

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2021 at the URC Church Hall

Present: Cllrs Laura Beeson, John Hayward, Laura Johnson, Debra Mehuish, Sally Reeves
(Chairman), Kevin Stevens, Ray Studd and Jerry Voden

In attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk) District Councillor Rachel Eburne and Keith Welham and 4
members of the public

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm 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. Apologies for Absence

- a) Apologies were received from Cllr Paula Murton.
- b) Councillors voted to accept these apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no requests for declarations of interest.

3. Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. Minutes

All Councillor's confirmed receipt of the minutes. The Chairman proposed to accept the minutes of October 14th 2021 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Seconded by Cllr Johnson with all in favour the Chairman signed and dated all pages.

5. Matters of report

MATTER OF REPORT	COMMENT
Sandbags	See Clerk report
Track at Mill Cottages	In light of SRS. Green Committee to look at the track at their next meeting
Compulsory Purchase Order	Planned for later 2021
Quotations for the construction of a 1.5 meter footpath from The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Thorney Green Road	Quotes to be sought
Safer Route to School (SRS)	Continuing to chase
No Parking on The Green Signs	Deposit to be paid then signs will be made
Quotes for posts	Revised quote received see correspondence and meeting with contractors arranged for 8 November
Clearance of plot 1 & 2 allotments	Contractor has advised a date of December 2021

SCC PROW complaints about footpaths	Letter sent - no response to date
Bus Stop Markings	See Clerk report
A1120 Co-op Crossing	Chairman continues to chase the Chief Executive of MSDC for information
Ditch Clearance Allotments	Contractor has advised a date of December 2021
Cemetery Work	Contractor has advised a date of late November 2021
Landex Developers ditch at Cemetery	A second email has been sent requesting a site meeting
Bowls Club Hedge	Proludic have forwarded all the information onto their contractor for comment.
Quote for footpath Thorney Green	Awaiting Quote
Maintenance Agreement	A copy has been sent to the PCC for signature
Quote to clear ditch at Birch Close	Agenda item
Quotes for cutting back the trees along the side of The Green up to Corner Farm	Agenda item
Network Power to report the ivy growing on the substation outside Corner Farm	Report raised. Clerk met with Network Power and work programmed asap
Dates for Volunteer mornings 2022	
Letter to CEO of SCC	Acknowledgment of letter received from PA 28.10.21
Open a TSB Business Account	See Clerk report
Apply for Barclays Business Credit Card	In progress
Investigate New Springies	Awaiting quote
Licence to occupy Storage at Village Hall	Licence amendment has been completed - document has been signed and sent back to the Village Hall
SID Device	Cllr Voden to organise site meeting with Stowmarket Town Council and report back to the Council
Purchase of Thradstone Meadow	Email sent to Bloor Homes
Trim Trail Equipment	Awaiting working party meeting
Letter to Resident - Application DC/21/04396	Letter sent
Openreach Wayleave Agreement	Completed BACS received

6. Public Forum

A resident enquired about the ongoing tree surgery work being carried out in the cemetery.

7. To receive reports from the County & District Councillors

Members confirmed receipt of the District Council and County Council Reports.

The County Councillor highlighted:

- He is working with Network Assurance in order to get a correct reporting on the road closures in the village.
- A meeting had been held with the Estate Manager at the High School who agreed to get an update on the broken pipe between the Paddock and the High School ditch and arrangements would be made to clear the rubbish.

The District Councillors highlighted:

- MSDC have released their five year land supply figures. This has increased from 7.7 in 2020 to 9.54 for 2021.

8. Planning

- a) Councillors reviewed and approved responses to the current planning consultations:
None received.

- b) Councillors noted the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council:

DC/21/04608 - Application for Outline Planning Permission (access to be considered) Town and Country Planning 1990 - Severance of garden and erection of 2 No. dwellings. 20 Saxham Street, Stowupland, Suffolk, IP14 5DA: Outline Planning Permission has been GRANTED

DC/21/04833 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey side/rear extensions (following demolition of garage and buildings). 27 Devon Road, Stowupland, Suffolk, IP14 4BZ: Planning permission has been GRANTED

DC/21/03838 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of two storey rear glazed linked extension (basement and ground floor), single storey side extension. Insertion of new door and repair/replacement of windows (following demolition of existing extensions) works as per Heritage and Design and Access Statements(re-submission of DC/21/01732).17 Mill Street, Stowupland, Suffolk, IP14 5BL: Listed building consent has been GRANTED

DC/21/03837 - Householder Application - Erection of two storey rear glazed linked extension (basement and ground floor), single storey side extension. Insertion of new door and repair/replacement of windows (following demolition of existing extensions)(re-submission of DC/21/01731). 17 Mill Street, Stowupland, Suffolk, IP14 5BL: Planning permission has been GRANTED

9. Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan

The Chairman informed the members that there had been reports in the media around the pausing of the Joint Local Plan and felt that this needed to be discussed in order to find out the impact this may have on future developments in the village and invited the District Councillors to update the Council.

