

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM
THE COMMON ROOM, STOWLANGTOFT**

Present: Cllrs D'Lima (Chair), Cassidy (Vice Chair), Catchpole, Cuff, Suggett and White. A Osman (clerk) was also in attendance along with a member of the public.

37 **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Marsh sent apologies which were accepted.

38 **Declarations of Interest.** None declared.

39 **Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023.** Cllr Suggett proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July be approved. Cllr White seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The August meeting was cancelled due to no planning applications being received and no urgent actions needed.

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

Minute 25: 17 July 2023: Community Fund. Cllr Suggett reported that the Community Fund had declined to match fund costs for the Coronation Event. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a further £100 grant to the cost for this event (payable to Cllr Suggett).

Minute 25: 17 July 2023: 30mph/Dragons Teeth Repainting. The 30mph/Dragons Teeth marking at either end of The Street had been repainted by Suffolk Highways following funding from County Cllr Mellen's locality grant.

Minute 32: 17 July 2023: Quiet Lane Scheme. The Clerk had pre-circulated a brief on the Suffolk Quiet Lane Scheme that indicated that the scheme was now closed although there was the potential for Parish Council's to self-fund their own quiet lanes. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Kiln Lane traffic survey before considering any self-funding approach. **The Clerk was to find out the timescales for the traffic survey.**

Minute 32: 17 July 2023: Relocation of VAS. Cllr Cuff reported that the VAS post at the eastern end of The Street had been relocated and once the Street Cleansing Operative was available, the VAS equipment would be relocated.

Minute 34: 17 July 2023: Crime Prevention Meeting. Cllr Cuff reported that a date of 31 October had been set with Suffolk Police for a village crime prevention talk.

41 **County Councillors Report.** No report received.

42 **District Councillors Report.** The meeting noted the contents of the District Councillors combined report that had been previously circulated.

43 **Clerk's report.** The Clerk reported that Anglian Water had repaired the leaks along Kiln Lane and Suffolk Highways had cleared the gully's by the pond. The road surface would continue to be patch repaired in line with current Suffolk Highways intervention policy.

44 **St Georges Church.** Nothing new reported.

- 45 **Finance.** Cllrs noted the financial report (current bank balance of £1719.31 and the projected outturn at the end of the FY of £1,500 current account and £1,500 savings account). Payments authorised:

MSDC elections costs	£130.15
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£547.89

Cllr Suggett agreed to authorise payments.

It was agreed in principle to support the new village newsletter and **Cllr Cuff was to provide costings at the November meeting** to allow these to be considered as part of FY24/25 budget setting.

- 46 **Planning matters.** It was **agreed that the Clerk was to provide a neutral comment to DC/23/04344/FUL** - Full Planning Application - Erection of 2no. dwellings and garaging with bat house including alterations to vehicular accesses (following demolition of existing building) The Pine House Company Ixworth Road Stowlangtoft Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3JS .

- 47 **Highways matters:**

Potholes at Spinney Junction. It was **agreed that the Chair would report the pothole at the Spinney Junction** on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.

Kiln Lane Junction Markings. It was **agreed that Cllr Cuff would report the faded markings at the Kiln Lane/The Street junction** on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.

SpeedWatch. Cllr Cuff reported that the work of the village SpeedWatch group appeared to be having a positive effect with reduced speeding through the village.

A1088 Bridge Liaison Group. The Clerk reported that Suffolk Highways planned to set up a liaison group to be the communities' point of contact with Suffolk Highways staff to help mitigate disruption while the bridge was repaired in the summer of 2024. It was **agreed that the Clerk would attend the first meeting** on 31 October and report back to the Parish Council.

- 48 **Correspondence:**

Free Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflowers The meeting agreed to wait to see how the recent wildflower seeding had taken before looking to plant elsewhere.

West Suffolk CAB. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had already supported West Suffolk CAB.

Pride in Your Place Funding. It was agreed that Cllr Suggett would review the guidance on the MSDC website and download/submit an application for minor grant funding of up to £250 to help improve the village.

Changes to Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Website. The meeting noted the recent changes to the planning website.

- 49 **Councillors' Forum.** None

- 50 **Public Forum.** Nothing reported.

51 **Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 November 2023 at 7.30pm in The Common Room, St George's Rd.

If any planning applications or urgent actions are identified after the September meeting, these will be considered at a short meeting on Monday 16 October 2023 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.12pm.

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Chair

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

August 2023

MSDC Meeting.

No Mid Suffolk District Council held in August.

MSDC launched 'Pride in your Place' initiative. All Parish Councils are invited to apply for grants to help improve the look of all of our villages.

Planning

MSDC lost the appeal DC/19/02090 (Gladman) for 210 homes to the North of Ixworth Road, Thurston, however, the council is taking legal action to overturn this decision.

CIL applications

Supported Norton Village Halls application for £100K towards its redevelopment.

Autumn Tree/hedge planting

Appreciate that this is a direct repeat, however, can you please consult with your communities on potential areas for tree/hedge planting and then contact us with the details.

Locality grants

David has received applications from the Thurston Parish Council to support the Local Bus project. Both David and Austin approved two applications of support from the Thurston Scouts for new recreational equipment.

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