

## STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 17 JULY 2017 AT 7.15 PM  
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

Present: Cllrs D D'Lima (Chair), N Kaines and J Orlopp. Mrs A Bryant (clerk) was also in attendance. Members of the public also attended.

27 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received Cllrs J Catchpole, H Godfrey and J Godfrey and District Cllr R Barker.

28 **Declaration of interest:** No declarations of interest were declared.

29 **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 15 May 2017 be approved. Cllr Orlopp seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

30 **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

**Speed Gates, Kiln Lane:** Cllr D'Lima advised that an updated would be provided under the relevant agenda item.

**Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS):** Cllr D'Lima advised that an updated would be provided under the relevant agenda item.

**Open Space Survey:** The Clerk confirmed that a copy of the questionnaire had not been received for her records.

**A1088 layby:** Cllr D'Lima stated that he had not received example of signs from District Cllr Barker. **Cllr D'Lima advised he would contact District Cllr Barker again.**

**Common Room/Managers Office:** Cllr D'Lima highlighted the emptiness of the Common Room as all the furniture and equipment had been removed. He added that he had not received an update so would chase District Cllr Barker. **Cllr D'Lima to contact District Cllr Barker for an update regarding the Common Room/Managers Office.**

31 **County Councillors Report:** County Cllr Storey was not present at the meeting. A report had been received which Cllr D'Lima presented. Namely: -

Suffolk County Council's Chief Executive, Deborah Cadman OBE would be leaving to take up a new role as the first permanent Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). The recruitment process is ongoing with the Council meeting at the end of July expecting to announce Sue Cook as Interim. The Council meeting in September would have to formally agree the successor.

On 11 July 2017, Cabinet discussed a loan to the University of Suffolk of up to £5m to support the growth of the University, the Social Value and Sustainable Procurement which arises due to the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 which places obligations on the Council to have regard to economic, social and environmental well-being in connection with public services contracts and a report on our priorities for 2017-2021.

A new Highways Senior Leadership Team was established with in March 2017. Heads of Service have assisted in the finalisation of the new organisational structure for Suffolk Highways. Amended person profiles have been prepared and selection processes undertaken. Whilst a significant proportion of the changes to Rougham, Halesworth, Lowestoft and Brome Depots are due to be completed by the end of July 2017, accommodation works at Phoenix House will continue into August 2017.

The highway maintenance operational gangs have received follow-up 'toolbox talks' to reinforce the message that they should treat any additional potholes found when attending any site to undertake a pre-arranged repair.

Roadworks.org initiative was discussed which allows the public to find current and planned roadworks or road and street closures and how they may affect you and information about road improvements projects in Suffolk. roadworks.org is the most comprehensive source of up-to-date information about roadworks, road closures and diversions, traffic incidents and other disruptions affecting the UK road network. The interactive map can be found at [www.suffolk.roadworks.org](http://www.suffolk.roadworks.org).

Stage 6 of the 2017 Tour of Britain will take place in Suffolk on Friday 8 September. The stage is 183km long and will start in Newmarket and finish in Aldeburgh. The event provides the opportunity to engage communities along the route to use the event to showcase their locality to a national and international audience, bring communities together and inspire people to be more active.

The Cabinet are scheduled to meet on 20 July 2017. Papers for discussion include a report from the Independent Review Panel on Councillor allowances. There will also be an item on Constitution changes including the introduction of Cabinet Committees.

32 **District Councillor's Report:** No report had been received from District Cllr Barker.

33 **Police Report:**

The report available on the website covers 22 wards in the Stowmarket area and is dated June 2017.

"There were 830 incidents received and 497 investigations recorded.

*You said:*

1. Reduce incidents relating to drug used and violence.
2. Promote safeguarding of those sleeping rough.
3. Reduce anti-social behaviour during summer events.

*We did:*

1. Officers were targeting specific locations of concern including Church Walk and the Recreation Ground, Stowmarket with the deployment of specialist units and multi-agency working.
2. The SNT engaged with those person's sleeping rough in the locality and with the new appointment of a "Rough Sleeper Worker" are promoting safeguarding.
3. Businesses are liaised with in order to minimise ASB and criminal offences.

<i>Figures for March:</i>	Burglary Dwelling	11	Robbery	0
	Violence with Injury	35	Serious Sexual Offences	9
	Drug Trafficking	8	Anti-Social Behaviour	50

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

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34 **Speed Reactive Sign Procurement**

Cllr D'Lima informed that Cllr H Godfrey was leading on the procurement. However, County Cllr Storey had been chased regarding locality funding but with no reply. An update will be given on 18 September 2017.

Cllr D'Lima suggested speaking to District Cllr Barker regarding funding to kick start the project whilst waiting on County Cllr Storey. **Cllr D'Lima would speak to District Cllr Barker and Cllr H Godfrey regarding funding and pole installation. An update would be given on 18 September 2017.**

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

36 **St George's Church:** Cllr Kaines advised that various meetings and site visits had been undertaken with neighbouring villages but at present no firm arrangements were being progressed. He stated that there may not be any fundraising fireworks in 2017.

Cllr Kaines added that discussions with a neighbouring village were in the early stages. Additional site visits in the Autumn would be held with a possible resolution in 2018. **Cllr Kaines would update at the meeting scheduled for 18 September 2017.**

Cllr D'Lima informed the meeting that correspondence had been received from Marion Sherwood via Cllr Orlopp with various proposals regarding St George's Church. Cllr D'Lima informed the meeting of the content and passed it to a representative of PCC for the necessary action.

37 **Speed Gates, Kiln Lane:** Cllr D'Lima advised that he had not heard from County Cllr Storey regarding funding. **Cllr D'Lima would contact County Cllr Storey again and update at the meeting on 18 September 2017.**

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

Cllr Orlopp stated that an additional dog bin within the village may be beneficial. Cllr D'Lima suggested that those present give some thought to locations with a discussion being held in September 2017.

39 **Planning matters:**

*Approved:* 4962/16 – The Granary, Kiln Lane.

40 **Highway matters:** None.

41 **Correspondence:** The Clerk presented the following: -

MSDC Cllr Locality Awards 2017 – District Cllr Barker had a small pot of locality money which he could allocate to parishes within his ward. He welcomed applications. **Cllr D'Lima agreed to contact District Cllr Barker regarding VAS and pole installation.**

Community Action Suffolk Awards 2017 – The Communities Officers (Arts) and Locality Officer had emailed regarding the CAS Awards for 2017. The Clerk queried whether anyone in the community deserved to be entered. The deadline was 21 July 2017. **Cllr D’Lima proposed that any nominations be emailed to the Clerk before the deadline.**

Electoral Review – The Clerk had received correspondence from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding warding arrangements. A 9-week period of consultation had been launched with a deadline for comments of 14 August 2017. Those present did not feel any comments should be entered.

Stage 6 OVO Men’s Cycle Tour – MSDC had written to the Clerk advising that Stage 6 of the cycle tour would pass through the village on Friday 8 September 2017, however exact timings had not been given. A small community grant of £150 could be awarded from MSDC towards an event connected with the cycle tour.

Merchant Navy Day – The Clerk had received correspondence from Seafarers UK regarding Merchant Navy Day on 3 September 2017 and the flying of the Red Ensign. Those present did not wish to progress the issue.

42 **Councillors' Forum:** None.

43 **Public Forum:** The Parishioners advised that there had been issues with the brown bin collection service being oversubscribed which impacted on the emptying timetable. Concern was also raised regarding the amount of white goods dumped on land between Church View and the A1088.

44 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room, St George’s Road.

The meeting concluded at 8.15 pm.

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Chairman

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