

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 16th March 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, Cllr Teresa Mullings

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk), Cllr Hicks, Cllr Morley and, 5 members of the public

21.25 Apologies and Approval of Absences

None

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

As a member of the Parochial Church Council, Cllr Mitson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14.ii Church footpath.

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

County Councillor Matthew Hicks delivered his report to the meeting, full copies of the report can be found on the Parish Council website Stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports

21.28 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting the Parish Council Meeting on 16th February 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 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.

21.29 Contributions by Members of the Public –

Issues were raised in relation to the amended Parish Council comments on Mid Suffolk District Councils planning portal in relation to planning application DC/21/00470. There were concerns as to whether these reflected the decision made in the meeting and the issues discussed. The Chair read a prepared statement with regard to the Parish Councils position on the matter and their satisfaction that due process had been followed. The other members of the council confirmed they had nothing further to add. However members of the public felt the councils response was not satisfactory.

21.30 Highways

21.30.1 SIDS– delivery to be arranged by the Clerk.

21.30.2 Speeding

Issues with speeding have been reported coming in and out of the village on the A1120 and in Mill Green. There are issues with speed indicator devices as neither the A140 side of the village or Mill Green have a straight where one could be used. Cllr Hicks was asked for his advice on the best way to approach these issues. He advised that the most effective way is enforcement and that liaising with Highways team to look at affordable solutions such as road markings would be an option. Extending speed limits is difficult but criteria has changed.

There is unlikely to be any progress until after the elections on 6th May.

Parish Council need a member to take on the issue.

21.30.3 Pot holes on Crowfield Road

Councillor Hicks had been involved in this issue and believed the pot holes should have been repaired again. A resident confirmed this was not the case so an update will be sought.

21.30.4 Flashing sign at A140 side of the village

Councillor Hicks advised that Suffolk County Council no longer supported some older signs. This would be disappointing as the signs are not that old and were expensive to purchase, and the purchase was made on the understanding that they would be supported by SCC. Clerk to chase and find out if this is the case.

21.30.5 A140 Junction with A1120

The council were disappointed with Suffolk Constabulary's response. The felt it did not address the actual problem on the junction. It was advised that the situation was unlikely to change without some sort of campaign and persistent lobbying. The members agreed to continue to support the need for change.

21.31 Planning

21.31.1 Consideration of Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

21.31.2 Planning decision

Members were advised of the following decision notices

DC/21/00470 Householder Planning Application - Erection of static caravan in garden. Fir Tree Lodge, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AL Granted (for 12 months)

DC/21/00153 Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of planning permission DC/20/00760 dated 07/07/2020- Erection of 2no. retail units. To allow amended drawings to be approved. GRANTED

DC/21/00154 Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT Planning Application - Erection of 2No. retail units (alternative scheme to those previously approved under DC/20/00762 and DC/18/03354). GRANTED

DC/21/00661 Park Farm, East End Road, Stonham Aspal formal planning approval is necessary in this case

21.31.3 Stonham Barns Update

Planning enforcement are not entering private property during lockdown, but they are continuing to investigate planning contraventions. There is another meeting scheduled between MSDC and Stonham Aspal Parish Council in May.

21.32 Finance

21.32.3 Grass cutting MSDC service was agreed for 21/22 was agreed. It was decided to get more quotes for next years grass cutting in the village.

21.32.2 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, £185.64
- II. Clerk's office expenses March 2021 - £18.00
- III. Alison Green – Zoom Subscription 15/03/21 to 14/04/21 - £14.39
- IV. MSDC - Grass Cutting at Recreation ground and tennis courts £757.02

21.32.3 Bank signatories

Cllr Stephenson has not yet been added as a bank account signatory but hopefully would be soon (as agreed at a previous meeting)

21.33 Recreation ground

21.33.1 Recreation ground update – nothing to report

21.33.2 Update on fence, work is due to start, however the contractor had an issue with clearing the overhanging trees. Cllr Betts to attend at 8am to agree so that work can commence.

21.34 Fly tipping – at the football ground recycling bins.

Members unanimously agreed that they would be happy to contribute to a sign. Cllr Mitson will check the wording at the Stowupland Bottle Bank and something similar, including reference to calling themselves to have full bins emptied would be priced up.

21.35 Update on Village Survey –

There were 54 responses to the survey. Cllr Betts is currently looking at options for sharing the information

21.36 Environmental issues on boundary between Stonham Barns and Bramley Hedge – no further update

21.37 Inclusion of councillor's details on One Suffolk website and notice boards

It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm details with members and update email addresses and telephone numbers on display. All members were happy for their details to be displayed.

21.38 Other matters arising from previous meetings

21.38.1 Village sign – chasing contractor

21.38.2 Church footpath.

The additional quotes and map that the Parish Council requested have been provided by the PCC. Members unanimously agreed that the council would fund £2500 of the cost as previously stated. Payment to be made on sight of the invoice from the contractor.

21.38.3 Quiet lane application has been put in assessment to be made, forms to be completed by 31st March

21.38.4 Dog waste bin – awaiting confirmation of funding from Cllr Morley Clerk to ask for an update

21.39 Dates for next meeting

Tuesday 20th April urgent only
APM and APCM 4th May on Zoom

21.40 Chair closed the meeting at 20:54

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