

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.15 PM
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

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

62 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Kaines and County Cllr Mrs Storey.

63 **Declaration of interest:** Cllrs Godfrey and Mrs Godfrey declared an interest in agenda item 12 regarding Glebe Farm, The Street, as outlined in their Register of Interest form.

64 **Minutes of the last meeting:** The Chair summarised the minutes for the benefit of members of the public who had not read them. Cllr Godfrey proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 10 September 2018 be approved. Cllr Cassidy seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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

Minute 43 & Minute 48: Stowlangtoft Charity: Cllr Cassidy advised that the annual return had been submitted and that the administration would be transferred in due course.

Minute 57: Highway matters: The Council noted that Cllrs Cassidy, Kaines and Orlopp, together with Mrs Kaines had cleaned the village sign and gates. Cllr Cassidy reported that some signs were in a state of disrepair and raised concern that they may fall over.

66 **County Councillors Report:** County Cllr Mrs Storey submitted a report. Cllr D'Lima presented the following in her absence:-

2018 sees 100 years since the end of the First World War. Various wreath laying ceremonies at war memorials were held. 2018 saw additional ceremonies with the lighting of beacons on Sunday 11 November. Everyone is welcome to attend these important occasions and local parish newsletters and church magazines contain the necessary details.

On 8 October 2018, Suffolk County Council launched the annual budget consultation. The consultation closed on Friday 16 November 2018. Views were sought on the services provided by the council as it faces the challenge of making savings of £25 million in 2019/2020. As part of the Council's careful financial planning and management in recent years, the council has saved £260 million since 2011 as well as establishing innovative new ways to engage with communities and deliver services in the digital age. A proposed budget will be presented to Cabinet on Tuesday 29 January 2019 and the final budget will be discussed at Full Council on Thursday 14 February 2019.

Suffolk County Council are calling for family carers to share their experiences of support by completing a survey by 22 November 2018. All answers will be used anonymously. Carers can complete the survey online or contact Helen Robinson on 01473 260354.

There are numerous roadworks taking place at present but not all are undertaken by the Suffolk County Council. To establish who is responsible use the www.roadworks.org website.

67 **District Councillor's Report:** District Cllr Barker advised that it was good to have County Cllr Mrs Storey back at work following her recent ill health. The Planning Department were in a stronger position now following the appointment of additional officers. The Council's 5 year land supply policy had been tested recently by the Inspectorate. District Cllr Barker advised that outline planning permission was not sufficient to identify land in the 5 year plan.

Recently, the Refuse Workers had raised an issue regarding pay, which had had an impact on some collections. This issue had been resolved with the pay grades being reviewed. Road closures had also impacted on refuse collections as the accuracy of closures was hit and miss. In 2019, the refuse rounds would be reviewed. In some areas round had increased in size and in others they had remained the same. The review would provide a more balanced collection service.

Cllr J Orlopp arrived at 7.30 pm

District Cllr Barker advised that he had some locality budget available and recommended the Parish Council make an application. It was noted that a new dog bin had been identified, however following discussions, it was agreed that the Clerk would apply for a new bin, the installation and the emptying.

The Clerk to complete the locality budget paperwork and send to District Cllr Barker.

District Cllr Barker left the meeting at 7.32 pm

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

You said:

ASB concerns around Halloween and bonfire night.
Vehicle ASB in Stowmarket.

We did:

Schools input across Mid Suffolk. Also approached shops etc across the area to prevent sales of eggs/flour.
Offenders were targetted.

Responding to issues in your community:

In November 2018, the high visibility patrols (HVPs) were the Recreation ground, Stowmarket, Mendlesham and Cedars Park. Following reports of ASB at the Recreation ground, patrols and robust action against offenders will be undertaken.

Patrolling will occur regularly in Mendlesham with reports of ASB responded to promptly. Patrols around Cedars Park would continue. Crest Nicholson would undertake ASB/crime prevention work in November with other agencies carrying out their works once completed.

