

**STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall**

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

In attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk) District Councillor Rachel Eburne, District Councillor Keith Welham and 5 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 Cllrs Hayward and Murton.
- 2) Councillors voted to accept the apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as a true record of the meeting and decisions made. Cllr Melhuish seconded and all were in favour.

**5. Matters of report**

Sandbags	See CC Report
Quotations for the construction of a 1.5 meter footpath from The Green opposite Willow Wood to Willow Croft Thorney Green Road	Meetings arranged with Contractors quotes to follow
Quote to clear ditch at Birch Close	Awaiting date from Contractor
Quotes for 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	Bloor Homes have been advised that the PC agree the plan
Bloor Homes: Landscaping	Issue reported to Planning Enforcement
Quote repair bench cemetery	Contractor to advise when work completed
Quote for 3 silhouette soldiers	Chairman to liaise with PCC re purchase
LED Up-grade	Order placed
Village Walk Leaflet	No further update
Queens Jubilee Bench	Order placed
Queens Jubilee Tree	Tree planted after the Civic Service on the 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Permanent SID Devices	No further update
Den area	No further update
Quote trees on The Green (SRS & Retreat Pond)	Agenda item
Quote to backfill The Green	Agenda item
Quote to repair noticeboards	Email sent to NJS Joinery
East Anglia Energy Enablement Consultation	No further update
Quote to remove tree stump on The Green	Agenda item

## 6. Public Forum

A resident raised concerns over the misuse of the track by vehicles over the Village Green from Columbyne Close. A resident reported that a date of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September had been agreed for the Walkers Cup with Old Newton Parish and reported on the state of the Village Green following the grass cutting this week. A resident was at the meeting raising concerns that they felt there hadn't been enough information provided to residents regarding the National Grid Pylon consultation. A resident was attending the meeting as the applicant of planning application DC/22/02390. A resident reported that the tap at the cemetery is dripping.

## 7. To receive reports from the County & District Councillors

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

- Proposal from the National Grid overhead cables through Mid Suffolk. MSDC Cabinet resolved to object to the proposals, but it is still important that the Parish Council, individual Councillors and residents of Stowupland make their views known to National Grid by 16 June.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has 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 prior to occupation of the 75<sup>th</sup> dwelling across the three sites. Crest Nicholson will take the lead in the design and construction of the improvement.

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- On 8 June, SCC members met to discuss a response to the consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury Grid Reinforcement proposals.
- The Chairman raised her concerns over the bus service fiasco following Suffolk County Council advising of an amended bus service starting from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June that hasn't yet been approved.
- A date for the Parish Council and County Councillor Officer to meet to draw up a list of outstanding reports which could present to the Cabinet Member was agreed.
- The Green Sub-Committee agreed to look at the sandbags and report back to the Parish Council on the action to be taken regarding the length of sandbags remaining.

## 8. Planning

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

**DC/22/02555** - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of conservatory) Location: Crown Farm Bungalow, Church Road, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4BQ: Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council SUPPORTS the application. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

**DC/21/03287** - Proposal: Full Planning Application - Residential Development of 258no. dwellings (91no.affordable) with new public open space, landscaping, access and associated infrastructure. Location: Land North West Of, Stowupland Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5AN: Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council responds to confirm that no further comments than those submitted previously will be made. Cllr Beeson seconded with all in favour.

**DC/22/02390** - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of wind turbine Location: Mill Green Farmhouse, Mill Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5BJ: Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council supports the second proposed site that is furthest away from the neighbour. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

**DC/22/02351** - Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of one and a half storey extension, erection of single storey side extension and erection of garage building (following demolition of existing garage), Insertion of new doors and repair/replacement of windows (amended scheme to approved DC/21/06936). Location: 17 Mill Street, Stowupland, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5BL: Cllr Studd proposed that no further comments are made than those submitted previously. Cllr Beeson Seconded and all were in favour.

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

**DC/22/01827** - Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application - Erection of first floor rear extension 31 Trinity Walk, Stowupland, Suffolk, IP14 4AS: Planning permission was GRANTED.

3. The Councillors discussed reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that an advert is written for Telstar and the Parish Council Facebook page to ask for volunteer to reform a working group for the reviewing the Neighbourhood plan.

#### **9. Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group**

Councillors to note the report from the Working Group

1. In respect of the Pond by The Retreat and Proposed Wildflower Area
  - a. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council/ Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group arranges a pond-dipping exercise. Cllr Studd seconded with all in favour.
  - b. The Chairman proposed that the mowing contractor be instructed to immediately cease mowing of the wildflower area, with the exception of a 1.5 metre strip alongside footpaths. Cllr Beeson seconded with four against the motion was objected.

