

STOWLANGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**MONDAY 21 MAY 2018 AT 7.00 PM
THE MEETING ROOM, ST GEORGE'S ROAD**

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs H Godfrey, Mrs J Godfrey, N Kaines and J Orlopp, County Councillor Mrs J Storey and District Councillor Barker.
- 2 **Minutes of the last meeting:** held on 15 May 2017. Cllr J Catchpole proposed their adoption and this was seconded by Cllr D'Lima. It was unanimously agreed that they should be signed as a true record.
- 3 **County Councillors Report:** County Councillor Mrs Storey had not submitted an annual report.
- 4 **District Councillors Report:** District Councillor Barker had not submitted an annual report.
- 5 **Police Report:** The report available on the website was dated April 2018.

You said:

Concern had been raised regarding anti social behaviour from young people in the area of Haughley.

We did:

The local team undertook directed patrols in the area, engaging with local youths to identify those responsible, with an arrest being made for a public order offence.

Responding to issues in your community:

The Stowmarket SNT hold weekly meetings and each month appoint locations for High Visibility Patrols. These locations are selected by analysing data and liaison with local residents.

Following a report of a serious sexual assault at "The Rec" in Stowmarket, Police have increased patrols. A witness appeal has been conducted.

There have been a number of anti social behaviour incidents at Cedars Park in Stowmarket. Most of these incidents involve anti social use of vehicles and drug use.

Point of contact for your Safer Neighbourhood Team: Sergeant 1550 Lisa Vaughan
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6 **Annual Report from Village Groups:**

Social Committee

There was no update due to Cllr Orlopp's apologies for absence.

Parochial Church Council

The meeting noted that the number of members of the PCC had decreased and to be more efficient these needed to increase. The PCC hoped to carry on.

7 **Chairman's Report:** Cllr D'Lima presented the following report and invited questions: -

Much of our existence has been tied up with simply administering a Parish Council. Declaring our business interests, deciding a budget, ensuring that we are constituted, complying with new data protection laws and so on. In fact very little actual 'council' work takes place.

That said, we have in the past year commented upon approximately 10 planning applications, some of which were only trees related rather than buildings, and have also tried to assist in other village matters where appropriate. An area where we have a long-standing interest is speeding, and I hope that with Cllr Godfrey as lead, we will soon see the installation of some Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in the village. It would be naive to think that these will stop speeding altogether, but it is hoped that they will make a valid contribution. Regarding this project, thanks are due to District Cllr Barker, who contributed to the capital required, and also to County Cllr Mrs Storey, who pledged on several occasions at our meetings to contribute towards the VAS from her locality budget.

Thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors for their contributions to our meetings and for their invaluable local knowledge, and thank you also to the members of public who turn out to listen to our deliberations. We all share the common goal of making Stowlangtoft a clean, safe and pleasant place to live, so whatever role you have had in that process, please continue the good work.

I mentioned at the start of this address that we spend much time and effort on administrative duties, so I would like to reserve the biggest vote of thanks to Amy, our Parish Clerk. Amy is very pro-active in keeping the Parish Council's work ticking over and above all legal. She is very dedicated in her duties and goes above and beyond to search out opportunities and grants from which we all save money and benefit.

8 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 16 May 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Meeting Room, St George's Road.

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm.

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Chairman