

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st September 2022 at URC Church Hall

Present: Cllrs Donna Bridges, John Hayward, Laura Johnson, Paula Murton, Sally Reeves
 (Chairman), Kevin Stevens, Ray Studd and Jerry Voden

In attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk), District Councillor Keith Welham and 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Beeson, Melhuish and District Councillor Eburne.
2. Councillors voted to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bridges in item 9.2 and the Chairman in item 8.1 as a consultee of the planning application

3. Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. Minutes

All Councillor's confirmed receipt of the minutes. Cllr Bridges proposed to accept the minutes of 4th August 2022 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Cllr Johnson seconded and all were in favour.

5. Matters of report

MATTER OF REPORT	COMMENT
Quotations for the construction of a 1.2 meter footpath from The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Thorney Green Road	Agenda item
Clear ditch at Birch Close	Awaiting date from contractor
Cutting back the trees along the side of The Green up to Corner Farm	Contractor to confirm date when Network Power have completed their work
Network Power to report the ivy growing on the substation outside Corner Farm	Report raised Clerk met with Network Power and work programmed 15.02.22: Chased Network Power 19.04.22 chased again
Bloor Homes: Purchase of Thradstone Meadow	Email sent 21.06.22 to ask for update
Bloor Homes: Landscaping	Ongoing enforcement issue
Quote for 3 silhouette soldiers	Agenda item
LED Up-grade	Order placed - email chasing work
Village Walk Leaflet	Ongoing
Permanent SID Devices - investigate sites and approval from SCC	Awaiting quotes
Den area	Green Sub-Committee to report
Quote to repair noticeboards	Order placed with Contractor
Investigate possible of permanent blocking of Track at Colymbyne Close	On going
Holes The Green, Corner Farm	Green Sub-Committee to report

Quote to cut grass at Allotments	Awaiting Quote
Quote to trim plots 1a & 14a at allotments	Awaiting Quote
Investigate battery operated sound system	On going
Purchase litter bins	Bins delivered awaiting fitting
Enforcement - Green View	Ongoing enforcement issue
Reflectors phase one post project	Awaiting Quote
Suffolk Climate Change Partnership	Interest registered
Barclays Deposit Card	Card received
30mph Extension Gipping Road	Email sent to Suffolk Highways asking to proceed
Letter to Fish and Chip Shop to ask to display a sign regarding bins	Letter sent

6. Public Forum

The resident of Magnolia House reported on the inherited enforcement issues that are outstanding on the property. They were unaware of these problems when they bought the property and are in contact with the Planning Officers to get the issues resolved. A resident from Saxham Street presented a petition on the speeding along this road. A resident reported on dead branches on some of the trees around The Green, asked if residents could pick the fruit on the trees by Corner Farm and asked for an update on the Den Building area.

7. To receive reports from the County & District Councillors

Members confirmed receipt of the District Council report. District Councillor Keith Welham highlighted:

- Cllr Eburne will be attending the planning meeting on the 14th September where Ashes and Diapers Farm planning applications will be heard by the committee
- The date for the Planning application for the Land On The South East Side Of, Church Road, Stowupland, Suffolk is scheduled for 26th October 2022.

Members confirmed receipt of the County Council Report. County Councillor Keith Welham highlighted:

- Advised that residents are able to present petitions at County Council meetings and the group from Saxham Street would be able to attend the October meeting.
- An email has been received from David Chenery regarding the 30mph extension on Gipping Road. He has advised that the Parish Council need to write up their case for the extension.
- There has been a County Council reshuffle with the introduction of Community Liaison Officers. This role will combine local highways budget and community highways support and a meeting has been scheduled to show the Officer Arranged to meet him and show him round the village.
- Reported the lack of visibility for pedestrians at the High School entrance and emergency access at Trinity Meadows.

- Received the as built drawings of the High school car park which shows the attenuation pipe that the Contractors advised wasn't there.
- Following the request for a meeting with Suffolk Highways to discuss Gipping Lane and Gipping Back Lane. They have reported that the defects have been dealt with.
- Street light unit 0031 on Reeds Way isn't working again and has been reported.

8. Planning

1. Councillors to review and approve a response to the following planning applications:

The Chairman left the meeting.

