

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr I Pearson, Chairman

Cllr N Hall

Cllr A Harborne

Cllr C Toosey

Cllr J Carruthers

Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

Borough Cllr R Gardiner

4 parishioners

Rhydian Vaughan, selected Conservative candidate for the County Council elections in May 2017.

01.17. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Prestom, Chapman & Tucker & parishioner Pam Best.

02.17. Minutes of the Meeting & 5th December 2016

98.16a – noted that Cllr Hare was also absent for October 2016 meeting with no leave of absence granted by the Parish Council

Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Cllr Carruthers, seconded by Cllr Hall, and signed as accurate by Cllr Pearson as Chairman.

03.17. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

98.16d. The Clerk has a list of people willing to help. Due to weather Agenda item for next meeting.

AGENDA

109.16. The Clerk will contact BDBC to ascertain how much 106 monies are available to the Parish & to see if there is a time limit for use.

PM

98.16c. The Councillors agreed to purchase the Broxaq Blackburn bench to be placed at WEG cost £549 + VAT. The Clerk will order the bench & fittings & Cllr Hall will arrange for the installation & give the Clerk an invoice for any costs incurred. Proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Harborne.

PM/NH

99.16 It was again noted that there was nothing the Parish Council can do about parking at WEG.

04.17. Borough Councillors' reports

Cllr Gardiner gave a brief report. He informed the meeting that there are no plans to introduce 2 weekly bin collections. The Borough Council have only asked the contractors, who are in the process of tendering for the new contracts, to provide costings for weekly & 2 weekly collections to see the differentials in costs & to see if they receive much public comment. If glass collection is less frequent larger red bins will be provided while green sacks, changing from 25lt to 20lts, may be replaced by a wheelie bin.

The Executive Director vacancy is still vacant as the recent appointee has withdrawn.

05.17. Parish Matters

a. Parish Councillor Vacancy – co-option. Eve Pullen had withdrawn her candidacy due to work commitments. Andrew Speed, the new Estate Director, had submitted his name to fill the vacancy.

Cllr Toosey proposed co-option of Mr Speed, seconded by Cllr Hall and agreed by all present. The Clerk will contact him to arrange for him to fill in all the necessary forms.

PM

b. Commemoration Service for VC awarded to James Welch. Cllr Pearson reported on the progress of arrangements for 29th April 2017 11.00a.m. The plaque will be sited on a plinth on the grass in front of Nos 10-16 New Street. Dignitaries will be asked to arrive at 10.15 to move to their seats by 10.45. The Rifles regiment will provide a Guard of Honour & BDBC will arrange press releases & provide a video photographer. New Street will be closed on the day, with residents receiving a note to inform them of the arrangements in good time. Cllr Pearson will give an address, the reader of the Citation has yet to be confirmed and the Remembrance service will be taken by Richard Elphick (Licensed Lay Minister).

c. Broadband – Gigaclear. Cllr Pearson reported that Gigaclear is bringing the superfast Berkshire Programme to Butlers Lands Farm, 0.6 of a mile from WEG. He has submitted a map to them, dividing Stratfield Saye into 4 main areas & asked them for costs for the whole area & for each separate area as some areas may not wish to proceed due to the costs.

Area 1 – connected to the Mortimer Exchange – 1-2 per sec speed

Area 2 - New Cabinet installed by the Estate – linked to Turgis Green – 10-20 per sec speed

Area 3 – 5 Ways/Goodchilds Hill – linked via Bramley cabinet to Turgis Green- upwards of 10 per sec speed

Area 4 – Turgis Green – linked to area 3.

Once he has the costings he will inform residents. Cllr Pearson informed the meeting that he has contacted the Government, HCC, asked that SS be a pilot scheme for fibre roll out, all to no avail and that the Universal Service Obligation by 2020 which should see the area get only 40% of what other areas already have now may not necessary even happen. Gigaclear is therefore the only option he feels is available to improve the broadband coverage in SS.

d. Recreation Pavilion – Mr Manser reported on the problems with the newly installed septic tank at the Pavilion. After emptying the tank was totally full again within a week with no one using the facilities. Hartley Contractors had attended the site that day, dug up the area & found that the vertical shaft had been incorrectly installed & was allowing ground water to pour into the tank. It has now been repaired & Mr Manser will check to see that the problem has been stopped. It was noted however that the Parish Council need to appoint someone to be responsible for regularly checking the system for the future.

AGENDA

It was noted that water is coming from the direction of the Iron Duke onto the Recreation field as there are no ditches. The Car park was also noted to be in bad condition & in need of repair.

The Parish Clerk reported on the flooding of the Pavilion. The recent cold weather had caused the joint under the sink to spring apart with the resultant water totally flooding all areas. She has contacted the insurance provider. **PM**

The Clerk met a contractor sent by the Insurance agent on site 8th February. They removed the carpets and have placed electric driers in the Pavilion to remove water. They will return in a week to review the site but think that the chipboard floor will have to be removed & replaced as it will have soaked up water & expanded. The Clerk will keep the Council informed of their actions. While the insurance should cover all the costs there will be an excess payable by the Parish Council. **PM**

06.17. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

07.17. Highways

There were discussions about the difficulties of exiting the area onto the A33. Suggestions of a round-about by the Wellington Arms was thought one option.

08.17. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

It was noted that the recent police circulation had made no mention that a man had been beaten up in Stratfield Saye. The Clerk will contact the police for comment. **PM**

09.17. Planning Matters

16/04440/FUL - A33 application. It was reported that there had been considerable objections registered against this application. The Clerk will contact Sheffield on Loddon for an update of the situation. **PM**

10.17. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

12.17. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

13.17. County Councillor's Report

There were no matters to discuss.

14.17. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

15.17. Finance

a. Payments. The Clerk issued the schedule, listed below, of all payments made on behalf of the Council which the Councillors signed as correct.

Village Hall	rental for 2016	202.00
J Carruthers	Coffee morning supplies	74.76
P Mayo	exps	12.92
Spencer & Peyton	VC pillar	420.00

b. Donation to Heart start. The Clerk asked the Parish Council to make a donation to Heart start for all their help in obtaining the defibrillator. Cllr Carruthers proposed a donation of £100, seconded by Cllr Toosey. The Clerk will arrange payment. **PM**

c. Creation of a subsistence travel fund for residents towards hospital visit costs. The Parish Council discussed various options running locally and which Stratfield Saye may be able to join – Bramley & Sheffield on Loddon schemes. Cllr Carruthers will send contact details for the person running a scheme in which she is involved – Stevie Horton to the Clerk. It was also suggested that Age Concern be contacted. **JC/PM**

d. *The Financial arrangement, statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment & the Standing Orders will all need to be reconfirmed at the next meeting to satisfy the Internal & External Auditors.* **PM**

16.17 Parish Councillors' Comments

The Clerk was asked to again chase the problem of the narrow new gateway on the Bridleway with the Estate. **PM**

17.17 Open Forum.

No other matters were raised.

18.17 Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be 8th May 2017 AGM.

19.17 Closing

Cllr Pearson closed the meeting at 8.45p.m