

# Stonham Aspal Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at the Village Hall,

Present: Cllr Peter Emberson (Chair), Cllr Josephine Mitson, Cllr Jean Timms,

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk) Cllr Suzie Morley, three members of the public, Cassandra Clements MSDC

### 21.65 **Apologies and Approval of Absences**

Apologies were received from Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Wright, Cllr Mullings and Cllr Betts their absence was approved

### 21.66 **Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members** – the members had no interests to declare

### 21.67 **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

### 21.68 **Consideration of reports by District Councillor and County Councillor**

Cllr Hicks sent apologies, his July report can be found on the Parish Council website. Cllr Morley delivered her report to the meeting a copy is available on the Parish Council website - [Stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports](http://Stonhamaspal.onesuffolk.net/meetings/councillors-reports)

### 21.69 **Contributions by Members of the Public**

Members of the public raised the following issues:

- Road sign at The Pound pointing to Mill Green had not been replaced. 30mph repeater signs between Garden cottage and East End Road are missing and in bad state of repair
- Dog waste bins
- Planning application
- Overgrown hedging on The Street from Walnut Tree Meadow

### 21.70 **Mid Suffolk Safety Advisory Group**

Cassandra Clements, Assistant director environment and commercial partnerships, gave an overview of SAG. The overarching purpose of the SAG is to ensure all residents in mid Suffolk feel safe at home and at work within the boundary of the district. the key attendees including emergency services and other teams where appropriate and their relationship with event organisers.

Members of the public can feed back details of events or issues surrounding them to enable SAG to build up a picture of events.

What is an event? - There is no legal definition of an event SAG are interested in 'open to public' events, abnormal events, something that may draw large crowds, more than

anticipated. SAG rely on intelligence, proactive contact from event organiser or local communities advising them.

The Parish Council raised concern over traffic issues surrounding some Stonham Barns events which cause congestion on the A1120, sometimes back as far as the junction of the A140. These do not just affect locals but other road users and businesses.

Concerns were raised about whether there was adequate parking and the safety of having one entrance and exit onto the A1120. Are there event plans for these situations which address the issue of highways.

Response from Police, Environmental Health and other services when issues arise at the time of events is limited. Cassandra Clements said there should be a contact number during events and would provide this.

Issues surrounding excessive noise going unaddressed. Ongoing issues have left some local residents feeling bullied and harassed so that they no longer complain. Cassandra Clements agreed that complaints could be made anonymously directly to her or her manager if people wanted to.

Parish Council asked if there was equipment available for them to monitor sound and understand what falls within the guidelines. Cassandra Clements agreed to look into options.

**21.71 Dog waste bins – request for an additional bin at Wingfield Meadow / Walnut Tree Meadow**

Members of the Parish Council unanimously agreed to purchase the bin and site to be agreed at September meeting

**21.72 Shelter for school children waiting for bus at Casa Mexico**

This suggestion had been raised by a parishioner. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr Denny and get his perspective, find out if the pick up location was likely to stay the same and the school children's perspective.

**21.73 Planning**

**Consideration of planning applications**

**21.73.1 [DC/21/03430 | Planning Application - Erection of garden centre building \(Class E1\) \(following demolition of existing glasshouse\) | Stonham Barns Park Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)**

The members unanimously objected to this application on the basis that it further erodes the residential amenity of Brambley Hedge. The proximity of the building to Brambley hedge means they are directly affected by the building and activity within it. Therefore, existing conditions from planning permission 1189/05 where by use is limited to plant propagation, without public access and no deliveries to/from the glasshouse can take place outside the hours of 9am – 5pm and not at all on Sundays or Bank Holidays should remain in place.

**21.73.2 [DC/21/03208 | Planning Application - Erection of an agricultural barn | Land Rear Of Angel Hill Farm Norwich Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 5DN](#)**

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

**21.73.3 [DC/21/03648 | Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Conditions | Green Farm Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk](#)**

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

**21.73.4** [DC/21/03887 | Application Under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act \(1990\) as amended. Variation of Condition 10 \(restriction on car boot sales\) of planning permission DC/19/05249 to enable the Car Boot Sales to take place on Bank Holiday Mondays. | Stonham Barns Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Suffolk IP14 6AT](#)

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to this application on the basis of overloading the site and the impact on the houses closest to the site. The members have concerns that holding Car boot sales at the same time as other events means that there is not enough parking on site. It also leads to too much traffic (from the car boot, holidaymakers / residents, touring caravans, shops and owl sanctuary) using the single entrance and exit on site. The car boot sales have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of those closest to the site, not least because of the very early start of people setting up.

