# STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 1st October 2018 at 7.30p.m

## ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr Preston Cllr Harborne Cllr Toosey

Cllr Speed Cllr Hall

Borough Cllr Gardiner

5 members of the public

**54.18. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carruthers Vaughan and Tucker. It was noted that Cllr Carruthers is on a leave of absence.

**55.18. Election of new Chairman**

Cllr Preston proposed Cllr Speed be elected as the Chairman of Stratfield Saye Parish Council and the motion was carried unanimously. Cllr Speed accepted the nomination and took the position of Chair.

**56.18 Election of new Parish Clerk**

Cllr Speed proposed Mrs Louise Webb be elected as the Parish Clerk of Stratfield Saye Parish Council and the motion was carried unanimously. Mrs Webb accepted the nomination and took the position of Parish Clerk. It was noted that Mrs Webb has given up the right to draw a salary, except for expenses.

Cllr Speed formally thanked Mrs Penny Mayo and Mr Ian Pearson for their service.

**57.18 Minutes of the Meeting 16th July 2018**

Cllr Preston proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2018 seconded by Cllr Harborne and signed by the Chairman Cllr Speed. Cllr Toosey registered her objection.

**58.18. Councillors’ Motion**

Cllr Toosey objected to the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2018. Her motion moved on notice circulated on 27th September 2018 stated: -

“that the minutes of the parish council meeting of 16th July 2018 are not a true representation as to what was said regarding planning. The minutes also do not reflect the manner in which the questions were asked or the responses given.”

This was noted without debate.

**59.18 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

23.18 Electricity cabinet on Recreation Pavilion still needs to be mended. Cllr Speed will ask the Estate to carry out this work. **AS**

23.18 Cllr Speed to coordinate planting by Estate Gardener around Memorial stone in New Street. Will be done within the next few weeks. **AS**

28.18d. Letter to be sent from Ian Pearson to Penny Mayo possibly regarding GDPR Data and IT Policy. Nobody knows if this has been done. Parish Clerk to follow up with Ian Pearson **LW**

36.18 Cllr Toosey suggested a map identifying the location of public footpaths should be put on the Parish Council website. Clive Manser has sent correspondence to regarding the production of a map board showing public rights of way within the parish and Cllr Toosey has a copy of this correspondence. Mr Manser confirmed free-standing board maps are very expensive. Cllr Harborne stated that Rotherwick has a large one on display. Cllr Speed said it was a consideration of expense versus utility and questioned whether it was a good use of parish money. Cllr Toosey suggested laminating a small A4 map to display on the existing notice boards, rather than buying a freestanding board map. Cllr Harborne and Matthew Corden, from the Iron Duke, agreed it would be good to have a universal map. Cllr Toosey will check to see if there are any copyright issues in downloading, publishing or distributing maps. Cllr Speed confirmed that Ian Pearson has shown him how to update the Stratfield Saye website. **CT**

55.17 No response re parking problems by Morlands received. Cllr Speed closed the issue. It will not be discussed any further unless it becomes an issue again.

**60.18. Borough Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Gardiner reported that under the new boundary proposals, Padworth and Little London would be included within Tadley. We would be included in a three-member ward with Bramley and Sherfield-On-Loddon and the whole ward might be called Bramley, but this is very unpopular. Other names suggested included ‘Wellington’ and ‘Stratfield Saye’. The Parish Council may want to consider and put forward other names.

A consultation is open for a new leisure park in Basingstoke, on the existing site of the Basingstoke Leisure Park on Worting Rd.

Two Rivers are finding operators for the leisure facilities and want to add a designer retail outlet. The money they raise will pay for the leisure park. It will bring in 2000 jobs, with a possible nature reserve.

He asked Councillors to look at the Council website and provide comments.

**61.18. County Councillor’s Report**

There was no report available from the County Councillor

**62.18. Parish Matters**

44.18a Lengthsman Tasks. Cllr Toosey confirmed that the tasks prioritised in the last meeting, have been completed by Mr David Sanders, who worked for 3 days at a cost of £758.40.

Cllr Harborne reported that he charged for hiring a strimmer and a pressure washer, the costs of which we were not clear about before he started.

One quarter of the budget is left for the rest of the financial year, but the spindles in the pavilion balustrade have been repaired.

Cllr Toosey suggested that as there is no urgent work left to be done, we can revisit this topic in a few months.

Borough Councillor Gardiner reminded the Councillors that any unspent budget can be carried over.

Cllr Harborne reported Mr Sanders charges £28 per hour and he worked 19 hours. Cllr Hall noted this seemed extremely expensive for a handyman.

Cllr Speed questioned whether we have to use him. Councillor Gardiner informed the Councillors that Mr Sanders is used by Pamber, but the Parish Council is allowed to employ anyone (if our Lengthsman Agreement allows)

Cllr Speed suggested that one of the Estate’s employees might want to do this work at a lower cost (£15 per hour).

Borough Councillor Gardiner informed the Councillors that HCC provides Pamber with funding for lengthsman tasks and Stratfield Saye is an associate parish under that agreement. Pamber uses Mr Sanders as its contractor but a new agreement will be needed in March next year. This is another reason to spend the budget this year.

Cllr Speed asked Councillors to decide how to spend the balance of budget at the next Parish Council meeting.

