

**STOKE ASH & THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2022, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Stoke Ash.**

Present: Cllrs P Morris, R Kember, Mrs V Lane, G Leggett, Mrs C Maisey, R Maisey, T Pulham and G Tancred. District Cllr D Burn and County Councillor A Stringer

1. **Apologies for absence and to consider approval of apologies received** – none.
2. **To receive declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda** - none.
3. **PUBLIC FORUM:** to receive the following reports:  
Police – report available online at <http://suffolk.police.uk>. No queries were raised.  
County Council - County Cllr Stringer’s report covered the availability of Cost of Living leaflets (Cllr Stringer urged any parishioner in need of specific or particular help to contact him direct – contact details in report attached below); a local Avian flu outbreak and a proposed Mayor for Suffolk as mentioned in the Chancellor’s recent Statement – full report attached to the Minutes below.  
District Councillor – Cllr Burn referred councillors to the MSDC circular ‘Town & Parish Council update’ document October edition (circulated 3.10.22). Cllr Burn stated the report contained the basis of any information he had to report – copy attached to the Minutes below.  
Parishioners and Public – none.

**4.To consider Health and Safety items for report**

The footbridge in Church Lane, Thwaite was in need of repair – item 13.5 below.

**5. To consider for approval Minutes of the Meeting held 29 September 2022**

Cllr Mrs Maisey proposed acceptance of the Minutes, seconded Cllr R Maisey – unanimously agreed.

**6. Matters arising from the Minutes for report only**

1.5.19	Stoke Ash PC vacancies	Vacancies regularly reported in the parish magazine. It was reported a new resident of Stoke Ash would be interested in joining the Council.
17.5.18	Damaged road signs A140	Reported via Suffolk CC Highways website reporting tool. No repairs as yet carried out by Suffolk CC Highways. The A140/The Street, SA damaged sign to be reported again.
17.5.18	Storage of PC documents at Ipswich Record Office	TP liaising with Record Office.
17.5.18	Thwaite Comm Projects St George’s Hall  St George’s Hall woodwork and quinquennial inspection Ditch clearance – Church Lane, Thwaite Hardstanding at OSR	Questionnaire on future of Hall - Projects Group to report on responses. Deferred pending outcome of parishioner questionnaire Chair to obtain quotation from local contractor Quotation for £750 plus vat. TP offered to complete without charge. To be carried out during the autumn
15/7/21	Grit Bins: Replace small bin at A140 junction opposite primary school with larger bin from PO. Small bin to be moved to PO.	TP/GL would complete.
15/11/18	PIIP’s – identify items of community expenditure from Cil award.  Parishioners’ views on joint village hall or retain separate halls	Contribution to Stoke Ash Play Equipment under consideration  Pending report on St George’s survey
18.7.19	Stoke Ash Play equipment/play surface grant funding Notice Board for information	Pursue grant funding with MSDC – Finance Group  TP

16.1.20	Lunch Club	GL pursuing funding with District Councillor
18.6.20	Review Emergency Plan	GL, TP & RK
17.3.22	Holiday lets – Stoke Ash Inform neighbouring residents of action and suggest they keep record of nuisance behaviour and inform of MSDC template. Contact Environmental Health for noise and unsociable behaviour advice	GL/RK. Complete.  RK in contact with MSDC Environmental Health. Complete.
21.7.22	DCMS Holiday Let consultation – response by 21.9.22	All Councillors - complete
29/9/22	Hill Farm, Huggins Lane	Clarify planning decision – DB/AS
29/9/22	St George’s Thwaite – pedestrian bridge – repairs to rotted footbridge planks and handrail	TP/RM to close bridge pending repairs
29/9/22	Allotments, Thwaite – preparation for letting	TP
29/9/22	CPR Course – arrange Spring 2023	LC

**7. To consider Planning Applications for recommendation to MSDC – none received**

**8. Planning Decisions received from MSDC**

- DC/22/03952: The Walnut Tree, Norwich Road, Thwaite – re-roofing main roof and rear extension.  
**Listed Building Consent Granted**
- DC/22/04071: Junedale, Chapel Lane, Stoke Ash – conversion of and extension of outbuilding to form one dwelling. **Planning Permission Refused**  
Following discussion of the refusal it was proposed and seconded that the Parish Council sent a letter to the applicant stating that the application could be re-submitted providing the reasons the application had been declined were addressed. Six councillors in favour of the proposal, two against – proposal carried.

