# STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.30pm

## ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr Speed Cllr Harborne Cllr Toosey

Cllr Toms Cllr Preston Cllr Best Cllr Mahaffey

Mrs L. Webb (Parish Clerk)

0 members of the public

**49.19. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gardiner, Cllr Vaughan and Cllr Hall.

**50.19 Minutes of the Meeting 7th October 2019**

Cllr Toosey proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2019, seconded by Cllr Preston and signed by the Chairman Cllr Speed.

**51.19 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

36.18 Ordinance Survey Map. Cllr Mahaffey had previously suggested we use Parish Online, which we have now subscribed to. Cllr Toosey showed us an example of the map from the website. You can have different levels of detail. Mrs Locke is putting on the extra details on her hand drawn map for us. We can use either or both maps. We can use the professional map on our website – no copyright issued. Both are free to use, so we should upload both, and put copies of the hand-drawn one on notice boards in the village. We should also consider circulating it to residents and mention it in the next LVL article.

44.18d Purchase of new picnic benches. Parish Clerk confirmed the order has been placed but no delivery information received as yet. Estate to help install. **LW**

79.18a Purchase of the dragonfly play sculpture has been completed. Parish Clerk to organise insurance requirements. **LW**

44.18a Lengthsman Scheme. The Parish Clerk has received an email from Cllr Vaughan confirming that the Lengsthman Scheme is at risk due to HCC budget cuts. The Parish Clerk has written to Cllr Vaughan to highlight how vital this service is to our village. Cllr Vaughan has also written to his colleagues to oppose the scrapping of this scheme. All correspondence has been copied to Councillors via email. As a parish, we simply cannot afford to replace the Lengthsman Scheme and it helps keep our village clean, tidy and safe. There would be a serious risk to the general public and residents if shrubs and trees were not regularly cut back along our narrow lanes. We are waiting to hear from HCC. Lengthsman has quoted £90 plus VAT to mend the fence on New Street. We have £944 left to spend and will ask him to cut hedges and bushes around the village speed posts and benches. Cllr Preston asked that he does not cut down the saplings behind West End pond bench. It was agreed that we should hold off all cleaning and pruning until the new year. The hedges at the 5 ways junction has been cut back by Estate. The fence by Keeps Corner is also down but not sure who owns it – Cllr Toosey will look at it. **CT**

44.18b Football Pitch

Cllr Speed has spoken to Kestrel, who are professional football pitch installers and maintainers. They say they need to strip it, put new drainage in and re-seed it in September next year. This will give us a Grade 4 pitch. **AS**

38.19.a Funding Sources for the Parish.

The Parish does not have the requisite financial resources to contribute 10% of the cost of the works needed for the VEOLIA Trust application. Greenham Trust is a more realistic prospect for us, so we should proceed with that. Cllr Mahaffey has given us a copy of his application and he confirmed it took about 4/5 months to complete. He recommended that we create a video with our children to assist the application. Cllr Speed was surprised at what a bad state the pitch was in. There was discussion about whether we could we create more parking? Gravel driveways don’t need planning permission, but a concrete drive would. Or we could use matting in the grass and it was generally agreed that this was a good idea.  **LW/AS**

Tesco might help our charitable project. Cllr Harborne to look into it. **AH**

Clive Manser has reported to the PC that manhole cover needs to be screwed down and the cess pit is full of ground water again. Cllr Speed said they are having this trouble all over the Estate. Cllr Speed will ask his cess pit expert to look at it. **AS**

79.18e Flooding by the Iron Duke. Cllr Vaughan has been actively chasing this issue with the relevant department at HCC. The work is listed to be done – but no start date is available yet. Road by Milton House still has a big pot hole where the rain water has made the road crumble. Site visit done at the Iron Duke site on 21st November according to Cllr Harborne. Everything has been reported to HCC **AS**

23.19.a Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Saturday 9th May 2020.

List of potential stalls and vendors prepared by LW and Cllr Speed but we have learned that Mortimer PC is holding a big event on this date. Do we still want to do something, perhaps change the date of the event to the Sunday 10th. All agreed.

Lunch is easier to organise than afternoon tea. People might go away for the long weekend but nothing we can do about this. The PC should consider discounting the food. Parish Clerk to consider insurance requirements. Inflatables, marquee, bar from Iron Duke, tea from pavilion, farmshop BBQ, stalls, pony rides, ice creams, face painting. No steam engines as Clive Manser away. It will be a low-level community event. Work will begin on the football pitch in the summer, so this should not clash. Perhaps the Estate could sponsor the event and then it would be covered by their insurance. Instead of discounted food perhaps we could offer free tea and coffee, cake, soft drinks etc applies to all members of the community. It should be advertised in the LVL and with fliers and posters. **AS/LW**

**52.19. Borough Councillors’ reports**

Report from Cllr Mahaffey. He is no longer on Development Committee as Conservatives lost their majority and this change had to be represented on the Committee.

A group of travellers from Basildon in Essex has recently occupied an area near Sainsburys in Hatch Warren. They were moved on within hours of arrival as a result of the Borough wide injunction, but he is not sure where they have gone.