44.18b Loddon Sports Junior FC wrote to Cllr Preston on 24th August to confirm that they will not be using the facilities at the recreation ground during 2018/19. They subsequently telephoned Cllr Preston to say there had been a change of circumstances and they might want to use the recreation ground after all. It is not clear whether they will use the pitch this year. *[Afternote – Parish Clerk will contact Loddon Sports Junior FC for an update]*

44.16c Section 106 monies. Mr Manser has overseen Hartley’s renewal of the sewage pipes into the cesspit. The pipes were not originally fitted correctly. Unfortunately he is still not sure that the tank is watertight. There might still be a leak, as the neck into the tank was not sealed. Mr Manser will check the tank next time it rains heavily to see if there is any water ingress.

Cllr Preston reported that Mrs Mayo has spoken to Mr Paul Martin at BDBC about releasing the s106 monies. Mrs Mayo believes the payment will be released, but it might take a while.

Cllr Preston will speak to BDBC again and confirmed that Hartley’s bill was received 10 days ago for £1,358 plus VAT, totalling £1,629.60.

The Council thanked Mr Manser for his work.

48.18d Parish Clerk will speak with Mrs Mayo to obtain an update regarding the further request for s 106 monies for the new benches at Fair Cross and the recreation ground.

**63.18. Correspondence**

All correspondence is dealt with under specific items.

**64.18. Highways**

Cllr Preston reported that this issue relates to speeding concerns from Mortimer Lane along Fair Oak Green to West End Green. Mr Martin Bruty has contacted the Council and the Police. The Police want HCC to carry out a speeding survey. Mr Bruty has agreed to pay for two survey points at a cost of £250 each. He may pay for a third if needed. Mr Alfred Norty will organise this as soon as the money has been paid. After the survey has been carried out, the Police might attend with speed guns, or chicanes could be installed but this might not be practical considering local farming traffic.

Borough Councillor Gardiner reported there is a similar situation in Pamber Heath. Pamber Parish Council is being asked for £3000 to install 6 chicanes, which is not cheap. Only HCC is allowed to do the work but they are very expensive.

Cllr Preston agreed that this is a big cost and we must consider who is going to pay for it? Mr Bruty might not be aware that we have limited funds. He might not be willing to pay for the speeding survey if the Parish Council cannot fund the remedies. Borough Councillor Gardiner informed Cllr Preston that there is a Discretionary Grant fund that might meet the cost. Cllr Preston will investigate. *[Afternote – Cllr Preston has now contacted Mr Rhydian Vaughan who controls this fund]*

**65.18. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

**66.18.** **Planning Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

Borough Councillor Gardiner informed the Councillors that the Ramblers Farm proposal is likely to be recommended for refusal, as the site is not considered previously developed. The site that you want to build on has to have had previous development on the curtilage. Cllr Preston enquired whether it might be considered a “small-scale development in the countryside”. Cllr Gardiner thought not.

Cllr Toosey asked whether the Parish Council should submit a letter of support but Borough Councillor Gardiner said that you must appear in person at the meeting. Cllr Speed stated that letter probably would not carry any weight.

**67.18.**

**a. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters**

Parish Clerk to contact Democratic Services section at BDBC to update their records regarding the election of Cllr Speed and Mrs Webb.

**b. Basingstoke & Deane Association of Parish & Town Councils (BDAPTC)**

**c.** **Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters**

**d. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matter**s

There were no reports available for any of these items

**68.18 Finance**

a. Payments. The following cheque has been issued on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

 C. Toosey New Spindles £17.50

Cllr Preston informed the Councillors that payment for the drainage works is pending.

**69.18 Parish Councillors Comments**

Cllr Hall reported that Gigclear has overcommitted on their promises and are now postponing the planned network build in the area.

Cllr Speed suggested that the Parish should wait and see what happens.

Cllr Preston confirmed that Mr Des Best has apparently not spoken to the previous Clerk or any Councillor about joining the Parish Council.

Cllr Hall reminded Councillors that Mike Toms has expressed an interest and this should be followed up.

Cllr Speed stated that he would speak to Mr Best and if appropriate, then approach Mr Toms.

Cllr Harborne informed the Parish Council that Mrs Mayo has provided a list of dates from Loddon Link for submission of an article in each month’s publication. It was agreed that one person should submit a short article each month about things of interest in the Parish, with a photo. Parish Clerk volunteered to do this.

**70.18 Open Forum**

Mr Matthew Corden, of the Iron Duke, asked if the Parish Clerk could write to the footballers informing them to use just half of the pub’s car park furthest from the building, under the oak trees. Or they could use the village hall car park. He also asked that they leave by 12 noon please if possible – 12.30pm very latest.

Mr Corden also brought up the regular flooding at cross roads outside the pub. He believed the ditch needs digging out. Cllr Speed said he looked into this and the ditch has already been dug out. He does not know where the ditch drains to and will ask the Estate to look into this.

Cllr Hall informed the Councillors that he has previously complained to the Council and told it was an Estate issue.

Cllr Speed said the ditch might need clearing all the way along. It is estate business and he will deal accordingly.

**71.18.** **Dates of Next Meetings**

The next Parish Meeting will be on 3 December 2018 at 7.30pm

**72.18. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Speed at 8.22p.m.