**9. Planning correspondence**

**Hill Farm, Huggins Lane application for change of use** - A request had been made to the District and County Councillors at the last meeting for clarification of the Decision issued by MSDC. Cllr Burn reported he was in the process of obtaining clarification from the Planning Officer and would report back on that, in the meantime he stated permitted development applications for change of use and prior approval were very complex. In the case of Hill Farm change of use had been permitted but if the execution of the change of use requiring any material changes to the building would be subject to a formal planning application. In addition rigorous conditions had been imposed as outlined in the MSDC decision.

**10. To consider a Stoke Ash & Thwaite Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillors gave further consideration as to whether to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan. To assist deliberations the following points were raised:

One of the main objectives would be to enable local decisions on future development and use of land within both parishes, a plan would not stop development but enable the community to have a large say as to where it would be in either of the two parishes.

A working group consisting of representatives from the parish council and parishioners would need to be set up comprising various individual talents.

Grant funding would be available for preparation of the plan. Costs incurred would comprise professional consultations, surveys and the services of a consultant – grant funding varied from £10,000 - £15,000.

The plan would need to be in alignment with the District Council Local Plan and the NPPF

The final draft plan would need to go through an examination process with an independent examiner and a final referendum through a village consultation, if 51% of parishioners supported the plan the local authority (MSDC) had an obligation to adopt the document

The adopted plan would be subject to periodic review, at least every 5 years.

The Chairman stated there did not currently appear to be any development proposed for either parish in the Joint District Local Plan although both Parishes had land identified as “Residential Allocation”, LS 01 in the proposed Joint Local Plan and if the Parish Council decided not to go ahead at this stage it could always reconsider in the future.

To enable councillors to give a Plan further thought it was agreed any decision be deferred until the next

meeting. In the meantime if councillors had any queries, District Cllr Burn stated he would be happy to answer any queries raised.

**11. Neighbourhood Watch report** – there were no items to report

**12. To consider lack of local Post Office facilities following recent closures**

Following closure of the Stoke Ash Post Office earlier in the year reports had now been received that the Eye Post Office was due to close, the nearest would then be Mendlesham. With many elderly residents in the village there was a suggestion of a mobile Post Office visiting the village. Thorndon already had a mobile Post Office visit. Cllr Mrs Lane offered to visit the Thorndon mobile Post Office on its next visit to enquire whether Stoke Ash could be offered a mobile PO. Failing that Cllr Mrs Lane would speak to a local Thorndon resident who she understood had knowledge of the mobile visits.

**13. Thwaite Community Projects Group**

1. Ditch Clearance – Church Lane, Thwaite – to consider further quotation. The Chairman would obtain the further quotation for consideration at the next meeting.

2. Hardstanding next Old School Room, Thwaite – report on work to date. Cllr Pulham stated the work would be carried out shortly

3. St George's Hall village questionnaire report. Cllrs Leggett and Pulham stated that from the responses received there had been no support for commercial use of the Hall. Further discussion with parishioners on the future of the Hall would need to take place including the possibility of the sale of the building.

4. St George's Hall inspection and woodwork report – deferred pending decision on the future of the Hall.

5. Pedestrian Bridge at St George's Hall – to consider quotation for repair work

Two quotes for refurbishment and repair had been received. To repair in wood £3550 or to repair with metal £3050. The bridge would need to be wide enough for wheelchair use and to comply with health and safety requirements the footpaths through the graveyard would need to be reinstated and marked – from the bridge to the church/hall door and church/hall door to the Old School Room.

A query was raised that if St George's Hall was not retained by the community should such level of expenditure be spent at this stage. It was reported the footbridge was used by the public, community and dog walkers, it would either have to be repaired or taken out of use.

The Chairman stated the Parish Council, as administrator of the Thwaite Community Projects Group, would need to decide whether to repair the bridge or take it out of use.

Cllr Mrs Maisey proposed acceptance of the quotation for the metal bridge (£3050) funded by Thwaite Community Projects, seconded Cllr Kember and unanimously agreed.

County Cllr Stringer queried whether the footbridge and paths formed part of the Church Lane public rights of way network of paths, his footpath map appeared to indicate they did.

Parish Councillors agreed that before progressing the work the repair would be reported to Suffolk CC Public Rights of Way (bridge planks rotted, handrails in need of repair, piers either side of the bridge in need of repair, paths delineated and partially covered grave stones cleared so as to prevent trip hazard/uneven ground). Pending a response from Suffolk CC the bridge would be closed to the public.

6. Report on Allotment Agreements and Rentals 2022-23 – deferred pending clearance and plot marking.

**14. Lunch Club report**

Cllr Leggett reported the lunches were well attended. The next lunch would be the annual Xmas Lunch.

