

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.15 PM
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

Present: Cllrs I Cassidy (Vice Chair), J Catchpole, H Godfrey, Mrs J Godfrey, N Kaines and J Orlopp. Mrs A Bryant (clerk) was also in attendance. Members of the public also attended.

45 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D'Lima.

46 **Declaration of interest:** Cllr Catchpole declared an interest in agenda item 12 regarding Street Farm, The Street, as outlined on his Register of Interest form.

47 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Chair 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 16 July 2018 be approved. Cllr Orlopp seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

Minute 40: Road edges: Kiln Lane: The Chair advised that Cllr D'Lima had reported the damaged road edges on 30 July 2018, reference 00217787. He had been told a site visit would be held, however to date no officer had visited.

Minute 43: Public Forum: Stowlangtoft Charity: The Chair informed those present that he had arranged a meeting for early October with the current charity administrator.

49 **County Councillors Report:** County Cllr Mrs Storey had not submitted a report.

50 **District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr Barker had not submitted a report.

51 **Police Report:** The report available on the website covers 22 wards in the Stowmarket area is dated September 2018.

You said:

Concerned about ASB (anti social behaviour) by young people and vehicles in Cedar Park.
Concerned about ASB in Mendlesham.
Concerned about ASB in Needham Market.

We did:

Liased with partners to look at crime/ASB prevention and detection measures i.e. fencing, CCTV.

Patrolled and engaged with young people, two of whom have been spoken to with parents. Talks at local schools and businesses have occurred to tackle the ASB.

Investigated reports of ASB, viewed CCTV and targeted patrols.

Responding to issues in your community:

The Stowmarket Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) hold weekly meetings and monthly appoint locations for high visibility patrols (HVPs). Needham Market, Mendlesham and Cedars Park were HVPs for September. During July and August a number of residential burglaries occurred in rural areas. A number of patrols were held and residents are urged to contact the Police if they see anything suspicious.

Suffolk Police have joined forces with the company "Ring" who provide the "ring video doorbell" as this type of technology provides huge benefits in crime prevention and detection.

On 15 and 16 September 2018 the Rural Crime Team will attend the Falconry Fair at the Mid Suffolk Showground (Stonham Barns).

Point of contact for your Safer Neighbourhood Team: Sergeant 1550 Lisa Vaughan
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A local landowner advised the Parish Council that a theft of a motor vehicle had occurred between Kiln Lane and Wyken whilst the owner was in the nearby vicinity. There had also been a run of vehicle damage between Badwell Ash and Pakenham.

52 **Speed Reactive Sign Procurement:** Cllr Godfrey stated that 2 pairs of posts should be installed by the end of December 2018. One set on the 1088 and one set on the main street. Cllr Godfrey had requested a pro-forma invoice for the purchase of a VAS to enable the Parish Council to contact County Cllr Mrs Storey for the match funding she had promised. The style of VAS ordered were solar powered with an inbuilt battery for the hours of darkness.

Cllr Godfrey advised that a company called Elan City had approached the Clerk with their product. He had contacted them and their quotation had come through at a very reasonable rate compared to other quotations. Lackford also used VAS purchased from Elan City.

The Parish Council noted that the Clerk had email County Cllr Mrs Storey the pro-forma invoice, requesting the match funding she had promised. However, to date no response had been received. Those present felt that the Councillor now in charge of Highways should be contacted to ascertain whether funding were available.

The Clerk would contact the Suffolk County Council with the responsibility for highways regarding funding for VAS.

53 **Clerk's report:** The Clerk had no issues to report.

54 **St George's Church:** Cllr Orlopp informed those present that the Recreation Committee had sufficient funds to ensure the Churchyard was kept clean and tidy. M & TJs would continue to visit, however during the recent hot weather the number of cuts had been reduced. The Parish Council still had funds allocated towards the Churchyard maintenance which would be distributed at the January 2019 meeting.

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

56 **Planning matters:** The following planning application decision had been received since the last meeting. The Parish Council had submitted their comments online to MSDC Planning Department.

DC/18/02275 – REFUSED - land at Street Farm, The Street, Stowlangtoft.

57 **Highway matters:** Cllr Godfrey stated that he had cleared litter between the Church and the A1088. Cllr Mrs Godfrey stated that additional cleansing hours were needed to litter pick around the village, in addition to that which is already undertaken. Cllr Godfrey stated that the Clerk had contacted MSDC regarding increased funding. The response had stated that an application should be made for consideration in the next budget setting process.

Cllr Mrs Godfrey would contact MSDC to ascertain whether additional funding were available for the wider edges of the village.

The Parish Council noted that Pakenham and Norton have litter pickers. **It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Godfrey would contact Norton, and the Clerk would contact Pakenham to find out who these were and whether they had any spare capacity.**

Following on from previous discussions, **it was agreed that Cllrs Cassidy, Kaines and Orlopp would meet at 9.00 am on 7 October 2018 to clean the village sign and gates (weather permitting).** A further litter pick would be arranged in the future when the days were longer and the weather more predictable.

58 **Correspondence:** The Clerk informed that MSDC as Licensing Authority would be consulting on the revised draft statutory Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles. The consultation would run until 12 October 2018.

The District Cllrs locality budget was available for Parish Council's to submit applications for minor village improvements. Following the deferral from the July meeting, the Parish Council felt that requesting funding for the additional dog fouling bin and installation would be beneficial. It was agreed that **the Clerk would contact MSDC for costs of purchase and installation and then complete the necessary forms for the District Cllr.**

59 **Councillors' Forum:** No Cllrs raised any issues as all had been considered in previous agenda items.

60 **Public Forum:** No issues were raised.

61 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 19 November 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room, St George's Road.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm.

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Chairman