**STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF**

**STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**

Monday 13th May 2024 at 7pm

in the Stratfield Saye Village Hall

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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|  | **In attendance** | **Apologies** | **Absent** |
| **Cllr Hall** | **☑** |  |  |
| **Cllr Harborne** | **☑** |  |  |
| **Cllr Peck** | **☑** |  |  |
| **Cllr Preston** |  | **☑** |  |
| **Cllr Toms** | **☑** |  |  |
| **Cllr Toosey** | **☑** |  |  |
| **Cllr Wainwright** | **☑** |  |  |

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Louise Webb (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

*Record of Councillor Attendance at meetings in the past financial year 2023/2024:*

*Speed - 4/4 Harborne - 5/5 Toosey - 5/5 Preston - 3/5 Hall - 5/5*

*Toms - 5/5 Peck - 1/1 Wainwright - 1/2*

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| **34.24.a** | **Re-election of Chairman & Vice Chairman. Receive the signed Declaration of Office Form for the Chairman and all Councillors**  A signed declaration of acceptance of office form was **RECEIVED** from every Councillor and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Code of Conduct.  **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Peck as Chairman and the signed declaration of acceptance of office form was **RECEIVED**.  **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Preston as Vice- Chairman. |
| **34.24.b** | **Apologies**  Apologies were **RECEIVED** and accepted from Councillor Preston. Apologies were received from County Councillor Vaughan. |
| **35.24** | **Election of Officers**  a. Village Hall - Cllr Harborne  b. Basingstoke & Deane Association of Parish Councils - Cllr Preston  c. Footpaths & Recreation Ground - Cllr Toosey  d. Hampshire Associate of Town Councils - Cllr Preston  e. Trees Environment - Cllr Toosey  f. Pond - Cllr Hall  g. Media - Cllr Wainwright.  h. Transport - Cllr Toms  i. Mornington Cup Garden Competitions - Cllr Hall |
| **36.24** | **Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting on 15th May 2023**  **APPROVED** the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th May 2023 as a true record of the meeting. |
| **37.24.a** | **Report for 2023/2024 from the Chairman**  Good evening all,  Its my opportunity to say a few words of reflection of the past year. For me personally, the last year has been a significant one, which saw my wife Charlotte and I move to the village, and whilst we have a been here for 1 year, I cannot quite say the same thing for my tenure as chairman. I’ve had the privilege of being the chair of this parish council for the last few months, and I have to say an enormous thank you to the other councillors and of course to our Clerk for the fantastic work that everyone puts into to help make a difference to the village of Stratfield Saye.  In the short period of time that I have been in the village, we have seen a great deal of progress in various aspects of village life (which I must add, is not down to me, but instead to the hard work of everyone here this evening!). We have continued to with our commitment to the speeding campaign, which over the coming months will see the SID in use at up to 10 locations throughout the village, and we continue to discuss with Hampshire County Council, the state of our roads and ensuring that we get priority repairs to the potholes through the village. In more recent weeks, the swift and decisive action of the Clerk and fellow councillors saw the removal travellers who moved into the recreation ground just a few weeks ago. It is the agility and close knit working relationships of our council that allow us to respond so quickly to residents needs and to address the priorities of our village.  Looking forward, there is a lot to get excited about, the village garden competition will be in action once again this year, which will be a fantastic opportunity for the village get together and enjoy some healthy competition! We are also hopeful to receive some grant funding from BDBC to help develop a community space in the form of a memorial garden in a small area of the recreation ground. We hope to be able to share more information in the coming months. I look forward to the coming months, and together as a parish council I hope we can make a positive difference to our village and local community. |
| **37.24.b** | **Reports for 2023/2024 from the County/ Borough Councillors**  Nothing to report. |
| **37.24.c** | **Report for 2023/2024 for the Village Hall**  Update from Cllr Harborne: -  The main activities and income stream for the village hall are pilates, bridge, art classes, a sewing group, parties and a car company using the car park for photos. Pony Club bookings have been appreciated. The once a month village coffee morning happens on the 1st Monday in the month at 11am and is well attended. Electricity and oil costs have significantly increased but income is just covering costs. More bookings are always welcome. There is a new flag outside and a free Coronation picture of the King was applied for. Thank you to Linda & Ady Bishop and Veronica Upton. |
| **37.24.d** | **Report for 2023/2024 from the Police**  Nothing to report. |

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| **38.24** | **Correspondence**  Nothing to report. |
| **39.24** | **Public participation**  A parishoner thanked us for cutting the hedge by the pond in West End Green. |
| **40.24** | **Closing**  The meeting was closed at 7.12 pm pm by Cllr Peck. |
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