**15. Stoke Ash VH Play and Exercise equipment report**

1. Installation of Notice Board – pending.

2. To consider and agree process for ordering and installation of new play equipment

Cllr Tancred reported the Village Hall now had sufficient funds to contribute to the purchase and installation of the agreed play equipment supplied by Wicksteed. The equipment would be medium price range, all made in the UK.

The Parish Council had agreed to contribute a sum not exceeding £5,000 to include, Cil monies, towards the equipment, the Village Hall would contribute £7,000. The quote from Wicksteed totalled £12,492 including vat.

The Parish Council agreed to purchase the equipment and the Village Hall would pay its contribution into Parish Council funds to cover the cost. The lead time from placing the order to delivery was estimated to be 12 weeks. The quotation could be subject to a slight change due to the length of time when it was originally supplied. Cllr Pulham proposed if there was more than a 10% difference in the purchase price the Village Hall should go back to the Parish Council with revised costs, seconded Cllr Kember and agreed. When installation was complete Cllr Pulham suggested the Parish Council insured the equipment for the first year, after which time insurance would pass on to the Village Hall.

**16. Wash Lane report**

The road at the Wash Lane entrance was flooding during rain. The Chairman offered to rod the pipe which should resolve the problem. The Chairman stated he would cut back the overgrowth along the lane during the spring.

#### 17. Report on Stoke Ash Church Christmas Tree Festival

The Parish Council had been asked whether it would like to take part in the festival this year. Councillors agreed the Council should take part, it was a good opportunity for parishioners to update the parish Wish List. Cllr Leggett would provide the tree.

#### 18. Finance

##### 1. To consider s.137 donation requests

Three donation requests had been received: Mid Suffolk CAB, Headway Suffolk and St Elizabeth Hospice and agreed as follows:

Mid Suffolk CAB – declined at present.

Headway Suffolk – Cllr Pulham proposed a donation of £50.00, seconded Cllr Kember.

St Elizabeth Hospice – Cllr R Maisey proposed a donation of £50.00, seconded Cllr Pulham.

The above proposals were unanimously agreed.

##### To consider s.

Royal British Legion – Parish Council Poppy Wreath – Cllr R Maisey proposed a donation of £50, seconded Cllr Kember and unanimously agreed.

##### 2. Accounts for Payment

Date	Payee	Purchase/Service	Amount	Vat	Total	Agreed/Decl d	Ch no.
10/10/22	Information Comm	Parish Council Data Protection Fee	£40.00	-	£40.00	Agreed	100564
10/10/22	Comm Action Suffolk	Annual Website Hosting fee	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	Agreed	100565
17/11/22	Headway Suffolk	Donation s.137	£50.00	-	£50.00	Agreed	100566
17/11/22	St Elizabeth Hospice	Donation s.137	£50.00	-	£50.00	Agreed	100567
17/11/22	RBL	Donation s.	£50.00	-	£50.00	Agreed	100568
17/11/22	Stoke Ash Baptist Church	Lunch Reserve	£85.84	-	£85.84	Agreed	100569
17/11/22	Clerk	Sal-expen Sept-Nov 22 including NALC recomb back pay	£663-40	-	£663.40	Agreed	100570
17/11/22	E.On Next	Thwaite Projects – OSR electricity due 10/11/22	££18.93	-	£18.93	Agreed	100292

Cllr R Maisey proposed payment of the above accounts, seconded Cllr Kember – unanimously agreed.

##### 4. Finance Working Group

###### (i) Report and to consider recommendations from Finance Meeting held 10 October 2022

Notes from the Working Group meeting had been circulated to councillors with the following recommendations:

1. The cost of the Jubilee Mugs £1027 to be funded from the District Councillor Locality Fund of £1900 kindly donated by Cllr Burn, the remaining £873 to cover other expenses from the event.
2. Bank Accounts at 29.9.22 – BPA £19,837.93; Comm a/c £886.66; Thwaite Projects £6228.20
3. Stoke Ash & Thwaite Income & Expenditure 22 /23 – the Group considered income against expenditure currently as planned and reserves for the following: Wash Lane £649, Lunch Club £85.84, Play Equipment £547 and Cil £2468. The Parish Council had agreed a contribution up to £5000 towards new play equipment to be made up from the play equipment reserve, cil funding plus £1985 from parish council general reserves.

Parish Councillors agreed adoption of the above recommendations.