10. Cemetery and Churchyard

Cllr Beeston proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote from S & P Trees of £375 for the removal of the crab apple tree and stump grind and to raise the canopy on the chestnut tree and tidy up the yew trees in the churchyard. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour.

11. The Green

Cllr Voden proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote from S & P Trees of £1,500 to clear the ditch at Birch Close and raise canopies on trees on The Green. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour.

12. Clerks report

Councillors confirmed receipt of the report and no comments were made.

13. Councillor's report

Cllr Voden reported that he had received a letter of thanks from The East Anglian Children's Hospice for the money donated from The Walker Cup. He also reported that he has arranged to visit Stowmarket Town Council in December for a demonstration on how to move and download the data from their SID devices. The Chairman reported that moles are on the cemetery and The Green and Councillors agreed that the Clerk obtains a quote for their removal.

14. Finance

a) Councillors noted the receipts received since the last meeting

Receipts	Cheque / BACS / SO		Value £
Footpaths	BACS	SCC	395.78
Locality Budget	BACS	MSDC	700.00
CIL	BACS	MSDC	219,098.64
Misc.	BACS	Haughley Parish Council	35.97
Allotments	BACS	Various	188.90
VAT	BACS	HMRC	4,798.43
Misc.	BACS	BT	189.64
			225,407.36

b) Cllr Johnson proposed to authorise the November payments. Cllr Voden seconded with all in favour.

Expenditure	Cheque / BACS / SO		Net	VAT	Total
Salaries	BACS	M HAWKINS	£ 269.27		£ 269.27
Salaries	BACS	C PIZZEY	£ 993.67		£ 993.67
Expenses	BACS	C PIZZEY	£ 49.01	£ 4.64	£ 53.65
Bi-Diversity	BACS	Keith Welham	£ 59.93	£ 11.99	£ 71.92
Hall Hire	BACS	Stowupland PCC	£ 12.00		£ 12.00
Donation	BACS	RBL Poppy Appeal	£ 25.00		£ 25.00
Misc.	BACS	JRB Enterprise Ltd	£ 99.10	£ 19.82	£ 118.92
Cemetery/Playpark & Churchyard	BACS	SP Trees	£ 225.00		£ 225.00
Signs	BACS	NJS Joinery	£ 573.09	£ 114.62	£ 687.71
Play Park	BACS	MSDC	£ 50.54	£ 10.11	£ 60.65
			£ 2,356.61	£ 161.18	£ 2,517.79

15. Correspondence

Councillors to note correspondence already circulated and consider any action.

- a) Linden Homes – Bus Shelter Thorney Green Road: Councillors agreed that a response is made to Linden Homes to ask that the bus shelter remains in situ and ask for their assistance to make the small repairs needed.
- b) MSDC – Active Travel Public Consultation Progress Update: Information only.
- c) Resident – Oak Tree: Councilors agreed that the Parish Council have nowhere suitable for the tree to be planted. Cllr Studd to contact the resident and put them in touch with another resident in the village who was looking for trees.
- d) MSDC – Gambling Act extension on consultation: Information only
- e) Openreach – Wayleave Payment: Information only.
- f) Resident – A1120 road works at Landex Development: It was agreed to pass the information on to County Councillor Keith Welham to action.
- g) Citizen Advice – Donation request: Referred to Finance and Policy Committee.
- h) Suffolk Police – PCC Consultation on new Police and Crime Plan: The Chairman urged all members to complete the consultation.
- i) A E White – Revised quote: Information only.
- j) SALC – Defra Consultation: The Chairman agreed to complete the consultation for the Parish Council.
- k) Resident – Property in Mill Street: Councillors agreed to forward concerns that the property is in a poor state and isn't getting any better are sent on to the Heritage Officer at MSDC.

16. Dates of next meeting

- a) Full Parish Council is scheduled for Thursday 2 December 2021 at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall
- b) Finance and Policy a date for December to be confirmed

Meeting closed 20.24