It was agreed that this area will not be cut in 2023 with exception of a 1.5 metre strip.

2. The Chairman proposed that a meeting of representatives of the Parish Council and members of the Wildflower and Diversity Group be held to clarify the role of the Group. Cllr Bridges seconded with all in favour.

#### **10. AGAR 2021/22 – Annual Governance & Accountability Return**

1. Councillors noted the Internal Audit section of the AGAR and no comments were made.
2. Councillors reviewed and approved the responses to Schedule 1.
3. Councillors approved the figures included in Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22

#### **11. Parking on The Green**

The Councillors discussed the issues around parking on The Green, parking on tracks around The Green and the mis-use of the track from Columbyne Close. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would investigate the possibility of permanently blocking the track at the end of Columbyne Close and The Chairman would respond to the resident at item 16.3.

#### **12. Chairman**

Councillors noted the Chairmans report and no comments were made.

1. The Chairman proposed that a £40 donation is made to the Ladybirds for making the cakes for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Johnson seconded with all in favour.

#### **13. Clerk**

Councillors noted the clerks report and no comments were made.

#### **14. Finance**

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

Receipts	Cheque / BACS / SO		Value £
Cemetery	BACS	Co-op	275.00
Cemetery	BACS	WIX Spencer Headstone	50.00
Cemetery	BACS	S Reeves (Whips)	20.00
Allotment	BACS	Plot 36	24.80
			369.80

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

Expenditure	Cheque / BACS / SO		Net £	VAT £	Total £
Expenses	BACS	Barclay Card	34.34		34.34
Jubilee	BACS	D&D Bouncy Castle	325.00		325.00
Jubilee	BACS	Mr Bean Entertainment	475.00		475.00
Jubilee	BACS	Handmade Signs	48.00		48.00
Salaries	BACS	M Hawkins	284.77		284.77
Salaries	BACS	C Pizzey	1,000.90		1,000.90
Salaries	BACS	D Long	205.83		205.83
Expenses	BACS	C Pizzey	72.99	2.40	75.39
Cemetery	BACS	Mini Waste	155.00	31.00	186.00
Various	BACS	Town and Village	1,490.00		1,490.00
Parish CIL	BACS	Town and Village	100.00		100.00
Parish CIL	BACS	Town and Village	686.00		686.00
Parish CIL	BACS	Town and Village	830.00		830.00
Training	BACS	SALC	78.00	15.60	93.60
Cemetery	BACS	Social Gardener	50.00		50.00
Tree Surgery	BACS	SP Trees	175.00		175.00
Parish CIL	BACS	Proludic	5,681.86	1,136.37	6,818.23
Cemetery	DD	Wave	12.31		12.31
Website	BACS	Suffolk.cloud	70.00		70.00
Litter & Dog Emptying	BACS	MSDC	607.83	121.57	729.40
			12,413.83	1,275.95	13,689.77

3. Cllr Studd proposed that the Parish Council accepts the quote of £575.00 from SP trees to remove the tree by the footbridge at the Retreat Pond, back fill and seed the eroded green at Forge

Cottage and remove and stump grind the tree on the footpath towards Corner Farm. Cllr Melhuish seconded with all in favour.

## **15. Councillors Reports**

Cllr Voden reported on the update for purchasing SID devices, thanked everyone for their support for the event held to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a meeting of the Community Events will be arranged. Cllr Melhuish reported on a broken bridge at FP20 and the state of FP46 that runs beside the Primary School. The Chairman thanked everyone for their support at the Platinum Jubilee.

## **16. Correspondence**

Councillors to note correspondence already circulated and consider any action.

1. Resident – Planning application DC/22/01872: Cllr Studd apologised for the error made over this application in regards to the height of the property. The report submitted to the Parish Council had been written prior to any comments being made by residents. He advised that he had spoken to the residents over this issue.
2. MSDC – Annual Playground inspection: Councillors agreed that MSDC should arrange the annual playground inspection at a cost of £47.33 + vat.
3. Resident – Track around The Green and Parking on The Green: See item 11 above.
4. SNT – Constable Country May: No action
5. MSDC – New Model Code of Conduct. Members to email the Clerk to advise of any changes to their Register of Interests.

## **17. Dates of next meetings**

1. Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7 July at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall
2. Finance and Policy Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28 July at 7.30pm at URC Church Hall

## **18. The 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.**

1. Access over village Green
2. Land at Mill Street

Meeting closed 21.21