

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th October 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)

20.103 Apologies and Approval of Absences

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

20.104 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members – Cllr Mitson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Church footpath in her capacity as a member of the PCC

20.105 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting the Parish Council Meeting on 15th September 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2020 were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes will be signed by the chair at the next face to face meeting. Ian and Jean approved

20.106 Contributions by Members of the Public –

There were no members of the public present however two members of the public had contacted the Chair asking him to raise the following issues

Car boot sales at Stonham Barns have been starting at 6am, this is specified on website, they are also using show ground in addition to the carparks. This falls outside of the planning conditions which state nothing before 7:30am and specifies two areas. The member of the public will be advised to write to the enforcement officer and the Clerk will seek clarification from the enforcement officer for the next meeting.

To achieve faster broadband for Stonham Aspal, a significant number of people and businesses need to apply for the cabling. Charles Brookson is trying to find the support for such a programme. Cllr Emberson and Cllr Betts said they would liaise with Mr Brookson and report back to the meeting. The Clerk will liaise with Suffolk County Council to find out if there is funding for this within money previously paid to BT

20.107 Funding for repairs for path through the church yard

Members agreed that they would like further clarification on whether they were legally allowed to fund the footpath before proceeding. They also wanted clarity on what footpaths were to be resurfaced on a map as they were unsure from the written description on the quotation

The members unanimously agreed that subject to confirmation on legal funding the members unanimously agreed the Parish Council could contribute a maximum of £2500 to the project.

The members also suggested obtaining additional quotations and applying for funding from District Cllr Suzie Morley's locality budget.

20.108

Planning

Consideration of Planning applications

20.108.1 DC/20/04296 Use of land for the stationing of 18 holiday , Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

the Members unanimously agreed to object to this application as it is above and beyond the all-encompassing master plan agreed against application 3150/15 and would constitute an over development of the site.

This would overload local facilities. Traffic from these additional holiday units along with the proposed camping site would add to the traffic exiting from the site into a 60mph (50mph) stretch of road which is already a hazard. It would also add to the pressure on other busy and dangerous junctions along the A1120 such as the junction with the A140.

There is growing pressure on the utility infrastructure and it is questionable whether there is adequate capacity to install electricity, sewage, water, drainage, broadband to more units on the site without investment or overloading the existing facilities.

The area is reaching saturation healthcare is difficult to access and the school is nearly full.

It is imperative that any holiday units have an effective and enforceable means of ensuring that they are only used in the intended way i.e. not for residential purposes. Previous restrictions have appeared inadequate and difficult to enforce.

There is also an environmental impact from the growing number of units on the site. They are not been subject to the same requirements as housing developments and therefore there is no restriction on the fuel consumed which seems in conflict with the environmental ambitions of the county.

20.108.2 Planning for the future – Government Consultation on proposals for reform to the planning system in England

Clerk to provide slides from the online webinar she attended about this proposal. Members will endeavour to read and comment by 31st October deadline and urge others to do so.

20.108.3 Decision notices

DC/20/03647 Fir Tree House, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AL
Non material amendment to DC/18/02137 - Reduction in footprint from 7.2m x 3.6m to 6.2m x 3.6m, Reduction in roof ridge height from 3.75m to 3.6m to Garden Store and addition of lean-to log store within Permitted Development Rights - Amendment Details Approved:

DC/20/01861 Barn At Red House Farm, Mickfield Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5LT

Full Planning Application - Change of Use of barns as butchery/smokehouse GRANTED

DC/20/03553 Mill Green Farm, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6BZ
Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of the 4 front (north) first-floor windows
GRANTED

DC/20/02409 Wayside Cottage, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AU
Full Planning Permission - Erection of extensions and alterations for hotel use, construction of car
park and use of land as hotel grounds. GRANTED

20.109 Finance

20.109.1 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. All approve

Clerk's wages October 2020 including 4 additional hours - £208.15

Clerk's office expenses July and August - £18.00

Alison Green – Zoom Subscription for meetings October and November- £28.78

Roger Stannard – 2hrs strimming at recreation ground £22.00

CAS Website hosting £60.00

SALC planning webinars x 2 = £60.00

20.109.2 Bank reconciliation to 30th September 2020

The bank reconciliation was confirmed as accurate and unanimously approved by members, documents will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

20.109.3 Review of income and expenditure against budget

Them members reviewed the income and expenditure and approved the explanations and forecast provided.

20.109.4 Signing of documents

Members asked the Clerk to confirm if electronic signatures could be used whilst meetings were still online or if there could be alternative arrangements for signing.

20.110 Dates for next meeting

Tuesday 17th November 2020

Tuesday 19th January 2021

20.111 Vice Chair closed the meeting at 21.05

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6th November 2020