

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 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 Hicks, Cllr Morley and, 3 members of the public

### **20.112 Apologies and Approval of Absences**

Cllr Emberson advised the meeting that he had received Cllr Charles Tydeman's resignation. It was agreed that a message of thanks be sent on behalf of the Parish Council for Cllr Tydeman's many years of service.

### **20.113 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**

Cllr Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DC/20/04539

### **20.114 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting the Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **20.115 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 [Councillors reports » Stonham Aspal Parish Council \(onesuffolk.net\)](https://www.onesuffolk.net)

Cllr Morley also confirmed that she had been in touch with the authors of the Joint Local Plan and confirmed that Stonham Aspal is classified as a Hinterland Village and NOT a core village as stated in some parts of the report.

The members of the council asked Cllr Morley about 'holiday makers' remaining at Stonham Barns during lockdown, and the response that a member of the public had received in relation to this from the Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Morley had nothing to add to the response. The members unanimously agreed to write to Arthur Charvonia, Chief Executive, Mid Suffolk District council and copy the letter to Dr Dan Poulter MP

In addition to his report Cllr Hicks advised that the status of Broadband could be checked by providing postcode and telephone number of the properties.

**20.116 Contributions by Members of the Public –**

Members of the public raised issues regarding pot holes on the Crowfield road and moving of the village sign.

**20.117 Consideration of Planning Applications**

**20.117.1** DC/20/03024 | Full Planning Application - Retention of concrete pad, shed and plant associated with a bore hole | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make on this application

**20.117.2** DC/20/04539 | Householder Application - Conversion of one bay of existing garage to additional living accommodation. Insertion of rear patio doors and alterations to fenestration. | Longwood The Street Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AJ

Members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make on this application

**20.117.3** DC/20/04768 | Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order MS317 - Crown reduce 1no Oak by 2-3 metres, crown thinning and remove dead wood. | 5 Jigsaw Place Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6DA

Members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make on this application

**20.117.4** DC/20/04306 | Planning Application - Excavation of two fishing lakes and construction of parking area | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT

Members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make on this application

**20.117.5** DC/20/04968 | Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval. Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Approval of the details for DC/19/00788 - 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). Appearance, scale and layout of the building(s), the means of access thereto and the landscaping of the site. | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 6AW

Members unanimously agreed that they had no comment to make on this application

**20.118** Decision notices – there were no decision notices

**20.119** Other Planning matters - Update on car boot sale opening hours and location – Parish Council to seek clarification as to whether the land is allowed to be used for a car boot sale and restate question about times for the sales.

**20.120** **Joint Local Plan**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to the person responsible for the JLP confirming that Stonham Aspal is a Hinterland Village and to ensure this was changed in the final copy of the plan.

The members also wanted to reiterate that the points awarded because of amenities at Stonham Barns were incorrectly attributed as the site was separate from the village.

**20.121 CIL consultation**

Members agreed to reply to this consultation as individuals.

**20.122 Moving of the village sign**

Clerk to speak to contractor about progress and ensure that neighbouring resident was contacted about when the work would happen.

**20.123 Finance**

**20.123.1 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 November and December 2020 - £329.42

Clerk's office expenses October and November - £36.00

Alison Green – Zoom Subscription for meetings November - December- £14.39

A.C.Tydeman & Sons Cemetery maintenance - £ 96.00

SALC planning webinars x 1 = £30.00

**20.123.2** Members unanimously agreed Cllr Stevenson's would be the new bank signatory and Cllr Mitson would arrange this with the bank.

**20.123.3 Clerks Salary review**

The Clerk left the room whilst the discussion about salary took place.

The outcome of the discussion was that the Councillors recognised the abilities of the Clerk and felt the correct position on the scale was SPC15 to be back dated to April 2020

**20.123.4 Proposed budget 21/22** to be reviewed in January when funding for projects is known and with revised expenditure is included

**20.124 Funding of repairs to footpath through the cemetery**

Members agreed funding of £2,500 subject to confirmation of what area is being repaired and obtaining additional quotes. (clerk temporarily lost connection during this item)

**20.125 Recreation ground**

**20.125.1** Update by recreation ground representative on repairs, monthly report and other issues – recent checks picked up minor issues which Cllr Betts is dealing with

- 20.125.2 Review of recreation ground inspection report – no major issues came out of the report
- 20.125.3 Quote for replacement goal nets – members unanimously agreed to fund the replacement goal nets at £41.98 +vat
- 20.125.4 Quote and funding for new fence – The members requested more quotes for a fence with concrete posts and plinth

**20.126 Highways**

- 20.126.1 SIDS/TVAS review of quotes  
There was only one quote from Westcatec for SID the members of the Parish Council Unanimously agreed to go with the version with “slow down / thank you” messages an extra battery and downloadable data at a cost of £3575. An application for funding would be made to the County Councillors locality fund
- 20.126.2 Speed Limit along A1120 from Stonham Barns to Pettaugh -response from Highways regarding the decision for a 50mph and extending the 30mph past the entrance but not exit to Stonham Barns was reported to the meeting.
- 20.126.3 Parking on The Street during school drop off and pick up – concerns had been raised by a member of the parish as to the impact of social distancing on parking on the street. Members felt this was out of their control and people needed to observe space where possible
- 20.126.4 Update on other highways issues – Pot holes on Crowfield Rd are becoming a real hazard. Suffolk County Council had marked some for repair in late July but as yet they have not been done. Clerk to report and chase with Highways.

**20.127 Update on Dog waste bin** – Clerk to apply to District Councillor’s locality budget for funding.

**20.128 Update on environment issue with bore hole**

Environment agency have been talking to Stonham Barn’s but not the neighbouring property. The bore hole is not considered to be the cause of the flooding problem. Stonham Barns have been talking to the neighbours. Clerk to confirm outcome of those conversations and follow up. Cllr Emberson to forward images of the ditch.

**20.129 Update on Faster Broadband project from Cllr Emberson or Betts –**  
Cllr Emberson reported there be a chance of funding if achieving less than 10mbs. postcode and telephone number to be forwarded for any such properties.

**20.130 Registering interest for community funding for designated Quiet Lanes**  
This funding could be of interest for East End Road and Broughton Hall Lane

**20.131 Village Survey**  
**Question has been added and survey will be distributed online and advertised, hard copies available if requested.**

**20.132 Neighbourhood watch** - situation regarding house hold insurance to be clarified for January meeting.

**20.133 Dates for next meeting**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**20.134**

**Chair closed the meeting at 22.05**

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12<sup>th</sup> December 2020