Stonham Aspal Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at the Village Hall,

Present: Cllr Wright (Vice-Chair), Cllr Mitson, Cllr Morley, Cllr Noble

Attendance: 3 members of the public, Cllr Nick Hardingham, Clerk Alison Green

Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Cllr Mullings, Cllr Betts and Cllr Emberson and approved by the members.
Declaration Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary Interest There were no interests to declare.
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meetings on 18th July 2023, 25 th July 2023 and 15 th August 2023
The minutes of the meetings on the 18 th July, 25 th July and 15 th August 2023 were unanimously agreed to be an accurate record by those in attendance and were signed by the Vice Chair
Consideration of Reports by the District Councillor & County Councillor
Cllr Hicks was unable to attend the meeting his County Council report can be found on the Parish Council Website.
Cllr Hardingham delivered his report to the meeting a copy can be found on the website. In addition to the report he confirmed that planning application DC/23/03260 had been called into committee over the multiple applications making it unclear.
Contributions by Members of the Public
Members of the public asked if the Parish Council would be responding to the survey regarding three main junctions on the A140 including The Tap (junction with A1120) It was agreed that links to the survey would be circulated and highlighted again on social media to encourage as many as possible to fill it out as individuals.
Interest in change of ownership at Wood Farm, nothing was known about this.
Planning
Consideration of Planning Applications DC/23/02987 Full Planning Application - Construction of 1No. dwellinghouse following demolition of barns using reclaimed materials (Alternative design to conversion approved and implemented on site under DC/17/04292 and DC/17/04293 (LBC)) The members were unanimously neutral to the application. However they felt the applications lack clarity, the history was difficult to follow and the look of the entire site on its own and in relation to another development close by (DC/22/03358) was unclear. Clarity being particularly important partly because of the proximity of a listed building. The application itself was woolly and was difficult to follow. The members would like to be sure that the planning department satisfied that they know what the entire site will look like?

23.95.2	Decision Notices Members were made aware of the following decision notices
	DC/19/02299 Application for a Non Material Amendment relating to - Removal of garages from shared ownership properties as per revised plans, see cover letter. Location: Land South Of, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk - Approved
	DC/19/02299 Discharge of Conditions Application for - Condition 26 (Great Crested Newt License) Location: Land South Of, The Street, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk – Approved
	DC/23/03062 Walnut Tree House, 1 Jigsaw Place, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 6DA Full Application - Change of use of agricultural land to residential amenity garden land. – Refused
	DC/23/03358 Land Rear Of Angel Hill Farm, Norwich Road, Stonham Aspal, IP14 5DN (Part In The Parish Of Earl Stonham) Planning Application - Erection of agricultural barn and workshop. (Revised design to that approved under DC/22/03676) Approved
23.95.3	Stonham Barns update – there were no updates
23.96	Finance
23.96.1	Authorisation of Payments - The following payments were unanimously approved and the authorisation form was signed by ClIr Morley and ClIr Noble Clerks Salary August and September £408 Clerks office expenses July £18
	MSDC Election Costs £138.42 Roger Stannard Recreation Ground Strimming £ 34.50 PKF Littlejohn LLP Audit charges £252.00
23.96.2	Review and approval of insurance quote Members reviewed quotations from Zurich and CAS opting for cheapest option subject to clarification over moving of SID under CAS and inclusion of Zip Wire under Zurich £484.06 final price paid for renewal to be confirmed in October meeting
23.97	CIL / People and Place Plan
	The working party met with Christine Thurlow CIL guru and Jo Wood Community Engagement Officer.
	The option of piloting a People and Place Plan, a plan that the planning committee would have to consider but less complicated and costly than a Village Plan. The stages would be to approve the engagement plan on how to contact the parishioners. To consider and prioritise items for inclusion in the plan taking into account the demographic and changing needs (especially considering the new houses).
23.97.1	Approval of draft " SAPC Community Engagement Policy" – the policy was unanimously agreed by members.
23.97.2	Agreement for the CIL Working Party to liaise with Residents in terms of priorities and requirements, together with the ability to co-opt residents (as necessary) to assist. Members unanimously agreed the working party could contact residents as appropriate

Agreement for the CIL Working Party to start to draft a People & Place Plan (P&PP) based upon 1 & 2 above. Members unanimously agree to the working party starting to work on a P&PP.
Next meeting 5 th October - P&PP to be a standing order on future agendas.
Recruitment of new clerk update
There has been some interest and an applicant will be meeting with Cllr Emberson next week.
Recreation Ground
Update by recreation ground representative
Training for regular inspections
Items postponed until November as Cllr Betts not present
Annual Play inspection 2023 – Members unanimously agreed to standard play inspection arranged by MSDC at £53.15 + VAT and 10% admin charge
Highways
Update on Bend on Scott's Hill / Mill Green traffic There has not been much progress, the white lines in Mill Green could be included in the P&PP Suggested that council look into community speed trap. To be revisited in November meeting
SID – Still issues with software will try to resolve or pass to another update November meeting
Feed back on 20s Plenty seminar – Cllr Noble forwarded information to council and suggested that questions around safety could be put to the village possibly in the P&PP survey to avoid multiple surveys. To be discussed by working party and brought to November meeting
Update on other highways issues
Re-painting of the refuge at the center of the A1120 / A140 junction is due to take place by 9 th November
Dates of the Next Meetings
17th October 2023 (Urgent matters only) 21 st November 2023
Chair closed the meeting at 21:04