Broughton Hall will be one of the collection points. Landowners can apply for 50-100 trees.

Edwin will liaise with Cllr Betts, school and pre-school to develop more plans.

20.92

Planning

Consideration of Planning applications

- 20.92.1** [DC/20/01547 | Re- consultation Full Planning Application - Change of Use of former livery and agricultural land to touring caravan and camping site; Erection of reception/site office, Erection of 4 No. toilet/shower blocks and use of livery building as store room. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

The members unanimously agreed that they had no additional comments to make however previous comments still apply.

- 20.92.2** [DC/20/03553 | Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of the 4 front \(north\) first-floor windows | Mill Green Farm Debenham Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BZ](#)

The members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make.

- 20.92.3** [DC/20/03506 | Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/18/05278. Appearance, Landscape, Scale and Layout to be considered for siting of 1no mobile home. | Resthaven Thornbush Lane Earl Stonham Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5DX](#)

The members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make.

- 20.92.4** [DC/20/02409 | Re-consultation Full Planning Permission - Erection of extensions and alterations for hotel use, construction of car park and use of land as hotel grounds. | Wayside Cottage Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AU](#)

The members sort clarification on the changes that had been made before commenting and asked for an extension to comment if needed.

It was confirmed outside of the meeting that there was a slight change to the red line site plan and the description of the development had changed to include the change of use of the land for hotel use. So no extension required.

- 20.92.5** **Decision notices**

The members noted the following decision notices

DC/20/00761 Stonham Barns Ltd, Full Planning Application - Erection of 2no. Toilet Blocks (Alternative to that approved under DC/18/02808) **GRANTED**

DC/20/02667 Mill Green Farm, Planning Application. Erection of pig rearing building Mill Green Farm, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BZ **GRANTED**

DC/20/01375 Stonham Barns Ltd, 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 **REFUSED**

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

DC/20/01894 Stonham Barns Ltd, Full Planning Application - Erection of two storey office building (existing office to be removed) Stonham Barns Park, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT **GRANTED**

DC/20/01453 Stonham Barns Ltd, 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 **GRANTED**

DC/20/02961 Grove Farm, Proposal & Location of Development: Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of barn to residential accommodation associated with adjacent dwelling (following demolition of agricultural/equestrian buildings). Grove Farm, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BX **GRANTED**

20.92.6 Other planning matters – there were no other planning matters

20.93 Update on Environmental issues relating to bore hole

The Clerk has written to the environment agency and will chase a response. Environment agency are falling short of their responsibilities in terms of responses so the clerk will escalate if necessary.

20.94 Finance

20.94.1 NALC pay rise

Under the new pay scale the clerks salary will rise from £10.57 to £10.86 per hour. Cllr Wright proposed acceptance of the new rate and Cllr Betts seconded the proposal and members unanimously approved the increase. Members also agreed that Cllrs Betts, Stevenson and Timms would undertake a review of the Clerks position on the pay scale.

20.94.2 Insurance cover for 2020/2021

The quote from Community Action Suffolk is £597.02 (1p more than previous year), there is one amendment is the inclusion of a virus, disease and pandemic exclusion clause.

Cllr Emberson, proposed acceptance of the quotation, Cllr Wright seconded the proposal and members unanimously agreed to accept it.

20.94.3 Authorisation of Payments –

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 August and September, additional hours July and August back dated pay from April increase - £492.51

Clerk's office expenses July and August - £36.00

Alison Green – Zoom Subscription for meetings - £14.39

Community Action Suffolk – Insurance £597.02

20.94.4 Training

Members unanimously agreed for the Clerk to attend four planning process webinars at the cost of £25+ VAT each. They also unanimously agreed for Cllr Betts to attend the online version of the new councillor training 6 modules at £25+VAT each.

20.94.5 CIL return

The members unanimously approved the CIL Return, the Chair will arrange to sign the form so that it can be submitted.

Use of CIL money will be added to a future agenda, possible suggestions include solar panels on the roof on the school and improved internet access. A clear definition of the use of the money to be provided before the meeting

20.94.6 Asset register

The Clerk confirmed that Parish Council Asset registers do not need to include depreciation. It is normal to list cost price and an insurance value can be added if needs.

20.95 Village sign

The members unanimously agreed to go with the quotation from Holmes Plant and Construction Ltd for the removal, transportation and reinstatement of the Village sign.

The clerk will liaise with the company and neighbours to progress the work.

20.96 Village survey

Members agreed to amend the survey so that it asked generic questions about the expansion of the village rather than about specific planning application. Also to include information about the CIL money available and suggested uses for it.

It was agreed that the survey should be done electronically wherever possible and to advertise in both magazines, Facebook, village website and noticeboards. The option to request a hard copy from the clerk will be included and a request to share the link with others in the parish. Cllr Betts will arrange the distribution online

It was agreed that it should be named Parish Survey rather than Village Survey.

20.97 Recreation Ground

Update Cllr Betts confirmed all equipment in the recreation ground is ok, weeds are starting to grow and need attention. There have been requests for members of the parish for Gym equipment in the space.

Charlotte Mallett is obtaining quotes for goal nets which will be available for the next meeting.

The Clerk will obtain quotes for the fence and liaise with neighbours over progress.

20.98 Neighbourhood watch update

The Clerk is investigating whether insurance companies offer discount for neighbourhood watch schemes and looking into Our Watch app.

20.99 Highways

20.99.1 SIDS/TVAS

Cllr Emberson is obtaining quotes on SIDS equipment. The Clerk will talk to other parishes and ask SALC to distribute request for information from other parishes.

Cllr Embersons internet connection failed so the Vice Chair took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

20.99.2 Proposed Speed Limit change on A1120 from Stonham Aspal to Pettaugh

Members of the council would like to know why the proposal has changed from the original plan of 30mph to 40mph past the entrance to Stonham barns then 60mph to now be extending the 30mph, a new 50 mph and extended 30mph zone from Pettaugh.

The members of the council would prefer the 30/40/60 option originally proposed as they believe the 40mph gave signal to drivers that speed was reducing. Much like the limits going out of Pettaugh further along the A1120.

There was also concern that the lower speed limit did not cover the exit to Stonham Barns where there is a bigger safety issue with traffic joining the carriage way at a point where vehicles are travelling at high speed.

The council do however welcome the lower speed limit and think there will be scope to employ the SIDS along the section of road.

20.99.3 Parking on the street for school to be deferred until next meeting

20.100 Update on additional dog waste bin at the pound
Moving forward with funding for the additional bin.

20.101 Dates for next meeting
Tuesday 20th October
Tuesday 17th November

20.102 Vice Chair closed the meeting at 21.40

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21st September 2020