

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th January 2021 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, 5 members of the public

21.01 Apologies and Approval of Absences

None

21.02 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members –

None

21.03 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting the Parish Council Meeting on 17th November 2020 and the Extraordinary meeting on 15th December 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2020 and the Extraordinary meeting on 15th December were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record of the meetings. The minutes will be signed by the chair at the next face to face meeting.

21.04 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)

21.05 Contributions by Members of the Public –

Members of the public did not raise any issues

21.06 Environmental Issues re ditches on boundary between Stonham Barns and Bramley Hedge

Environment agency representative who had previously said he could not take further action is going to liaise with SCC to find out where excess water is coming from. Bron Curtis and Nigel Doyle are investigating.

21.07 Co-option of new council member

It was agreed that the potential councillors should respond to the 4 questions posed by the chair before the February meeting when the council would co-opt a new councillor. Clerk to email questions to candidates.

21.08 Planning

Consideration of Planning Applications

- 21.08.1** [DC/21/00154 | Planning Application – Erection of 2No. retail units \(alternative scheme to those previously approved under DC/21/00762 and DC/18/03354\). | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

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

- 21.08.2** [DC/21/00153 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 \(Approved Plans and Documents\) of planning permission DC/21/00760 dated 07/07/2121- Erection of 2no. retail units. To allow amended drawings to be approved. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

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

- 21.08.3** Attendance at The Mid Suffolk Development Control A Committee will be meeting on Wednesday 21 January 2121 at 09:30 RE application [DC/21/04296 | Planning Application - Use of land for the stationing of 18 holiday lodges | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

It was agreed that Cllr Suzie Morley would be asked to represent the parish council at the meeting and read out a pre-prepared statement. The pre-prepared statement, consisting of previous planning comments from the PC and was read to the meeting and approved.

21.08.4 Decision Notices

Members were advised of the following decision notices

DC/21/04768 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 – Consent Granted

DC/21/03024 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 – Granted

DC/21/04539 Proposal & Location of Development: 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 – Granted

DC/21/04306 Planning Application - Excavation of two fishing lakes and construction of parking area Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT – Granted

DC/21/04968 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 – Approved

DC/21/04964 Application under S73 to vary or remove conditions relating to DC/19/03935 dated 07/10/2119 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - to vary Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) replace Proposed Plans and Elevations drawings 4042-09B and 4042-10B with 4042-10E and Site Plan 4042-11C with 4042-11F – Granted

DC/21/04969 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/00788- Condition 3 (Phasing of Development), Condition 6 (Schedule of Materials) and Condition 13 (Scheme of Ecological Mitigation) Location: Green Farm, Crowfield Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk

DC/21/03291 Proposal & Location of Development: Application for approval of reserved matters following grant of outline application DC/18/04191 dated 07/02/2119 Appearance, Layout, Scale and Landscaping for the erection of 5No dwellings and new access (following demolition for existing dwelling). Land to The Rear Of The Leas, Quoits Meadow, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk Refused

Sunnica energy farm consultation

21.08.5 The members agreed they had no comment to make on this consultation

Stonham Barns - update from meeting with MSDC

Cllr Emberson wrote to MSDC as a private individual expressing concern that although the area was in Tier 4 there were still people living on the site at Stonham Barns. As the site is a holiday park this would be against planning regulations as they should be in their primary residence. There is also concern that vulnerable people may not be registered for covid vaccines on site because it is not designated as their primary residence.

MSDC received a letter from Kelly Tolhurst MP, responsible for homelessness and rough sleeping, stating that the government are aware that people are living permanently on holiday parks and caravan sites contrary to planning permission. However the Government asked that during this pandemic authorities act with discretion to ensure people are not left homeless.

MSDC confirmed that they would continue to enforce planning conditions and work towards the site being used for the intended purpose ie a holiday park. There will be a further meeting between MSDC and Stonham Aspal Parish Council provisionally scheduled in March. It was agreed that two of either Cllr Emberson, Cllr Wright or Cllr Timms would attend depending on availability

It was agreed that Cllr Emberson and Cllr Wright would draft a letter to Dr Daniel Poulter MP regarding the issue asking for his opinion. The draft to be approved by council members before being sent.

21.09

Finance

21.09.1 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

- I. Clerk's wages January 2021, back dated pay rise and 3 additional hours - £454.89
- II. Clerk's office expenses January 2020 - £18.00
- III. Alison Green – Zoom Subscription 15/12/20 to 14/02/21 - £28.78
- IV. MSDC, Annual Play inspection 2021 - £60.82
- V. SALC Councillor Training attended by Cllr Betts £30.00

21.09.2 Accounts reconciliation to 31st December 2020

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

21.09.3 Review of income and expenditure against budget

The members had no questions

21.09.4 Budget for 21/22

Members unanimously agreed the budget for 2021/22

21.09.5 Setting of precept for 21/22

Members unanimously agreed to keep the precept at £5500 for 2021/22
Cllr Emberson and Cllr Timms will sign the form outside of the meeting

21.09.6 Appointment of new payroll company

Ladywell Accountancy are ceasing trading so a new payroll is needed. Clerk to contact SALC and other companies for prices.

21.10 Recreation ground

Update by recreation ground representative on repairs, monthly report and other issues – No new issues, it was agreed that the recreation ground should be open during lockdown,

Agree contractor for new fence

Agreed to confirm all quotes for close board on concrete, and award contract to Alpha Rural

Other recreation ground issues it was discussed if more could be done to support younger and older people either with a with items such as gym equipment and if CIL money may be available for such a project.

21.11 Highways

21.11.1 SIDS update

The sign has been ordered. There may be scope for a third post or second sign when 30mph limit extended towards Stonham Barns

21.11.2 Road safety suggestions from the school

The primary school had suggested a scheme of road safety mannequins of children near the road. Members felt the paths and road were too narrow and that there may be other solutions. Cllr Betts will speak to highways re possibilities. Funding

21.11.3 Update on other highways issues

Pot holes are an issue on Crowfield Road and Scotts Hill. Clerk to chase outstanding work. Cllr Emberson advised that the SCC are under no obligation to do the edges of Crowfield Road.

21.12 Update on Village Survey – agree end date

Closing date agreed as 28th February. There have been 34 responses so far. Clerk to make sure the link to the survey is regularly posted on village Facebook page.

21.13 Other matters arising from previous meetings

Quiet lane application has been put in

Church path chase quotes from John Ince

Neighbourhood watch – most insurance companies do not give a discount for such a scheme. Email John Moody to see how or if he would like to proceed

Village sign chase contractor for update

Dog waste bin – awaiting confirmation of funding from Cllr Morley

21.14 Dates for next meeting

Tuesday 16th March 2021

21.15 Chair closed the meeting at 21:34

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11th February 2021