

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 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), 3 members of the public

### **21.16 Apologies and Approval of Absences**

None

### **21.17 Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members –**

Cllr Betts declared a pecuniary interest in Planning application DC/21/00470

### **21.18 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 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.

### **21.19 Contributions by Members of the Public –**

A member of the public raised the issue of pot holes in Crowfield road. The village had been advised that damage caused when traffic diverted down the road because of water works would be repaired. Some pot holes were badly repaired and the side or the roads untouched.

Suffolk highways advised the PC that they would repair pot holes but not the sides of the road. (How ever they have tarmacked areas at the side of the road in the past)

The increasing camber and hidden or partially filled pot holes pose a real danger to drivers, cyclists, equestrians and pedestrians alike.

A member of the public also questioned an advertisement they had seen for lodges at Stonham Barns offering 365 day a year accommodation

### **21.20 Filling of Parish Council Vacancy by Co-option**

The Chair and Vice Chair both thanked the applicants for the vacant councillor position, Martin Bennett and Teresa Mullings, for their interest and time.

The members of the council voted 5 to 1 to co-opt Teresa Mullings to the council

Teresa Mullings accepted the position and the clerk will forward the necessary paperwork.

## **21.21**

### **Planning**

#### **Consideration of Planning Applications**

- 21.21.1** DC/21/00501 | Planning Application - Erection of single storey extensions | Unit 11A Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 6AT

The members unanimously agreed that they were neutral to this application but had a concern that it would obscure visibility at the junction adjacent to the proposed extension.

- 21.21.2** DC/21/00470 | Householder Planning Application - Erection of static caravan in garden. | Fir Tree Lodge The Street Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AL

A majority of the members are neutral to this application however feel it should have a 12 month time restriction imposed on the application. If time limitations are not possible then the members of the Parish Council would object as the proposal cannot be defined as an annex as it is 25 m from the main dwelling, the application does not mention electricity, water or sewage provision. It is sited on the boundary with a neighbour and impacts on their light and residential amenity, and central govt does not recognise static caravans as an alternative to low cost housing.

- 21.21.3** DC/21/00643 | Planning Application - Erection of workshop building | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT Decision notices and planning notifications

The members of the council unanimously object to this application on the basis of the impact it would have on the neighbouring residential property, rental caravans and wild animals in the owl sanctuary.

This impact includes the noise created by a B2 industrial unit used as a work shop, the access along the hedge line boundary of a residential property, the light which would be obscured by a building in excess of 6m tall and the visual impact on the neighbouring property, Bramley Hedge, which is a listed building in danger for being totally overpowered by the structure.

In addition, the distance to the nearest fire hydrants is 750m. This creates a significant risk in an area of densely packed buildings including caravans and a thatched cottage especially given the purpose of the workshop.

#### **21.21.4 Decision Notices & planning notifications**

Members were advised of the following decision notices

Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/04191 - Condition 5 (Contamination), Condition 6 (Archaeological Evaluation), Condition 7 (Archaeological Written Investigation), Condition 8 (Archaeological Works), Condition 9 (Hedgerows), Condition 10 (Surface Water Drainage Details), Condition 11 (Roads and Footpaths), Condition 13 (Parking and Turning), Condition 14 (Refuse Bins and Collection Areas), Condition 15 (Fire Hydrants) and Condition 16 (Construction Management)  
5, 6, 7, 8 Satisfied subject to wording, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 Refused

Discharge of Conditions application for DC/20/01031 - Condition 8 (Bin Storage and Presentation Areas) – Satisfied

Planning notification DC/21/00661 Park Farm, East End Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AS Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a Building for Agricultural or Forestry use. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of grain store building

## **21.22 Finance**

### **21.22.1 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 February 2021, and 4 additional hours - £234.60
- II. Clerk's office expenses February - £18.00
- III. Alison Green – Zoom Subscription 15/02/21 to 14/3/21 - £14.39
- IV. SALC 2 x Councillor Training attended by Cllr Betts £60.00

### **21.22.2 Appointment of auditor 20/21**

Heelis and lodge unanimously appointed as auditor

### **21.22.3 Appointment of new payroll company**

SALC no other options all happy to go with

## **21.23 Dates for next meeting**

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> May

## **21.24 Chair closed the meeting at 20:55**

Alison Green, Clerk to Stonham Aspal Parish Council,

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