

MINUTES OF STOKE HOLY CROSS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on

Thursday 28th March 2019 at the Pavilion at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Chairman L Marsh, C Cann, , G Iaccarino, G Davies, S Collins, R Wright

District Councillor and County Councillor: T Lewis

Clerk: Mrs A Rose

5 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received and accepted from County Cllr V Thomson and Cllr C Bussey. No apologies were received from L Florence and J Hopper

2. **Disclosures of interest:** There were none.

3. **The Chairman closed the meeting for Public Comment and Questions:**

Q) Would the Council like to make a comment in regards to the proposal of 54 houses being built at the rear of my property on Poringland Road.

A) We had received many objections regarding this application and we are surprised the planning officer had not made a formal enquiry. There are concerns with the level of objections received, sustainability and the impact this would have on the village in regards to the facilities.

Q) Advice was given that even though many objections had been received for this application, it was advised that we re-comment / object in regards to the new amendments, otherwise the council could assume that there is no objections against the new amendments.

A) Agree and would encourage this.

Report from District Cllr T Lewis:

- 5 year land supply – Will find out the position on the 5 year land supply and will report back.
- The process of the merger Broadland District Council and South Norfolk District Council are proceeding. Further vacancies will be advertised shortly.

With Elections approaching the Chairman thanked District Councillor T Lewis for his service over the years. On behalf of all the Councillors we appreciate all the time and effort you have given to our Parish.

4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February 2019:**

The Chairman signed the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st February, which had previously been circulated, as a true record of proceedings; proposed by C Cann, seconded G Iaccarino and unanimously approved.

5. **Clerk's Report and Progress on items not on the Agenda:**

5.1) The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the trustees on the 8th March regarding the lease renewal for Carol Close. It was reported that they are in the process of identifying the costs of obtaining the survey report and are hoping to have this information soon. The Clerk was tasked with contacting the trustees for an update.

5.2) The Clerk reported that there had been no further action regarding Tree 5 at the Primary School.

5.3) The Clerk reported that an email had been received regarding a proposal to run a healthy snack bar in the Pavilion car park. Councillors welcomed the idea especially as the village is without a shop at present. It was unanimously approved with it being reviewed at the end of the summer term and the owner being asked to use recyclable cups etc.

6. **Finance Report:**

The clerk tabled the Accounts for the period 13th February – 18th March showing income of £406.20 and expenditure of £5,834.74 leaving a balance in the Current Account of £21,702.70 and £95,062.24 in the Reserve Account. S Collins proposed, seconded by R Wright that the accounts be adopted; this was unanimously approved. The following invoices were approved for payment;

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CGM	£ 756.00 Grass Maintenance	Happy Cow	£124.32 Pavilion Cleaning
Came & Company	£ 808.92 Insurance	Norfolk County Council	£296.40 Signs
Chaplin Farrant	£3150.00 Towards Planning App	Chaplin Farrant	£ 38.05
Chaplin Farrant	£ 504.00 Public Consultation		
All agreed salaries and PAYE			

Invoice for the amount of £250.95 for the annual subscription from Norfolk Parish Training & Support was unanimously agreed.

7. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting 25th April:

The meeting will take place in the Church Hall and will follow the same format as last year except refreshments being available from the beginning of the evening. The Clerk will send out invitations to the agreed list of delegates. Reports to be sent by 8th April.

8. Planning Applications:

2019/0221: Land West of Norwich Road, SHX; Update on the following;

- Agreed time extension till 26th April.
- Concerns were raised regarding the Open space and it was highlighted no consultation took place for this.
- Additional comments will be raised to highways in concerns with the volume of traffic.
- Notification will be received after the meeting from the Development Management Committee.

2018/2267: Appeal - Land South West of Sebald Crescent, Poringland; Proposed new chalet bungalow and a log cabin annexe – Re-enforce comments originally raised back in November 2018.

2017/2871: Land to rear of Poringland Road, SHX; Demolition of existing bungalow and development for up to 54 residential dwellings, including access – Concerned about possible loss of amenity to adjoining households and the adequacy of the proposed access arrangements on to the Stoke Road. Further concerns about the size of the proposed development and adequacy of the existing facilities in the village to accommodate this scale of growth. Considerable concern from village residents regarding the increase in traffic this would cause.

9. Consultees Reports and Decisions on Applications:

2019/0337 6 Colman Avenue, SHX; Single-storey rear extension to existing detached bungalow - Approval with Conditions.

2019/0126 Land to the rear of 9 Poringland Road, SHX; Erection of new bungalow and creation of new vehicular access – Refusal.

10. New Pavilion Working Group Report:

Cllr G Davies reported the following progress in regards to the New Pavilion Working group;

- Confirms the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2ND April.
- The planning application went in last week unfortunately it had been held up due to receiving payment via cheque. We are hopeful that the application will be approved withing the next 8 weeks.
- An issue had been raised in regards to the new proposed building covering access to the sewer. There are possibilities to overcome this issue 1) Bring the building further forward to avoid the sewer however this will have an impact in losing some car parking spaces. 2) Build over the sewer. 3) Remove the sewer. All options will be considered depending on cost.

11. Report from the Playing Field Committee:

Cllr C Cann had circulated the playing field minutes to all councillors and highlighted the following;

- The football club had asked if they could use grass marking carrots to mark out the football pitches. This was unanimously agreed as long as they are purchased by the club and the Parish Council are not held responsible for any damaged caused.
- A poster to be displayed outside the Cycle Track Park to discourage people from walking their dogs and highlight it is a children's play area only.

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- CGM will be re-seeding the playing field on 8th April. A polite notice had been displayed around the field asking residents to refrain from using the playing field for two weeks to allow the seeds to settle.
- Some residents had raised concerns regarding the leaning tree next to the football container on the playing field. The clerk had been tasked with contacting the tree warden from Poringland to kindly ask if they could investigate and advise.

12. Report from the Six Group Meeting:

Nothing to report.

13. Report from the Footpath Meeting held on 14th March:

The Chairman had circulated the notes from the Footpath Meeting to all councillors

L Marsh was pleased to report that many people attended the meeting. The meeting outlined that there are many concerned residents who are interested in providing a safe footpath from Long Lane to Upper Stoke. A list of people was collected to be kept informed and six people offered to create a working group. A member of the public who works for the Norwich Fringe Project kindly designed a project proposal plan.

L Marsh proposed that the project proposal plan is sent to all councillors, Gary Overland and V Thomson for their review. The Clerk was tasked with asking C Bussey for information already collated from the previous footpath working group (Maps, Plans, Land Ownership, Information from Highways).

14. To consider any correspondence received:

Correspondence had been received via our Facebook page in regards to the amount of dog bins our parish currently have and their locations. The Clerk was tasked with contacting South Norfolk Council to request this information.

15. Items for the next Agenda and date of the next Meeting:

The next PC meeting will be held on 16th May 2019 at the **Pavilion** at 7.30pm

The Chairman announced that for some councillors this was their last Parish Council Meeting and thanked all councillors for their many years service and reminded that any who choose not to re-stand or not re-elected to delete records of personal information or return any personal paperwork to the Clerk under the General Data Protection Regulations.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21.20.