DC/22/03761 - Proposal: Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Approval 1884/16 dated 24/12/2019 - Erection of 18 dwellings (including 6 No Affordable/Starter homes), parking for primary school and extension to cemetery. Submission of details for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale. Location: Land On The South East Side Of, Church Road, Stowupland, Suffolk. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application for the following reasons:

- This plan is a very different layout to the granted outline plan
- The proposed cemetery extension does not have a pedestrian access to the existing cemetery. At outline consultation took place and the only possible place for this was agreed as a footway link entering the cemetery close to the boundary with Inglewood. This would be in the garden of plot 7 in the current proposed plans
- It is proposed for a large thicket to be planted in the cemetery extension this would restrict the use of the cemetery extension
- The plans do not clearly show the boundaries of the cemetery extension
- We have concerns that the children's play area is being located adjacent to the cemetery extension.
- From the granted outline planning permission the proposed crossing of the A1120 does not appear to be of the design that was finally agreed we believe this to be the (option b) drawing without the narrowing of the A1120 that is 014/2016/02 P1 and not 014/2016/01 P1
- We note that changes to the s106 have been requested to remove the car park. The council believes that the car park ownership was to be retained and maintained by the developer. We are of the understanding this was agreed between the outline applicant David Porch and planning officer Gemma Walker at the planning committee meeting

Cllr Voden seconded with all in favour.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

DC/22/03941 - Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use of land from agricultural to dog walking Location: Park Farm Barn, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BN. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. Cllr Bridges seconded with all in favour.

DC/22/03974 - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of rear extension. Location: 10 Highfield Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 4DA. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. Cllr Bridges seconded with all in favour.

DC/22/03985- Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of B8 Storage and Distribution Warehouse together with associated works. Location: E J Farrow Haulage Ltd, Bridge Farm, Stowmarket Road, Old Newton IP14 4PA: Cllr Stuss proposed that the Parish Council makes no comment as the planning statement indicates that there will be no additional lorry movements through Stowupland. Cllr Voden seconded with all in favour.

2. Councillors to note the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council:

DC/22/02390 - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of wind turbine, Mill Green Farmhouse, Mill Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5BJ. Mid Suffolk District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED

9. The Green Sub-Committee

Councillors noted the report from the latest Green inspection

1. Cllr Murton proposed that the Parish Council report the flacking paint on the yellow bollard by the Butchers. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour.
2. Councillors noted that the grass cutting schedule will be discussed with the Biodiversity Working Group and to be presented to the Parish Council at the October 2022 meeting.
3. Cllr Murton proposed that the Parish Council chases Network Power to cut the ivy growing on the power station. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.
4. Cllr Murton proposed that the Parish Council contacts Anglian Water to ask them to reinstate the green following work carried out at Green Farm. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour. The Chairman asked that at the same time Anglian Water are also advised about the state of the Green on the corner of Thorney Green Road with Thorney Green following work that was carried out there.
5. Cllr Murton proposed that the Parish Council request a new footpath sign for FP55 by Green Farm. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

10. Biodiversity and Wildlife Working Group

Councillors noted the report from the meeting held on 8 August 2022

1. Councillors noted that the Parish Council has already agreed that the area C6 will not be mown between pond and bench as it is to be left to naturalise (except for 1.5 metre strip alongside the footpaths) and agree that a regime of wildflower planting be arranged to be carried out after the end of the 2023 mowing season
2. Councillors noted that volunteers have commenced clearing the pond in preparation for silt removal and agree that logs which are suitable for the purpose be used to form log piles to provide for small vertebrates, insects etc.
3. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agrees Autumn 2022 planting locations for native daffodils and cowslips, as follows:
 - a. the bank in front of The Retreat fence
 - b. footpath side of the ditch at Birch Close

Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.

11. Churchyard and Cemetery

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council agrees to purchase 3 silhouette soldiers and agree a budget of £600 to be paid out of Parish CIL funds. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.

12. Track from Thorney Green Road through to Columbyne Close

Councillors considered the two proposals:

1. Councillors to agree that the Parish Council seek the views of the residents along the track from Green Farm to Corner Farm regarding blocking off the egress into Columbyne Close prior to taking any action or
2. Councillors to agree that the Parish Council rejects the proposal to block off the egress from Thorney Green into Columbyne Close.

Proposal 1 had no seconder so was rejected.

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council accepts proposal 2 as above. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour.

