

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL to be held in URC Church Hall on Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm.

AGENDA

1. To receive reports from the District, County Councillors and the Police
2. To receive and consider apologies for absences
3. To receive declarations of interests
4. To consider written requests for dispensation relating to disclosable interest
5. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of March 14 & 28 2019 as a true record: Draft minutes attached
6. **Matters of report:** Circulated with the agenda
7. **Public Forum:** to receive questions of concern from those present
8. That the Council agrees to seek, as an urgent priority, advice from an independent financial advisor and report back to Council to make the necessary decisions on a pension scheme for eligible employees for the future and take all necessary action
9. That the council agrees that a 2.5 metre footpath is implemented across The Green for the proposed Safer Route to School scheme: See Clerks report
10. To agree that a Parish PIIP application is prepared to the value of £2,500 for the replacement of the footbridge behind Holy Trinity Church
11. To agree that the Parish Council pursues the ownership of Thrandstones Meadow: See Clerks report.
12. To agree that the Parish Council seeks a quote for registering the cemetery land
13. To agree that the MSDC CIL 123 regulation monies received for the Parish Notice Board at Trinity Meadows is used to purchase a notice board to match those agreed by the Environment committee and to agree that a parish PIIP application is prepared for the remainder of the money: See Clerks report
14. **Allotment Sub-committee:** Minutes from the meetings of the 13 & 20 March attached:
 - That the Parish Council considers approaching the current owners of the allotment land with a view to purchasing the land to safeguard the future of the allotments
15. **Cemetery and Churchyard Sub-committee:** No report
16. **Community Events Sub-committee:** No report
17. **Environment Committee:** No report
18. **Finance and Policy Committee:** Minutes from meeting of March 28 attached:

- that the 2019-20 Financial Risk Assessment is adopted: attached
- that a £100 voucher is purchased for the internal auditor

19. Fitness Trail Working Group: Report attached:

- That the Parish Council adds the Fitness Trail Working Group to their terms of reference of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

20. Footpath Advisory Sub-committee: No report

21. Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Sub-committee: No report

22. Parish Infrastructure Improvement Plan (PIIP) Sub-committee: No report

23. Planning Committee: Minutes from meeting of 28 March attached:

To agree the following recommendations:

DC/19/01133 Proposal: Notification for Prior Approval for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Erection of 3 no. dwellings with garages (Existing grain store to be demolished) Location: Grain Store, Rendall Lane, Stowupland, Suffolk: A recommendation to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

- This is a contrived application to build 3 executive houses in the countryside by pulling down a previously permitted development change of use grain store. This application appears to cover a much larger site than that shown for the grain store application (2498/15). It is also thought that the grain store floor area is greater than the 450sqm allowed for permitted development.
- This permitted development application should now be time expired as a condition of Schedule 2 Part 3 Class Q(a) is that the development is completed within 3 years of the prior approval date which was 17/09/2015. Therefore we do not believe there is current fall-back position of developing the grain store as stated in the Planning Statement. That being the case, the choice is between the development proposed and no development, not between the development proposed and a conversion of the existing building.
- This application to build 3 houses in the countryside outside the village settlement boundary is contrary to Stowupland Neighbourhood Development Plan SNP6 (Rural Exception Sites), Mid Suffolk Core Strategy CS2 (Development in the Countryside) and H7 (Restricting housing development unrelated to the needs of the countryside).
- It is not an allocated site in Mid Suffolk's 5 year housing plan (published March 2019) and is also not an allocated site for development in the Stowupland Neighbourhood Development Plan which is about to go to Referendum.
- MSDC have recently demonstrated a 5 year supply of land available for housing; planning policies are therefore deemed to be applicable. This proposed development is clearly not sustainable and should therefore be refused.
- We also note that the Planning Statement paragraph 20 states that a new access will be constructed but this is not shown on the plans. The inclusion of outline and detailed plans with different site dimensions gives rise for confusion.

- Conflict between traffic movements associated with Plain English and the new dwellings.
- Concerns about the industrial noise from Plain English.

24. Play Park Working Group: See Clerks report:

- To agree that £110 from the Playpark Regeneration Reserve and £476.37 from the Playpark reserve can be allocated to allow the completion of the project for a second multisport unit and replacement fencing between basketball area and car park

25. Transport, Traffic and Safety Advisory Sub-committee: Report attached#

26. SALC: No report

27. Councillors Reports: to receive members comments

28. Chairman's Report: Report attached

29. Clerks report: Report attached

30. To note a summary of correspondence and consider any action: Correspondence attached

31. To approve and authorise April payments (BACS, DD and cheque payments): Schedule attached

32. Dates of next meetings: Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is the AGM scheduled for 9 May 2019, Finance and Policy for 30 May 2019, Environment TBC, Allotments for 12 June 2019, Churchyard & Cemetery 1 June 2019, Community Events 21 May 2019, Footpaths for 16 July 2019