**21.73.5 Decision Notices**

Members were made aware of the following decision notices

DC/21/01398 and DC/21/01399 Sparrow Hall, Crowfield Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6AW Discharge of Conditions Application for - Condition 3 (Agreement of Proposed Plain Tiles)

DC/21/02035 Morgans, East End Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6AS Householder Application. Erection of new greenhouse (following removal of existing greenhouse). GRANTED

DC/21/01775 Mowness Hall, Mowness Hall Lane Stonham Parva To Mowness Hall , Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5JJ Erection of a grain store. GRANTED

DC/21/02141 Grove Farm, Debenham Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6BX DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/21/02143 – Part satisfied Condition 3 (Contamination), Satisfied Condition 5 (Facing and Roofing Materials), Condition 6 (Windows and Doors), Condition 7 (Details of Fenestration), Condition 8 (Details of Works to Timbers), Condition 9 (Agreement of Boundary Treatments), Condition 10 (Ecological Appraisal), Condition 11 (EPS licence for bats), Condition 12 (Biodiversity Compensation and Enhancement Strategy) and Condition 13 (Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design Scheme).

DC/21/02439 Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk IP14 6AT Planning Application - Use of land for stationing 16no. commercial pods - GRANTED

**21.73.6 Stonham Barns update from meeting with MSDC**

Discussions covered relationships with neighbours, planning, the enforcement of planning restrictions, raw sewage being pumped into water courses (ditches), noise, events, SAG involvement and monitoring of noise levels.

There are more households living on site, if living there unlawfully they will be evicted.

Next meeting in August

**21.73.7**

**There were no other planning matters**

**21.74 Finance**

**21.74.1 Review of internal Audit report**

The members of the parish council reviewed and unanimously approved the audit report and its recommendations.

**21.74.2 Review of income and expenditure against budget**

The members of the parish council reviewed and approved the income and expenditure against budget.

**21.74.3 Reconciliation of accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The members of the parish council reviewed and approved the bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**21.74.4 Authorisation of Payments**

The following payments were unanimously agreed by members and the authorisation sheet was signed by Cllr Emberson and Cllr Timms

Clerks Wages for July and August £408.00

Clerks expenses £36.00

Heelis & Lodge Internal audit – £120.00

MSDC emptying of 3 dog waste bins and one litter bin £201.12

Roger Stannard 3hrs strimming at recreation ground £33.00

**21.75 Recreation Ground update**

Bins have not been emptied and sign with council details is missing – clerk to investigate

**21.76 Highways**

Speeding – suggestions had been made by a parishioner regarding speeding in the village.

- Speed indicator device to go at the church where the road narrows sign is.
- Build the corner out as A1120 turns into Scotts Hill to slow traffic turning left towards Mill Green.
- 30mph stickers on dustbins. (clerk to obtain quotes)
- Planters etc along the roadside to make it feel more like a village and not just a through road.
- Chevrons coming into the village.

SID was installed on the street on 21/7/21. A routine would be established for maintaining and moving the sign.

**21.77 Update on Village Survey**

It was agreed to publish the full report and consolidate information for further action.

**21.78 Confirmation of details to be displayed for councillors**

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairs email and telephon number would be displayed but only the email address for all other councillors

**21.79 Other matters arising from previous meetings**

**Village sign**

Cllr Emberson will go to Holmes Construction to assess what work is needed to refurbish the sign.

**Environmental issues re ditches on boundary between Stonham Barns and Brambley Hedge**

Ditches to be cleaned as a short-term solution, long term solution to be agreed.

**21.80 Dates of the Next Meetings**

- 21<sup>st</sup> September
- 19<sup>th</sup> October (urgent matters only)

**21.81 Chair closed the meeting at 22:23**

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30th July 2021