

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on January 9 2020 in the URC Church Hall

Councillors Present: Phil Deal, Laura Johnson, Sally Reeves (Chair), Ray Studd, Jerry Voden, Keith Welham

In Attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30 pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is available from the Clerk.

1. To receive reports from the District and County Councillors: The District Council report was distributed to members prior to the meeting. District Councillor Welham highlighted:

- That work has started on the 2 sites West Thorny Green Road Reserved matters not been cleared and this has been reported to the enforcement officer.
- Planning enforcement has been performing badly and they have moved into the planning office so that they can be led by a planning officer. More staff and much better systems will be working from July onwards.

No report had been received from County Councillor Green.

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence (in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act (1972): Cllr Paula Murton, District Councillor Rachel Eburne and County Councillor Gary Green the members noted the apologies.

3. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for the items on the agenda: None.

4. To consider any written requests for dispensations relating to disclosable interests: None received.

5. To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of December 12 2019 as a true record: All Councillor's confirmed receipt of the minutes. Cllr Welham proposed to accept the minutes of 12 December 2019 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Seconded by Cllr Deal with all in favour the Chairman signed and dated all pages.

6. Matters of report: The members confirmed receipt of all matters of report from the previous meeting:

- **Ditch along Columbyne Close:** Contractor has been to look at ditch but is unable to carry out the work due to the height of the water.
- **Sandbags:** County Councillor Gary Green has advised that the sandbags will be dealt with again but not until the weather has improved as they believe that that was one of the issues.

- **Track at Hunters Moon:** Contractor has advised that the work will be completed during the closure of the road for the works to Safer Route to School
- **Track at Mill Cottages:** Can't be looked at until the Safer Route to School work has been completed.
- **Meeting with Suffolk Highways regarding traffic safety on A1120 at the Co-op Service Station:** David Chenery has advised that he is still awaiting the estimate for the feasibility survey from the design team and will advise shortly.
- **Traffic Count B1115/A1120 junction:** Still no response following chasing SCC Highways in October. Clerk has reported on portal.
- **Digital compliant:** No further update
- **Interpretation board:** The work has been completed at a cost of 45.00 agreed by The Clerk as within her delegated limit. The Chairman has met with Contractor to advise siting.
- **Bench at Allotment:** The work has been completed at a cost of 20.00 agreed by The Clerk as within her delegated limit.
- **Replacement noticeboard at Allotments:** The work has been completed at a cost of £45.00 agreed by the Clerk as within her delegated limit.
- **Social Media Report:** No report to date.
- **Joint Notice Board:** Agenda item.
- **Quotes for cutting rear hedge and clearing ditch:** Still awaiting quotes
- **The Green by Butchers:** Awaiting a Green inspection.
- **Works to trees on The Green:** Contractor has acknowledged receipt of work and has agreed to liaise with Cllrs Welham and Studd to oversee the works.
- **Child bike Safety:** The Clerk contacted the School who had advised that they were aware of the situation and welcome input from the PCSO. District Council to liaise with PCSO.
- **Flooding Thorney Green Road:** The Clerk has reported on the SCC portal.
- **Traffic Count:** Councillor Voden to advise dates.
- **Footpath 35:** Works complete thanks to Cllr Welham.

7. To fill the casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor by co-option: The clerk reported that she had received a nomination for Mr John Hayward to join the Parish Council. Mr Hayward was asked to address the members and gave a brief presentation to explain why he would like to be a Councillor. Cllr Johnson proposed and Cllr Welham seconded and all agreed that John Hayward filled the casual vacancy. John Hayward signed the forms and took his place on the Council.

8. Public Forum: A resident raised concerns over the building work that had started on the new building at the High School and none of the residents of The Pippins had received letters informing of the works.

The Chairman opened up the meeting to the members for discussion. She advised that complaints had been received from other residents about the works. Concerns were had over potential light pollution that may have an effect on the residents since the removal of the trees. Cllr Welham reported that as District Councillor he had received an email about the planning permission. He had spoken to County Councillor Andrew Stringer who advised that letters should have been sent to the residents prior to the work starting. It was agreed that the Parish Council should make contact with the Academy to discuss solutions and establish a point of contact whilst the building work is in process. A resident raised his concerns on the potential flooding risk to the school field following the removal of the trees, litter on the school grounds is a breach of the law, why signs had been placed over several dog bins in the village, speeding and street lighting along Thorney Green, sandbags, making Thorney Green a dogs on lead area. The resident was asked to send an email to the District Councillor who could look at some of his concerns. A resident reported fly tipping along Rendall Lane. The Clerk to report to MSDC Public Realm Department.