There has been a spate of car windows and window smashed in Tadley & Pamber. A new Budget has been presented at BDBC and an email asking for comments has been circulated already.

Community Needs Assets email – Cllr Mahaffey will email to Parish Clerk.

Planning inspectorate has turned down appeal at Cufaude Lane. Travellers have 12 months to vacate.

Planning appeal against Leisure Park rejected. Ice rink been there for a long time. Build up of permafrost for several feet under the ground, pushing out foundations, which is likely to make the ice rink unusable in the near future. Developers have said they will build a new temporary ice rink. BDBC are looking at potential areas of land that can be allocated for this. Investigative reports on three sites were presented to the Communities, Environment and Partnerships Committee which indicated costs of between £3-3.5m to prepare the land. Cllr Mahaffey stated that his personal thoughts favoured the Thorneycroft site as it has potential for the provision of adequate parking by using the main leisure park site.  All three sites had limited parking space available.

The 12th December Council meeting has been rescheduled to 19th December.

We should check the Basingstoke website, as there are funds available for sports grants.  **AS/LW**

Cllr Mahaffey spoke of his concerns about the potential for modern day slavery in the area, mostly nail bars and car washing. There is a website where you can check whether a car washing site is safe – [www.theclewerinitiative.org](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org/)

**53.19. County Councillor’s Report**

No report was available.

**54.19. Parish Matters**

a. Mr Ronald McKellar has offered the Parish Council an annual sum of £300 for the purposes of pest control on the Recreation Ground. The Chairman thanked Mr McKellar for his generosity. **LW**

b. We have been informed us that the defibrillator installed at The Iron Duke has been badly fitted. AW to follow up. **AS**

**55.19. Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

**56.19. Highways**

a. We have been advised that a section of Mortimer Lane will be closed for 5 days from 12 December onwards. This is to allow a new water service to be connected.

81.18a Cllr Toms has prepared a second discussion paper on our options to limit speeding in the village. This new discussion paper has already been circulated to all Councillors for their consideration. Second plan to come this week with reduced costs as initial plan is financially beyond us. We could build our own gateways and just focus on roundels on the road, Speedwatch, SIDS and local signage. Roundels are affordable but gateways are not. We also have £1000 from Cllr Vaughan to spend. Cllr Speed to discuss with Cllr Vaughan further funding for the next year.

**AS**

For now we should hire devices from Baughurst and then perhaps thinking about buying some at a later date. We should consider buying some fencing and then liaise with HCC about where they should go before we install them. They have to be 450mm from edge of highways.

Cllr Preston proposed that the Parish Council proceeds with the use of Speedwatch, electronic devices that register actual driver speed and signage on dustbins, seconded by Cllr Harborne.

The Council needs more information on erecting signs at strategic points around the village within HCC guidelines

Is there any way to reduce the speed on the corner Keeps Corner on Fairoak Lane? Cllr Toms to ask the Council. **MT**

**57.19. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

Reports from PCSO Emma Page have been circulated to all councillors.

**58.19.** **Planning Matters**

a. Application for planning permission 19/02628/HSE - Fairfields. This property is owned by Mr & Mrs Bruty and relates to a proposed a single story rear extension at Fairfields, Mortimer Lane. No planning comments.

b. Planning application 19/03128/FUL Home Farm. This property is occupied by the Chairman, who is conflicted out of any discussion on this application and he left the room. The application is for changeof use of agricultural building to B1 offices and erections of a 2 storey entrance extension, as well as associated landscaping and car parking.No planning comments.

**59.19.**

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

**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

**60.19 Finance**

a. Payments Made. The Clerk read out the payments listed below made on behalf of the Council since the last meeting: -

Vision ICT Email hosting £ 216.00

Berkshire Extinguisher Pavilion fire inspection £ 60.00

ICO Membership renewal £ 35.00

Mr Richard Gregory Grass Cutting £ 280.00

NBB Recycled Furniture New picnic tables £1608.00

Sit Play Educate New play sculpture £ 525.00

SSE Electricity £ 191.03

**TOTAL £2915.03**

Payments Received: -

**TOTAL £0.00**

Payments to be Made:-

LJW Expenses Babysitting £76.50

**TOTAL** **£76.50**

b. The Chairman and Parish Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations for August and September 2019.

c. Setting of precept. The Parish Clerk issued the Councillors with a budget of expenditure for period December 2019 to March 2021. Cllr Toosey proposed the precept for 2020/21 be as shown on the budget as £4130.00 seconded by Cllr Toms. Forms to be completed and sent to BDBC. It was also acknowledged by the Parish Council that its finances are helped by the Clerk not drawing an annual salary. **LW**

**61.19 Parish Councillors Comments**

No comments were made

**62.19 Open Forum**

No comments were made.

**63.19.** **Dates of Next Meetings**

Parish Council meetings will be held on the following dates in the Village Hall, New Street:

3rd February 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

18th May 2020 7pm AGM (followed by)

18th May 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

5th October 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

7th December 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting (to include the setting of the precept for 2021/22)

**48.19. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Speed at 9pm.