

Stonham Aspal Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at the Village Hall,**

Present: Cllr Emberson (Chair), Cllr Wright (Vice Chair), Cllr Mullings, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Mitson, Cllr Tydeman

Attendance: Alison Green (Parish Clerk) 1 member of the public, Cllr Morley, Cllr Hicks

23.1	Apologies and Approval of Absences Apologies were received from councillor Betts and approved by the members.
23.2	Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members There were no declarations of interest
23.3	Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meetings on 15th November and 13th December The following comments were made in relation to the minutes of the meeting on 15 th November. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22.113.1 training has been delayed because of the election and will be reviewed in May• 22.113.2 Code of conduct and new policies to be promoted in local magazine• 22.117.1 repeated line removed Minutes from 13 th December 2022 were amended to show Cllr Stevenson was not in attendance but Cllr Mitson was in attendance. The amended minutes were unanimously approved by the members who attended and signed by the Chair
23.4	Consideration of Reports by the District Councillor and County Councillor District Councillor Suzie Morley and County Councillor Cllr Matthew Hicks delivered their reports to the meeting both can be found on the Stonham Aspal Parish Council website. Members raised issues about solar panels on listed buildings and issues with the Suffolk County council solar panel supplier being difficult to deal with and expensive.
23.5	Contributions by Members of the Public Members of the public asked about the relocation of SID – there have been issues with the software which are being passed to another member of the parish to deal with
23.6	Planning Consideration of Planning Applications

<p>23.6.1</p>	<p>DC/22/05467 Planning Application - Retention of erection of pole barn, siting of storage containers and installation of domestic zip wire. (Retrospective application following Enforcement case ref: EN/22/00218) Land Rear Of Angel Hill Farm Norwich Road Stonham Aspal IP14 5DN</p> <p>Members unanimously agreed to object to this application on the basis of visual amenity, proximity of the structure to a listed building and the use of in appropriate material ie asbestos in the construction.</p> <p>However, the members would understand if the enforcement were delayed until the construction of the new barn approved on a different application was completed.</p>
<p>23.6.2</p>	<p>DC/22/05510 Full Planning Application - Change of use and extension to existing workshop and store from residential to business use (B1/B2), and construction of solar panels to roofslopes. Broad Green Cottage Pettaugh Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT</p> <p>Members objected to this application (5 to 1) on the basis of the impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties and potential noise in a residential area.</p>
<p>23.6.3</p>	<p>DC/22/06074 Full Planning Application - Severence of garden and erection of 1No dwelling, detached garage and creation of new access (following part demolition of outbuilding). High Elm Bungalow Crowfield Road Stonham Aspal Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AW</p> <p>Members unanimously objected to this application based on the number of properties that have already been given planning permission in the village. Recently 64 properties representing a substantial percentage increase in the size of a hinterland village.</p> <p>In particular at this end where development is already dense, they felt it was out of keeping for the site and so ‘squashed in’ that it would impact on the residential amenity of both new and existing houses.</p> <p>The site is also outside of the settlement boundary and Crowfield Road is already struggling with the amount of traffic using it.</p>
<p>23.6.4</p>	<p>Decision Notices</p> <p>Members were advised of the following planning decisions</p> <p>DC/22/05025 Full Planning Application - Erection of building to provide covered seating area for Bistro Stonham Barns, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6AT GRANTED</p> <p>DC/22/05636 Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/04411- Condition 3 (Agreement of Materials), Condition 4 (Fenestration) and Condition 5 (Details of Repairs) Location: Impaugh Farm, Mill Green, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6DB</p>
<p>23.6.5</p>	<p>Stonham Barns update</p> <p>There was no formal update.</p> <p>There are outstanding question on noise, what is in place to monitor it and who is responsible. There have been complaints about amplified outside music being angled towards residential areas affecting residents in Stonham Aspal, Pettaugh and Crowfield .</p> <p>It has been suggested that residents could take on the monitoring and that action such as re angling the trailer or moving music to the theatre would reduce the impact on residents. SB take recordings when music isn’t playing maybe residents can take recordings.</p> <p>Cllr Tydeman will talk to Stonham Barns about the issues and ways the problems could be mitigated, and compromise reached.</p>
<p>23.6.6</p>	<p>Other Planning matters</p> <p>There were no other planning matters</p>
<p>23.7</p>	<p>Finance</p>
<p>23.7.1</p>	<p>Authorisation of Payments</p>

	<p>Members unanimously agreed to increase clerks Salary in line with NALC pay scales and back date from increases The following payments were approved, and the authorisation sheet was signed by Cllr Mullings and Cllr Emberson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Salary including backdated pay increase £429.81 • Clerk’s expenses £18 • MSDC grass cutting £803.11 • CAS website hosting £60 <p>The clerk reported that she had been experiencing issues with the bank account with additional security requirements and verifications required that may need to be passed to a signatory to resolve.</p> <p>23.7.2 Reconciliation of accounts to 31st December 2022 Members unanimously agreed the reconciliation of accounts Cllr Emberson and Cllr Mullings signed the sheet.</p> <p>Members suggested that the money held by the council be split across bank accounts to separate reserves from other money.</p> <p>23.7.3 Agree budget for 23/24 Cllr Wright proposed, and Cllr Mullings seconded the acceptance of the budget which was unanimously agreed by members</p> <p>23.7.4 Setting of precept for 23/24 Cllr Wright proposed, and Cllr Mullings seconded keeping the precept at £5500 which was unanimously agreed by members and the precept form signed by the chair and RFO</p>
<p>23.8</p> <p>23.8.1</p> <p>23.8.2</p>	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>Update by recreation ground representative on repairs, monthly report and other issues Cllr Betts was not present to give an update but the Clerk has been advised that the annual inspection has been completed.</p> <p>Temporary closure and maintenance of path to the recreation ground Members suggested that closure of the path be advertised locally so residents are aware of it. Clerk to talk to owner of the land</p>
<p>23.9</p> <p>23.9.1</p> <p>23.9.2</p> <p>23.9.3</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Road names at Football Ground development Suggestions from council members included Cousins, Delson meadow and other local names it was agreed to seek opinion from the Tydeman family. (there are 4 road names in total)</p> <p>Request from Saxstead Parish Council looking for support in dealing with the anti-social use of motor vehicles in and around the A1120. PC support the initiative and are happy to be contacted by Saxstead PC</p> <p>Other highways issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gullies have still not been cleared • Speed figures for Mill Green to be circulated • Suffolk County Council reported that they did not see the faded lines at the junction of the A140 and A1120 as an issue
<p>23.10</p>	<p>Formal Consultation of revisions to the Babergh & Mid Suffolk Planning Local Validation List (LVL) Members have reviewed the consultation but have no comment to make</p>

23.11	<p>Debenham Dementia project</p> <p>The group had contacted the Parish Council looking to email re engage with local communities it was agreed that they should be invited to the annual parish meeting in May date to be confirmed</p>
23.12	<p>Dog poo poster competition winner</p> <p>Members unanimously agreed the 'Hey you pick up your poo' poster was the winner and should be awarded the main prize with smaller prizes for the other two entrants.</p>
23.13	<p>Update on other issues from previous meetings</p> <p>With regard to community hubs it was reported that several events were happening in the village</p>
23.14	<p>Dates of the Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st February 2023 urgent matters only. • 21st March 2023
23.15	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 21:45</p>

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