- 9. To agree the recommendation made from the Finance and Policy Committee that Band D is set at £53.10 for 2020-21 with a total precept request of £38,132:** Cllr Deal proposed that the budget for 2020-21 is accepted and Band D is set at £53.10 for 2020-21 with a total precept request of £38,132.00. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.
- 10. To sign the precept form for 2020-21:** Cllr Studd proposed that the precept form is signed Cllr Deal seconded and all were in favour. Cllrs Studd and Deal along with the Chairman and Clerk signed the form.
- 11. To consider and agree the quote received for the joint Notice Board:** The members confirmed receipt of the quote. Cllr Studd proposed that the quote of £1,371.00 + vat is accepted from NJS Joinery for the alternate backing for the joint notice boards. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour. Cllr Deal abstained.
- 12. To consider and agree the quote to repair the fence at The Retreat Pond:** The members confirmed receipt of the quote. Cllr Welham proposed that the quote from L E Fencing for £250.00 is accepted for the repair to the fence. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.
- 13. To consider and agree Council comments on applications made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) (please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body):**
DC/19/05862 Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey front extension. Location: 17 Reeds Way, Stowupland, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4BP: Members discussed the application. Cllr Studd proposed that we SUPPORT the application. Cllr Deal seconded and all were in favour.

DC/19/05954 (APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF

CONDITION(S) Proposal: Application for removal or variation of conditions following grant of planning permission DC/19/02291 dated 30/07/2019 (Erection of stables, ménage, post and rail fencing, tack room, tractor shed and creation of new vehicular access) – To vary/remove Highway Conditions 6,7,8,9 (visibility splays, access, surfacing materials and gates) **Location:** Land North Of Gipping Road, Stowupland, IP14 4AX: Members discussed the application. Cllr Studd proposed that Stowupland Parish Council OBJECTS to any change of the conditions as we believe these are necessary for highway safety. For the reason that the nature of the site use will cause the access to be used by longer slower vehicles than cars i.e. Horseboxes, Lorries and vehicles with trailers. Which would need the full width of the road to turn out. Many of the residents of the road have complained to the Parish Council about the excessive speed of vehicles on this road.

Cllr Welham seconded with all in favour.

14. Planning Decisions: To note determinations by the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) Council to note the following determinations made by MSDC:

Decision Notice - 1884/16 Application for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of 18 dwellings, parking for primary school and extension to cemetery. Land on the South East Side Of, Church Road, Stowupland: OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED

15. To note report from meeting with Suffolk County Council Passenger Transport Team: Members confirmed receipt of the notes. The clerk updated the members and advised that she had received correspondence from Bloor Homes who confirmed that they are open to the suggestion to use the \$106 monies to fund the provision of bus services in the village and have asked us to advise what is needed from them to action this. This is to be followed up after the meeting that has been arranged with the Passenger Transport Team later in the month.

16. Councillors Reports: Cllr Voden reported that the traffic count have been arranged for Tuesday 25 February and asked members to email him if they are able to help. The speed gun needs to be sent back for calibration and the Speed Watch team are hoping to go before it is to be sent back. He asked the Clerk to chase up the battery pack for the SID device. Cllr Welham reported that a meeting has been arranged at the High School to discuss the sixth form centre and leisure opportunities. Cllr Deal felt that the noticeboards were looking a little tired and needed to be re-lacquered. The Clerk to get a price for this work. He also asked if the Police had been informed about the metal laughing gas drug canisters that had been located at the Village Hall following the last Litter Pick. The Clerk to action. The Chairman reported on the flooding on the A1120 at the Primary School over the Christmas break. Suffolk County Council have advised that works have been planned for clearing the culvert under the

road, and they will be requesting that the ditch is cleared either side of the road. She also reported that when exiting right from the Co-op the coffee mug advert is obstructing the view for vehicles. Cllr Welham agreed to action this as District Councillor.

17. To note a summary of correspondence and consider any action:

1. To note correspondence from Mid Suffolk Citizen Advice: It was agreed to defer the request to the Finance and Policy Meeting.
2. To note correspondence from Stowupland PCC relating to the closed Churchyard: The Chairman has agreed to attend the PCC meeting on 23 January 2020.
3. To note correspondence from tenant of Allotment: The members discussed the correspondence. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council does not continue with the current allotment or allow another plot. Cllr Welham seconded and all were in favour.
4. To note correspondence from Suffolk Highways Rights of Way Department regarding temporary closure of public right of way: The members noted the correspondence and the Clerk agreed to publish in Telstar.
5. To note correspondence from BMSDC Communities Office regarding the Town and Parish Liaison meeting: The Chairman and Cllr Voden agreed to attend the meeting.
6. To note correspondence from the Royal British Legion: No action.

18. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Expenditure	Cheque / BACS / SO		Net £	VAT £	Total £
Salaries	BACS	M Hawkins	247.04		247.04
Salaries	BACS	C Pizzey	916.48		916.48
Expenses	BACS	C Pizzey	25.05		25.05
Cemetery (CIL)	BACS	P & H Tree	7,250.00		7,250.00
Play Park (CIL)	BACS	Wicksteed Leisure	15,198.95	3,039.79	18,238.74
			23,637.52	3,039.79	26,677.31

Cllr Welham proposed that the payments be made and Cllr Johnson seconded and all were in favour.

- 19. Date of next meetings:** Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 13 February 2020, Finance and Policy for Thursday 30 January 2020 and Community Events 4 February 2020.

Meeting closed 20.39