

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2022 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall

Present: Cllrs Donna Bridges, Deborah Melhuish, Paula Murton, Sally Reeves (Chairman), Ray Studd and Jerry Voden

In attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk), District Councillor Keith Welham and 2 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

- 1) Apologies were received from Cllr Beeson, Hayward, Johnson, Stevens and District Councillor Rachel Eburne
- 2) Councillors voted to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Voden declared an interest in item 17.5 as Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee.

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 9th June 2022 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Cllr Voden seconded and all were in favour.

5. Matters of report

MATTER OF REPORT	COMMENT
Sandbags	Green Sub-Committee to report
Quotations for the construction of a 1.5 meter footpath from The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Thorney Green Road	Agenda item
Clear ditch at Birch Close	Contractor confirmed a date of 13 July
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	Clerk chased on 21.06.22
Bloor Homes: Landscaping	Issue reported to Planning Enforcement - update for August meeting
Quote for 3 silhouette soldiers	Chairman to liaise with PCC re purchase
LED Up-grade	Order placed
Village Walk Leaflet	Neil Landridge has agreed to work with the Parish Council
Queens Jubilee Bench	Bench has been installed
Permanent SID Devices	Agenda item
Den area	Green Sub-Committee to report
Trees on The Green (SRS & Retreat Pond)	Contractor confirmed a date of 14th/15th July
Backfill The Green at Ford Cottages	Contractor confirmed a date of 14th/15th July
Quote to repair noticeboards	Email sent to NJS Joinery
East Anglia Energy Enablement Consultation	Consultation completed
Remove tree stump on The Green	Contractor confirmed a date of 14th/15th July
Tap at Cemetery	Completed
Meeting with County Councillor KW	Meeting arranged for 6th July
Meeting with Bio Diversity Committee	Meeting arranged for the 1 st August
Annual Governance Return	Sent to PKF Little John
Investigate possible of permanent blocking of Track at Colymbyne Close	On going
Footbridge at FP20 & overgrown at FP46	Reported of SCC portal
Letter to resident regarding access over The Green	Letter sent

6. Public Forum

A resident asked about the Memorandum of Understanding that had been agreed between Crest Nicholson (Diapers Farm), St. Philips (Ashes Farm) and Taylor Wimpey to complete the construction of an improvement to the A1120/B1115 junction and if this meant that the Taylor Wimpey development had been approved. They also asked if a copy of the Trim Trail resident survey outcome could be published. A resident thanked the Parish Council for repairing the tap at the cemetery. A resident reported on holes at The Green near Green Farm, dug by Anglian Water and that They Green hasn't

been reinstated one of the holes has sunk. They advised additional topsoil is needed over the clay as well as grass seed.

7. To receive reports from the County & District Councillors

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

- The Church Road application will not be heard at the planning committee meeting on the 20th July and the District Councillors will advise the Parish Council when a new date is arranged
- Contact has been made with Philip Isbell about various enforcement matters and have offered a site meeting at Magnolia House

Members confirmed receipt of the County Council Report. County Councillor highlighted

- Contact has been made with the County regarding a second sunken area on the A1120 and this has been reported for repair

8. Planning

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

DC/22/02798 - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of extension and alterations as per schedule of works. Creation of new vehicular access. Location: Poplar Farm, Saxham Street, Stowupland, IP14 5DF: Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council Supports the application. Cllr Melhuish seconded with all in favour.

DC/22/02799 - Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of extension and alterations as per Schedule of Works. Location: Poplar Farm, Saxham Street, Stowupland, IP14 5DF: Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council Supports the application. Cllr Melhuish seconded with all in favour.

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

DC/22/01872 - Proposal & Location of Development: Application for Approval of Reserved Matters following grant of Outline Approval DC/21/04608. Town and Country Planning 2015 - Submission of details for Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale for erection of 2No dwellings. 20 Saxham Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5DA: Reserved Matters have been APPROVED

DC/22/02174 - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension and single storey porch. Century Cottage, Thorney Green Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4AJ: Planning permission has been APPROVED

DC/22/02555 - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). Crown Farm Bungalow,

Church Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4BQ: Planning permission has been APPROVED

3. Cllr Voden agreed to represent the Parish Council at the MSDC Planning meeting when the new date is set for the Planning Application DC/22/020091.

9. Allotments

Councillors noted the report from the Allotment Inspection of 27 June 2022

1. Cllr Voden proposed that a quote is sought to cut back the cherry tree on plot 36 if the tenants are in agreement. Cllr Melhuish seconded with all in favour.
2. Cllr Voden proposed that a quote is sought to cut the grass twice a year around the border of the allotments. Cllr Murton seconded and all were in favour.
3. Cllr Voden proposed that a quote is sought to trim plots 13a & 14a ready to re-let. Cllr Melhuish seconded with all in favour.

10. Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group

Councillors noted the report from the meeting held on 30 May 2022

1. The Chairman proposed that the Wildflower and Biodiversity Group are provided with current maps and schedules which form part of the mowing contract. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.

11. Queens Platinum Jubilee

Councillors noted the report from the Queens Platinum Jubilee event. It had been agreed that the money raised would be put towards the Queens Canopy Project. The Chairman asked the members to consider where and how many trees are to be planted and that the Parish Council further investigates an outside battery operated sound system for future events.

12. SID Devices

Councillors noted the report from the Speed Watch Office

1. Cllr Voden proposed that as Speed Watch Officer he undertakes further investigations of sites and obtain approvals from the County Council, and report back to the Parish Council. Cllr Murton seconded and all were in favour.
2. Cllr Voden proposed a budget of £12,000 to purchase Solar Powered Indicator Devices and that one initial device is purchased and three solar posts are installed ready for the project. Cllr Bridges seconded and all were in favour.
3. Cllr Voden proposed that the A1120, B1115 and Thorney Green Road are their highest priorities for the location of Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Studd seconded and all were in favour.

13. Chairman

Councillors noted the Chairmans report and no comments were made.

14. Clerk

Councillors noted the clerks report and no comments were made

1. Councillors considered the use of hiring a room from the High School for meetings at a rate of £16.50/hour and felt that this was not a viable option for Parish meetings.
2. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council purchases 1 x Elipsa litter bin at a cost of £143.33 + Vat and 1 x street litter bin at a cost of £59.45 + Vat from Gladstone UK Limited. Cllr Murton seconded with all in favour.

15. Finance

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

Receipts	Cheque / BACS / SO		Value £
Cemetery	BACS	WIX Spencer Headstone	50.00
Cemetery	BACS	Andrew Bingham	125.00
Community Events	BACS	Queens Jubilee	616.00
			791.00

2. Cllr Bridges proposed to authorise the June payments. Cllr Voden seconded with all in favour.

Expenditure	Cheque / BACS / SO		Net £	VAT £	Total £
Expenses	BACS	Barclay Card	836.53	106.38	942.91
Grass Cutting	BACS	Top Garden	810.00	162.00	972.00
Grass Cutting	BACS	Top Garden	810.00	162.00	972.00
Hall Hire	BACS	Stowupland PCC	12.00		12.00
Pest Control	BACS	RSA Pest Management	450.00	90.00	540.00
Pest Control	BACS	RSA Pest Management	690.00	138.00	828.00
Cemetery	BACS	Co-op Funeral Care	300.00		300.00
Expenses	BACS	C Pizzezy	85.75	10.69	96.44
Wages	BACS	M Hawkins	284.57		284.57
Wages	BACS	C Pizzezy	1,001.10		1,001.10
Wages	BACS	D Long	205.83		205.83
PAYE	BACS	HMRC	66.66		66.66
Playpark	BACS	Eastern Play Services	350.00	70.00	420.00
Parish CIL	BACS	Stowupland URC	2,000.00		2,000.00
Cemetery	BACS	Aquarius Cleaning Equipment	44.27	8.85	53.12
			7,946.71	747.92	8,694.63

3. The proposal to accept a quote for the construction of a 1.2 metre footpath on The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Green Road and from FP32 to the Chip Shop was refused. Cllr Voden along with Keith Welham, as part of the Trim Trail Working Group agreed to contact the contractors to seek amended quotes to match that of the specification written.

16. Councillors Reports

Cllr Studd reported that the residents of Green View Cottage are backing out of the drive on to the A1120 and crossing as they are unable to turnaround in their drive which is a breach of their planning application. It was agreed to report this to the MSDC Planning Enforcement. Cllr Murton reported that the red stripes are coming away from the first phase of wooden posts on Thorney Green. It was agreed to seek a cost for reflectors. Cllr Voden reported that he would be attending a speed watch conference on 29th July at Kesgrave and thanked Julia and Dave Brown for their work in running the Garage Sale in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

17. Correspondence

Councillors to note correspondence already circulated and consider any action.

1. Resident – Concern of footpath upgrade: Advised this is a SCC Highways issue and forwarded to County Councillor.
2. National grid – Consultation closed update: Parish Council have made a response to the consultation and objected to the overhead cables.
3. Resident – Concerns over changes to pavement: Advised this is a SCC Highways issue and forwarded to County Councillor.
4. Allotment Tenant – Water supply: It was agreed that the Clerk send the tenant the report that was written on water supply to the allotments from 2019.
5. Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting: No action.

18. Dates of next meetings

1. Finance and Policy Meeting Thursday 28 July at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall
2. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 4 August at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall
3. Bio Diversity and Wildlife Working Group Monday 8 August at URC Church Hall

Meeting closed 20.49