###### (ii) Report and to consider recommendations from meeting held 11 November 2022 including proposed budget and precept recommendations 2023-24

Notes from the meeting had been circulated to councillors, these covered the following

recommendations:

Notification from NALC of clerk recommended payscales effective 1.4.22 had been received. These showed an increase of £1.00 per hour, increased to £14.48 ph backdated to 1.4.22. The Working Group also reviewed the hours required to cover the work and the current spinal column. The current hours had not been reviewed for a number of years and did not take into account the additional requirements in parish council legislation. It was therefore recommended the hours were increased from 3 to 5 per week, effective 1.4.22 and that the spinal column not reviewed since 2019, was increased from 19 to 21 effective 1.4.23.

Cllr R Maisey proposed adoption of the above, seconded Cllr Kember and agreed.

Six month expenditure against budget – the six month statement to 30.9.22 had been circulated to councillors. This showed the council was on track with expenditure, no queries were raised.

(iii) To consider draft Precept and Budget proposals 2023-24

The proposed draft Budget and Precept suggestions 2023-24 had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Pulham went through the individual budget heads as set out in the notes of 11.11.22. Taking into account the projected spend to the end of the financial year and estimated surplus and an allowance should there be a parish council election May 2023, a draft precept of £7474 was put forward by the Working Group.

Councillors considered the draft figures - an allowance for unforeseen community expenditure had not been included this year and it was queried whether, following the unforeseen legal expense during the current financial year, this expenditure should be reconsidered. A sum of £5,000 for community unforeseen expenditure was suggested. Cllr Tancred proposed this revised sum, which would increase the precept request to approximately £12474 should be considered, seconded Cllr Mrs Lane and agreed. The Working Group would re-draft the budget and precept request for decision at the January 2023 meeting.

**19. Clerk's report/correspondence**

Notification of a Warm Space scheme had been circulated, Grit Bin refills (all bins were full with grit) and the Boundary Commission final consultation document – any comments to be sent to the Clerk.

**20. Chairman's report** – none.

**21. Any other business for information exchange/agenda requests**

**Warm Space** – Cllr Leggett stated he would include a note in the next Parish Magazine encouraging parishioners to contact a parish councillor should they be in need of any help over the winter months and if a problem could not be sorted parishioners would be put in contact with someone who could help.

**Thwaite Christmas Carol Concert** – Cllr Mrs Maisey reported this would take place on Sunday 11 December next, 4.30pm at St George's Hall. All Welcome.

**22. Date of next meeting: Thursday 19 January 2023, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Stoke Ash**

Meeting closed 10.30pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

**Summary of action points**

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	St George's Hall woodwork and quinquennial inspection Ditch clearance – Church Lane, Thwaite Hardstanding at OSR	Chair to obtain quotation from local contractor Quotation for £750 plus vat. TP offered to complete without charge. To be carried out during the autumn
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17/11/22	Mobile Post Office for Stoke Ash	Make enquiries at Thorndon – VL
17/11/22	Road flood at Wash Lane	Clear pipe - PM
17/11/22	Christmas Tree Festival	Report on Wish List

### **County Councillor report – 17.11.22**

For information on local support during the Cost-of-Living Crisis, visit: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving)  
Latest SCC COVID information is available here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/>  
For information on supporting Ukrainian refugees in Suffolk, email: [refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:refugeesupport@suffolk.gov.uk) or [ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk](mailto:ukrainesupport@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk)

### **Cost of Living Budget Survey – SCC Open up for your thoughts**

SCC has released a survey to local residents, asking for their thoughts on the upcoming 2023/24 budget. A summary of responses will be considered when deciding how to spend your money. With inflationary pressures, our Group expects government to seek spending cuts – meaning public services could be cut and council Reserves may have to be used.

To share your thoughts on how the Council should prioritise their budget, as well as highlight vulnerabilities you see in your communities that need further addressing.

For a link to the online survey, click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7BQY0J/>

### **Cost-of-Living Leaflet: Updated to Show Support**

Over 85,000 leaflets, highlighting information and guidance during the crisis, were distributed amongst Suffolk communities. The leaflet shows all the help Suffolk offers with finances and household expenses, as well as how to stay warm this winter. I would encourage anyone to take a look at how Suffolk can help.

For a link to the leaflet, click here: <https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1>

### **SCC's Launch of 'Winter Matters' Campaign**

SCC have launched their Winter Matters campaign, which aims to help ease the pressures of winter for Suffolk residents. This is a signposting campaign that centres around five key themes: Finances, Safety, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, and Highways.