13. Trim Trail Project

Cllr Voden proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote from A E White of £46,558.98 for the construction of a 1.2 metre footpath on The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Thorney Green Road. Cllr Bridges seconded with all in favour. Cllr Hayward abstained.

14. Play Park

Councillors noted the report from the Play Park Officer

1. Cllr Bridges proposed that the Parish Council asks the Grass Cutting Contractor to weed spray around the hard court basketball/football area. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

2. Cllr Bridges proposed that the Parish Council instructs a Tree Surgeon to look at the trees in the Play Park. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

15. Speed Watch

Councillors noted the report for the Speed Watch Officer

1. Cllr Voden proposed that the Parish Council agree in principle to acquiring a Speed Indicator Device, Solar Panel and spare battery and the Speed Watch Officer to seek a firm quotation to include any optional extras. Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour.
2. Cllr Voden proposed that the Parish Council agree that the Speed Watch Officer prepares a procedure for operation of the device. Cllr Murton seconded with all in favour.
3. Cllr Voden proposed that the Parish Council contacts SCC officers to agree proposed sites, additional costs and removal of redundant poles. Cllr Stevens seconded with all in favour.

16. Chairman

Councillors noted the report from the Chairman and the meeting with the Parish Tree Contractor and no comments were raised.

17. Clerk

Councillors noted the report from the Clerk and no comments were raised.

1. Cllr Johnson proposed that the parish Council agree that the 2 litter bins on Thorney Green are added to the MSDC bin emptying schedule at a cost of £74.26 per annum. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.

18. Finance

1. Councillors noted the receipts received since the last meeting:

Receipts	Cheque / BACS /		Value
Cemetery	CREDIT	CO-OP FUNERAL	£ 425.00
Cemetery	BACS	Andrew Bingham	£ 675.00
			£ 1,100.00

2. The Chairman proposed to authorise the September payments. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

Expenditure	Cheque / BACS / SO		Net	VAT	Total
Wages	BACS	M Hawkins	£ 284.57		£ 284.57
Wages	BACS	D Long	£ 205.83		£ 205.83
Wages	BACS	C PIZZEY	£ 1,027.60		£ 1,027.60
Wages	BACS	HMRC	£ 142.74		£ 142.74
Expenses	BACS	C PIZZEY	£ 31.99	£ 2.40	£ 34.39

Expenses	DD	Barclaycard	£ 6.67	£ 1.33	£ 8.00
Maintenance	BACS	MSDC	£ 54.08	£ 10.82	£ 64.90
Cemetery	BACS	Social Gardener	£ 66.00		£ 66.00
Cemetery	BACS	Social Gardener	£ 33.00		£ 33.00
Asset	BACS	Glasdon	£ 212.27	£ 42.46	£ 254.73
Jubilee	BACS	Telstar	£ 30.00		£ 30.00
CIL	BACS	NJS	£ 563.72	£ 112.74	£ 676.46
CIL	BACS	NJS	£ 360.00	£ 72.00	£ 432.00
Insurance	BACS	BHIB	£ 48.85		£ 48.85
Expenses	BACS	JRB Enterprises	£ 108.55	£ 21.71	£ 130.26
Cemetery	DD	WAVE	£ 16.10		£ 16.10
			£ 3,191.97	£ 263.46	£ 3,455.43

19. Councillors Reports

Cllr Studd reported that trees have been removed at Bloor Homes as they have died and the Parish Council need to make sure they are replaced as this is part of the planning conditions of the application. Cllr Murton reported graffiti at the bus stop on Thorney Green Road. Cllr Voden reported that he is looking for volunteers for the Walkers Cup and has concerns over the cost of the street lighting in the village over the coming months.

20. Correspondence

Councillors to note correspondence already circulated and consider any action.

1. Stowupland Falcons - Permission to use Village Green: It was agreed that permission is given.
2. SAAA - Opt out of the SAA Central external auditor appointment arrangements: It was agreed that the Parish Council does not opt out of external auditor appointment arrangements.
3. Resident - Request for dog poo bin Saxham Street: It was agreed in principle that a new poo bin could be installed in Saxham Street. A cost will be investigated for the October meeting.

21. Dates of next meetings

1. Bio Diversity and Wildlife Working Group Monday 19 September at URC Church Hall
2. Finance and Policy Meeting Thursday 29 September at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall
3. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6 October at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall

22. Councillors resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed Members affairs.

Meeting closed 21.37