

## MINUTES

### STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 th January 2015 at 7.30 p.m in the Village Hall.

#### ORDINARY MEETING

##### Present:

Cllr C Manser                      Chairman                      Cllr Preston Vice-Chairman                      Cllr Hall  
Cllr Carruthers                      Cllr Nixon                      Cllr Hare  
Cllr Pearson                      Mrs Mayo Clerk

Also present 3 parishioners.

##### 1.15 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker, Gardiner and Chapman.

##### 2.15 Minutes of the Meeting & 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014

Amendments to the circulated minutes 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 were made:

108.14b – amended to read that this was carried unanimously by the whole Council at the meeting.

111.14 - Dates of forthcoming meetings were corrected to read 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

The minutes of the meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 were then signed as accurate by the Chairman Cllr Manser.

##### 3.15 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

96.14 Cllr Hare has spoken to the Estate Archivist. The Clerk will now contact her direct by e mail. **PM**

The Clerk is still awaiting a response to her application to the Woodlands Trust.

97.14c The recent Parish Christmas lunch on 22<sup>nd</sup> December for local residents had been well attended with approximately 20 residents and 7 children. There was a small shortfall of £9 covered by the Parish Council.

It will be held earlier in the month next December so it is hoped more people will be able to attend.

97.14e The Clerk reported that the application has now been presented to the Portfolio holder for consideration and she hopes to have an answer in about 2/3 weeks.

99.14 It was noted that reported potholes in the Parish have still not been repaired. Cllr Carruthers reported that the state of the driveway entrance to the last homes on New Street, including No 41, were the responsibility of the Highways Authorities. The Clerk will contact HCC. **PM**

109.14 Broadband Provision. Cllr Pearson is still investigating options and cost on behalf of the Parish Council & gave a short verbal report on progress and results so far.

a. Open Reach, BT, have stated that it is uneconomic to put a cabinet in WEG and one placed in New Street area would not necessarily cover everywhere in the vicinity. They stated costs to provide cover would be in excess of £50000+VAT. Open Reach's company policy means they will not connect to the new Estate cabinet nor will they allow any other company access to theirs.

b. He is awaiting a quote of basic costs to install fibre cable from a Farnborough based provider to a cabinet in the Village, perhaps linked to the newly installed Estate cabinet. Then fibre optic cabling would be run to each house wishing to be linked, although these costs are still unknown. Once he has all the information necessary on options together with costs he intends to hold a meeting in the Village Hall under the umbrella of the Parish Council and invite all parishioners affected to attend to explain options and costs involved. This way he would be able to also gather numbers of properties who would sign up to any provision. He has also contacted MP James Arbuthnot for help.

The Government has provided funding to County Councils to continue the rollout under a "Secondary Expansion Programme". It may be that funding could be provided under this but that is not certain at present.

*When he is ready he will contact the Clerk who will arrange for the Hall booking and notices to ensure as wide an audience of residents as possible.* **IP/PM**

##### 4.15 Borough Councillors' reports

There were no matters to discuss.

##### 5.15 Parish Matters

a. Recreation grass. Cllr Hall bought up the cost of cutting the outside area of the recreation ground and asked the Parish Council to review their policy in view of the costs involved. Councillors will meet on site in March to review the situation and decide on how to go forward with limited cuts throughout the growing season. The Clerk will inform Council how many cuts took place in 2014. **AGENDA**

The need for a sign identifying the recreation ground was mentioned. The Clerk will obtain prices. **PM**

b. Pavilion cesspit. Cllr Manser has investigated the situation with the excessive need to empty the tank since the summer at considerable cost to the Parish Council despite a lack of use. It appears that ground water is entering the tank and filling it up so there is a strong possibility that the tank is damaged or connections broken. A local contractor Thurleys will investigate the situation in April/May. This may mean a new tank has to be installed – cost approximately £450+ Vat + labour. However with the costs of emptying rising significantly a new installation was thought to be the best option. The Parish Clerk will write to the Football club explaining the problem and asking them to limit use of the toilets and sinks. **PM**

##### 6.15 Correspondence

The Clerk had received no further correspondence.

##### 7.15 Highways

The Clerk will chase HCC about reported problems at Fair Oak, the Barrel Arch and Chevrons at Wigmore corner and any others of which she is aware. **PM**

### **8.15 Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

The Clerk had circulated a report from PCSO Nathaniel Johnson. It was noted that there was a theft of oil from a garden tank. The Clerk will contact a local round robin e mail group to include a warning. **PM**

### **9.15 Planning Matters**

There was no further news about the planning application for Herriot's farm yard. The Clerk had received an e mail from BDBC Enforcement stating they were not able to make any public comments.

### **10.15 Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **11.15 Basingstoke & Deane Association of Parish & Town Councils (BDAPTC)**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **12.15 Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters**

There were no matters to discuss

### **13.15 County Councillor's Report**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **14.15 Hampshire Association of Town Councils (HATC) Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **15.15 Finance**

The Clerk has now arranged for online banking of the Parish Account. It was decided that as the Clerk would be in a position to make payments alone that she would send e mails to the Councillors giving details of payments she would carry out after 24hrs to give Councillors time to comment. Should there be no comments received she will then arrange payments. She will also continue to bring copies of the cash book to all meetings.

- a. Online payments made before meeting:
- b. Online payments made after the meeting:

*Since the meeting the Clerk has cancelled the online banking option and will revert to issuing cheques for suppliers which are agreed and signed at the Parish Council Meetings.*

### **16.15 Parish Councillors' Comments**

Cllr Hare said the new broadband provision by the Estate should be operational in February.

Cllr Nixon asked the Parish Council to fund a commemorative bench for the late Duke of Wellington to be placed somewhere in the parish. The Clerk will obtain prices. **PM**

The Clerk will place an advert into the Loddon Link to inform parishioners of the date of the AGM. **PM**

Cllr Pearson asked if there were sufficient grit bins in the Parish – they have only been provided on slopes.

### **17.15 Open Forum.**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **18.15 Dates of Next Meetings**

Ordinary Meeting 2 nd March 2015	Ordinary Meeting & AGM 11 th May 2015
Ordinary Meeting 6 th July 2015	Ordinary Meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2015
Ordinary Meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	

### **19.15 Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Manser at 8.35p.m