For more information and advice on how SCC can support you during winter, visit: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/wintermatters)

### **Full Council – 20<sup>th</sup> October – GLI Motion**

Suffolk GLI submitted a motion calling for Suffolk County Council to reject the idea of an “Anti-Growth Coalition” exists. The term, coined by former PM Liz Truss, suggests anyone who criticised the government’s economic policy was part of a coordinated group against growing our economy.

Our Group wanted Suffolk County Council to denounce this term and acknowledge the importance in different opinions – including the view that growth should consider social responsibilities, community voices, sound financial policy, and environmental limits. Something we believed the government was not adhering to.

Conservative councillors voted against our motion, however we still feel it is important that our local authorities debate untruthful and divisive claims made by any Prime Minister.

### **Cabinet Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> October**

The Cabinet met for the first time since the summer political recess. The Cabinet agreed to spend £2m on new care provision for Children and Young People in Felixstowe. In addition, SEND services received £10m to provide another round of specialist units in Suffolk. Our Group was hugely supportive, as we want to remove the pattern of families travelling cross-county, or even country for support.

The Suffolk Local Access Forum submitted their annual report, which included their concerns about Sizewell C and its effect on green networks and Rights of Way. Our Group have strongly campaigned in support of the Forum’s position, and we will continue to voice concerns over the damaging effects of energy infrastructure our coastal landscape and biodiversity.

In addition, the Cabinet endorsed Transport East’s new 2050 strategy, which focusses more on green travel and linking rural communities to local economies. Our Group recognises the importance of connecting isolated residents for both profession and pleasure, and we will ensure SCC adopts all priorities into its own policy.

### **Avian Flue Outbreak**

“Suffolk has declared an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone to mitigate that risk of further outbreaks of disease occurring. The disease has been detected at more than 70 premises since the beginning of October, as well as multiple reports in wild birds. The Zone, meaning mandatory housing measures for poultry and captive birds, will be in place until further notice and will be under regular review.

Bird keepers and members of the public should report dead wild birds to Defra’s national Dead Wild Bird Helpline on 03459 33 55 77 and keepers should report suspicion of disease in their birds to the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) on 03000 200 301.

For more information on your local area, visit the Government’s Interactive Avian Influenza Disease Map at <https://defra.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8cb1883eda5547c6b91b5d5e6aeba90d>

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### **County Deal Suffolk**

The Chancellor’s announcement today that the Government has committed to agreeing a County deal for Suffolk. This deal is billed as bringing about more devolution and more control over our future.

“If agreed, this provisional deal would deliver greater decision-making powers around transport, infrastructure and skills.

“The powers and funding on offer have changed since we made our initial bid in August 2021. The Government is actively progressing only the most ambitious devolution deals but, in return, is

seeking greater changes to the way local government is led. SCC are pursuing a model whereby the Leader of Suffolk County Council is directly elected by the people of Suffolk.

The biggest issue here is one of accountability, we were promised no elected Mayor and SCC are turning cartwheels to say this model isn't.

This in our opinion has not been thought through, and not what we were promised.

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**District Councillor – November 2022**



October 2022

**The death of Her Majesty the Queen**

Thank you to all our towns and parishes who helped residents to pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen and send condolences to the Royal family. We recognise the effort behind the scenes in supporting our communities across our districts. Thanks in particular to our Town Council colleagues, who had the additional responsibility of staging the local proclamations of the reign of King Charles III.

[Condolences to the Royal family from our councils](#)

[More information on the historic proclamations that took place across our districts](#)

**Councils set out parking strategy for the next 20 years**

Supporting the needs of local trade and residents, while putting the brakes on climate change – Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have set out their plans for improved parking provision for the next 20 years. [More information](#)

**Bird flu outbreak**

Information on the recent bird flu outbreak in Suffolk. [More information](#)

**Latest CIL funding sees thousands ploughed back into communities**

More than £420,000 in developer contributions is to be ploughed back into communities – funding a study into Thurston railway station and improved play equipment and bus facilities for villages.

[More information](#)

### **A chance to stand for what you believe in**

Residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being encouraged to consider adding their name to the ballot and stand as a district councillor next May. [More information](#)

### **What's Next for Stowmarket?**

Almost 350 residents, businesses and community groups attended the John Peel Centre for our public exhibition to find out more about major projects underway in Stowmarket. The event was coordinated by the Stowmarket Vision Group which includes Mid Suffolk District Council, alongside partners including Stowmarket Town Council, the John Peel Centre, Old Fox Yard, the National Food Museum and others. [Find out more about the projects.](#)

### **Households urged to get Food Savvy and plan ahead to save money and avoid waste**

As the cost of living continues to bite a new campaign has been launched in Suffolk to help families reduce food waste and save money. [More information](#)