The SNT would be at Somersham Community shop on 28 November and a Police surgery would be held at Stowmarket Christmas market on 15 December.

Point of contact for your Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Telephone: 101 / 01473 613888 ext 3398

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

Twitter: @PoliceSTOW

Sergeant 1550 Lisa Vaughan

- 69 **Speed Reactive Sign Procurement:** Cllr Godfrey stated that a set of posts had been installed on The Street. He would chase the 2nd pair for the A1088 at a later date. The pro-forma invoice for the purchase of a VAS had been sent to County Cllr Mrs Storey, but a yet no funds had been received.

The Clerk informed that she had chased the County Cllr who had chased her Finance Department. It was therefore hoped that funding would be received in the near future.

Cllr Godfrey stated that there was a 6 week delivery window on the new signs. Once they had been received the Parish Council would need to form a working group for the installation.

- 70 **Clerk's report:** The Clerk reported that MSDC had sent out the annual precept correspondence. The precept would be an agenda item for the January 2019 meeting. The Clerk also reported that she had not submitted an application to the District Cllrs locality budget, however this had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

- 71 **St George's Church:** The Parish Council noted that the Churchyard was looking sad and overgrown. No works had been undertaken since the Summer, however M&TJ's were booked in for Spring 2019.

The church bells were rung for the armistice celebrations.

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

Cllr Mrs Godfrey stated that she had contacted MSDC regarding a possible increase in the cleansing grant which would allow someone to clean the far ends of the village. All those present acknowledged the hard work undertaken by Mr Pearson and noted that he did not wish to extend his cleansing area.

Cllr Mrs Godfrey stated that she had contacted comparable villages regarding the grants received and felt that Stowlangtoft should apply to MSDC for an increase to £1,000 per annum in light of the additional litter produced from the increase in traffic. This increase in grant would allow an appointment for ½ a day per month to cover Kiln Lane, the A1088 and the bottom of the village.

It was agreed that **the Clerk would contact MSDC and request that the cleansing grant be increased to £1,000 per annum to fund the appointment of a person for ½ day per month to cover Kiln Lane, the A1088 and the bottom area of Stowlangtoft.**

Mr Pearson stated that the refuse bin provided for the cleansing round had not been emptied for a few weeks. It was agreed that **the Clerk would email the District Councillor.**

- 73 **Planning matters:** The following planning application decisions had been received since the last meeting:-

DC/18/03676 – APPROVED – Agricultural determination at Street Farm, The Street, Stowlangtoft.

DC/18/02532 – APPROVED – Glebe Farm, The Street, Stowlangtoft.

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

DC/18/03724 – Red Barn, The Street, Stowlangtoft.

- 74 **Highway matters:** Cllr D'Lima advised that he had reported the damaged road edges along Kiln Lane and been advised that they did not meet the requirements for repair.

Cllr Cassidy stated that an accident had occurred opposite the Church View junction due to a motorist cutting across the carriageway. He requested that road markings be reinstalled to prevent it happening again. It was agreed that **Cllr D'Lima would contact SCC to request the reinstallation of road markings.** *Update: Cllr D'Lima contacted SCC, reference 00226591 on 20 November 2018.*

Cllr Cassidy reported that, during the cleaning of village signs, they had noticed that some of the 30mph signs were damaged. It was agreed that **Cllr D'Lima would contact SCC to advise of the damaged signs.** *Update: Cllr D'Lima contacted SCC, reference 00226586 on 20 November 2018.*

- 75 **Correspondence:** None.

- 76 **Councillors' Forum:** Pill Box on A1088: Cllr D'Lima advised that a letter had been received regarding the pill box on the junction with the A1088/Bull Road raising concern that the overgrown ivy on the pill box obstructed the view when trying to leave the junction. The landowner was present at the meeting and agreed to cut any overgrown foliage back. It was however noted that the number of free standing additional signs, advertising various attractions were an obstruction.

- 77 **Public Forum:** No issues were raised.

- 78 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Meeting Room, St George's Road.

The meeting concluded at 8.05 pm.

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Chairman