

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 PM
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

Present : Cllrs D D'Lima, J Catchpole, H Godfrey, J Godfrey, N Kaines, J Orlopp and District Councillor R Barker. Mrs A Bryant (clerk) was also in attendance. Members of the public also attended.

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** No apologies for absence were received.
- 2 **Declaration of interest:** No declarations of interest were declared.
- 3 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Chairman summarised the minutes for the benefit of members of the public who had not read them. Cllr Kaines proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 25 July were approved. Cllr Orlopp seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.
- 4 **Matters arising from the last meeting:**
 - Drains in Kiln Lane:** The issue is ongoing. Local residents think the water is coming off the fields and are waiting for water levels to drop.
 - Footpath signs:** These have all been replaced.
 - Speeding:** Will be raised by Cllr H Godfrey under the Councillors' Forum.
- 5 **County Councillors Report:** No report had been received from Cllr J Storey.
- 6 **District Councillor's Report:**

District Councillor Barker reported that MSDC had a glass collection which collected over 8 tonnes in a week. MSDC also had an intern in Waste Management who had been into local shops to publicise recycling of household batteries, taking them away from incineration.

Elmswell and Hunston were looking into costs for SID. They were interested to hear from any villages who wanted to share them.

Cllr Barker had met with tenants from the sheltered accommodation in Stowlangtoft as improvements were being considered. He highlighted that the Meeting Room was at risk of being converted into accommodation and suggested that the village raise concern as it was a community asset. The meeting noted that there would be costs involved in retaining the Meeting Room, however there were no alternative meeting places within the village.

A boundary review is ongoing partly due to the growth in Stowmarket.

MSDC and Babergh DC were going through consultations regarding relocating to joint offices. Four options were available, namely; moving to Hadleigh, moving to Needham Market, a new build or moving to Endeavour House, Ipswich with satellite offices. MSDC had a meeting scheduled for later in the week to make a decision.

The Police are holding a public meeting at The Cedars, Stowmarket on 20 September 2016. Tim Passmore will be present.

Cllr H Godfrey queried whether Cllr Barker had a locality budget. He advised that for a year they had a budget which had to be spent on specific issues. County Councillor J Storey could spend her locality budget on highways and community issues.

There were no further questions for Cllr Barker.

7 **Police Report:**

The report available on the website covers 22 wards in the Stowmarket area and is dated September 2016.

“There were 849 incidents received and 302 investigations recorded.

You said:

1. Reduce criminal damage to church headstones.
2. Manage ASB in residential areas as a result of mental health issues.
3. Reduce incidents of ASB in Haughley.

We did:

1. Undertook targeted high visibility patrols.
2. Developed close working with housing authorities and mental health teams.
3. Continued enforcement of ASB legislation.

<i>Figures for August:</i> Burglary Dwelling	4	Robbery	0
Violence with Injury	18	Serious Sexual Offences	3
Drug Trafficking	0	Anti-Social Behaviour	66

Crime Statistics -

The statistics included crime statistics for August 2016 which reflected the Policy & Crime Commissioners priority crime categories.

Point of contact for your Safer Neighbourhood Team: Sergeant 1692 Martin

Tel: 101

Email: Stowmarket.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

A member of the public advised that a parked car containing empty oil cans had been spotted on farmland. He had contacted the Police and passed the registration plate information on.

8 **Clerk's report:** The Clerk had no further information to report.

9 **Finance Report:** Councillors agreed the report and the cheques were signed.

10 **Planning matters:**

2948/16 – 2 Flint Cottages, Kiln Lane, IP31 3JZ. Demolition of existing workshop. Erection of one annexe and one workshop. Councillors raised no objections to the application.

Refused: 2254/16 – Land adjacent Street Farm, The Street.

11 **Highway matters:** No new issues to report. Some patching had been undertaken. The pot hole in Church View would be monitored. Residents should use the SCC Highways website to report any problems.

Concern was raised regarding the number of Highway signs left after works are completed. Concern was also raised regarding the pile of excess white re-lining paint left in the lay-by on the A1088.

The meeting concluded that the Chair would contact the Highways Department regarding the above points.

Cllr J Godfrey stated that a litter pick had been undertaken on the triangle area by The Spinney previously. However more littered had appeared. She stated that there are areas where cars can pull off the road and queried whether some obstruction could be placed to prevent the parking, and therefore the littering.

The meeting concluded that, as land owner, Cllr Catchpole would place obstructions in the parking places.

12 **Correspondence:** none.

13 **Councillors' Forum:** Cllr H Godfrey informed the meeting that speed activated signs were popular in villages to reduce excess speed. There are three options available, namely; solar powered, electrical or battery operated. All three options cost £3,000.00 plus VAT each. The cameras could be fixed or have the option of relocating them around the village. In an ideal world a solar panelled camera would be used and be in a fixed location, in two locations in the village.

Cllr Godfrey stated that he felt two cameras should be purchased independently by Stowlangtoft and that they should be battery powered. He added that County Councillor J Storey could be approached for assistance from her locality budget.

Cllr D'Lima queried whether, if a fixed location camera were purchased, where the entire village would be expected to contribute towards their purchase as it would not benefit everyone. He supported approaching County Cllr Storey for assistance.

Cllr Godfrey suggested that the precept could be increased for a few years and dropped again afterwards once the cameras had been purchased.

Cllrs Kaines and Catchpole suggested using the Speed Watch again on a more frequent basis to ascertain the level of speeding through the village.

District Councillor Barker suggested contacting Hunston Parish Council for advice on grants available as they were in the process of installing speed cameras.

The meeting concluded that Cllr H Godfrey would complete the necessary paperwork for applying to County Councillor J Storey for assistance from her locality budget towards two speed cameras for Stowlangtoft village.

14 **Public Forum:** The Church bank needed cutting. An area close to the road had been cut but higher had been left.

The meeting concluded that the Clerk would contact Anthony Rayson and request the bank be cut.

15 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 21 November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room St George's Road.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 pm.

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Chairman

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