

# **MINUTES OF STOW CUM QUY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MEETING NUMBER 8**

Held at Quy Village Hall on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**Present:** Matt Eaton, Ray Jakes, Geoff Hall, Bill Watts, James Heckford.

5 Members of the public

**Members: 7 Quorum 3**

**Clerk:** Mrs S Chambers-Turner

**Meeting opened at 7.30pm**

### **21.74 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received and accepted from David Hurrell.

### **21.75 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None

### **21.76 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**It was proposed by Geoff, seconded by Matt, and resolved that the minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 be approved and signed.**

**ITEM 21.81 WAS MOVED FORWARD.**

### **21.77 OPEN FORUM**

**Members of the public were present to discuss item 21.78.**

### **21.78 HERRINGS CLOSE**

Members of the public were present at the meeting, to discuss the recent letter drop made by the Parish Council to Herrings Close residents. The letter was sent on behalf of the Parish Council to advise residents that complaints had been received about the nature of the games being played in the centre of Herrings Close. Those present wished to express their concern for the children should sanctions potentially be made to the area by South Cambridgeshire District Council, who own the land. The matter was discussed at length, and it was agreed the Parish Council would have no authority to impose restrictions, but the aim of the discussion was to find a happy balance for all residents. It was agreed that the use of a hard football would no longer be permitted but will be replaced with softer version. Matt reminded the meeting that the Parish Council and its members are approachable by all residents equally and that should matters arise in the future everyone is welcome to raise concerns.

### **21.79 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Daunton provided a written District and County report to the Parish Council, details of which are available from the website and upon request from the Clerk.

Councillor Cone provided a written District report to the Parish Council, details of which are available from the website and upon request from the Clerk.

### **21.80 CHAIRMAN AND CLERK REPORTS**

None

### **21.81 CO-OPTION OF SARAH d'AMBRUMENIL**

It was proposed by Matt, seconded by Ray, and resolved that Sarah d'Ambrumenil should be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

### **21.82 QUY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

A request had been received from Quy Village Association to see whether the Parish Council could assist with funding for the Jubilee celebrations. **After discussion it was proposed by Matt, seconded by Sarah, and resolved that the Parish Council will loan the QVA up to £2,000 for the Jubilee celebrations, available in increments.**  
*Action: Sam to speak to Chairman of QVA.*

### **21.83 EASTERN ACCESS CONSULTATION**

Concerns were raised about the proposals made on the Eastern Access it was highlighted that the proposals seem very similar, and it would have been nice to see some variation. The new park and ride site, despite encouragement to relocate the site closer to the Quy roundabout seems to have been overlooked. The impression of the proposal seems to focus on restricting traffic flow past the Cemetery traffic lights, which in turn raises concern for the business's situated on the Retail park and surrounding areas. However, praise was given to the proposals for the cycleways. **Action: Matt to write the Parish Council response to the consultation and circulate.**

### **21.84 PUBLICATION SCHEME**

It was proposed by Ray, seconded by Matt, 5 in favour, 1 abstention and resolved that the publication scheme should be adopted.

### **21.85 HEDGE AT WHEATSHEAF**

It was discussed that despite correspondence being sent to Greene King no acknowledgment has been received. It is therefore suggestion that a final attempt is made to arrange for the hedge to be cut with a time limit of 2 weeks. If no response it made, the Parish Council will arrange for the hedge to be trimmed and bill Greene King accordingly. **Action: Sam to write to Greene King with a quotation to carry out works.**

### **21.86 HEDGE ON CYCLE PATH**

It was proposed by Matt and seconded by James and resolved that the quotation from Henry for trimming the hedge on the cycle path should be accepted.

### **21.87 FINANCE WORKING GROUP**

- a. The finance working group met in October 2021 to set the budget for 22/23. It was reported that some areas of the budget had been overlooked and other areas have been underbudgeted. The new budget will set at £16551. The accounting package that the Parish Council use is outdated and requires replacement. Rialtas as accounting software is a much more appropriate for Parish Council business and should replace the current software. **Action: Sam to contact Rialtas to arrange migration.**
- b. It was discussed that the current budget would not be viable on the current precept therefore **it was proposed by Matt, seconded by James, and resolved that the precept should be raised to £12650 for 22/23.** **Action: Sam to complete paperwork for precept to South Cambridgeshire District Council.**

### **21.88 VILLAGE HALL LEASE**

It is stated in the new village hall lease that as Bill and Geoff are signing on behalf of the Parish Council that they could be held personally liable if anything occurs to the Village Hall. **It was proposed by Matt, seconded by James, and resolved that the Parish Council should assume liability for the new village hall lease should any problems occur.**

### **21.89 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

It was noted that some of the highway matters had been removed from the County Council website, Sam has reported the issues again. Station Road has had the gulleys cleared in the recent weeks, but concern is that this may not be sufficient. It is therefore suggested that the situation is monitored in the coming months. Church Road footpath is deteriorating very quickly and still causes much concern, when the Highways Officer attends this matter will be brought to their attention once again.

### **21.90 COUNCILLOR TRAINING**

Ray and James have now completed the Councillor training sessions. **Action:** *Sam to arrange training sessions for the remainder of the Council.*

### **21.91 SAVE HONEY HILL GROUP**

A recent flyer has been delivered from the Save Honey Hill Group with thanks to Ray, it seems that the assumption is that we will just deliver any documentation that is forwarded. Suggestion is that it would be appropriate to ask before being expected to carry out a leaflet drop.

### **21.92 TREE PLANTING**

All the new trees have now been planted around the village, thanks were given for the working group that helped to plant the trees and a special thanks was given to Bill who has been looking after them since delivery.

### **21.93 SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME**

It has been discussed that speeding between pinch points is of concern, inquiries have been made to the cost of speed indicator signs which would be approximately £5000 for two devices. It is a requirement for placing any speed reduction measures that an application is made to the County Council before action is taken. Sam has contacted the local Speedwatch organisation to see how improvements can be made, awaiting response. A member of the public also raised concern over the speed at which vehicles travel along Main Street to avoid the pinch points. Cllr Daunton suggested that a meeting between Local Highways Officer and the Parish Council could be beneficial to see what options may be available. **Action:** *Sam to arrange a meeting between Highways and Parish Council, invitation to also be extended to Cllr Daunton.*

### **21.94 HORSE POND BARRIER**

The new posts are to be installed at the horse pond to prevent car's parking hopefully before Christmas.

### **21.95 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**21/04762/FUL:** 1 Church Road, Stow-Cum-Quy, two storey rear extension with internal and external alteration. The Council have no objections to this permission being granted. **Action:** *Sam to make comment on planning portal.*

## **21.96 FINANCES**

- a. It was noted that money had been received for the grass cutting contribution, £998.19 and the second instalment of the precept monies £5325.00.
- b. It was noted that September/October accounts have been paid.

## **21.97 SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

**It was proposed by Matt, seconded by Ray, and resolved that delegation for payment of the monthly accounts on behalf of the Council should be given to the Clerk until further notice.**

## **21.98 MEETING SCHEDULE 2022**

**It was proposed by Matt, seconded by Bill, 4 approve, 2 against and resolved that the meetings should return to a monthly format and be moved to third Tuesday of the month. First meeting to take place 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

## **21.99 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

*Items for inclusion on next month's agenda to be sent to the clerk 7 days before the meeting.*

## **21.100 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 7.00pm at the hut.

18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.00pm at the hut

**MEETING CLOSED AT 21.34.**