

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall on Monday 4th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr C Manser Chairman Cllr S Nixon Cllr I Pearson Cllr J Carruthers
Cllr K Chapman Cllr R Gardiner Mrs Mayo Parish Clerk
Also present 6 parishioners

20.16 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Preston, Hall, Hare and Tucker.

21.16. Minutes of the Meeting & 8th February 2016

Parish Councillors present agreed the minutes 8th February 2016 as accurate which were then signed by the Chairman Cllr Manser.

22.16. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- 3.16/54.15. The Clerk confirmed that 106 monies available can be used to purchase a basketball hoop and will obtain a quote for installation together with appropriate base. **PM**
- 3.16/80.15. The Clerk is still trying to source a contractor to carry out redecoration of Pavilion. **PM**
- 3.16/92.15. The Clerk has obtained a quote for a metal bench similar to the one at Fair Oak of £565 + Vat. Cllr Pearson asked for the e mail quote to be forwarded to him. The Parish Council will review where to place the new bench, in commemoration of the late Duke of Wellington, prior to ordering. **ALL**
- 3.16/92.15. Naming of the Pavilion will be decided at the next meeting. **AGENDA**
- 5.16b. Placement of the plaque will be reviewed at next meeting. **AGENDA**
- 16.16. The Clerk confirmed the new bin will be installed in the next financial year by BDBC. **PM**

23.16. Borough Councillors' reports

Cllr Gardiner gave a short report to the Parish Council:

The Local Plan is with the inspectors and BDBC hope that approval will be confirmed in May.

Unfortunately the position the inspector may take re the need of a 5 year land supply is still unclear.

HCC now has a newsletter which gives up to date information on County issues e.g roads such as A33.

There is a consultation at present re the waste re-cycling centre with one option being to close the plant.

A new tranche of monies is available via LIF for applications up to 29th April 2016.

BDBC now has an interactive face-book page.

Elections for Borough and Parish Councillors will be on 5th May 2016. Cllr Gardiner is standing for re-election as Borough Councillor for the Pamber & Silchester Ward.

24.16. Parish Matters

Cllr Carruthers reported on preparation for a fete/street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday which will be held at the Iron Duke on 25th June 2016.

Afternoon events include bouncy castle, face painting, candyfloss & ice cream with a barbecue and refreshments by the Iron Duke. From 4.30p.m. Cream teas will be provided.

The Committee wish to use some of the 'ring fenced' defibrillator funds to initially fund the event, with all proceeds returned to the fund with a view to eventually purchasing better recreation ground equipment. The Parish Council will review the request for the funds once they have received details of what financial assistance is required. **AGENDA**

The Clerk will ask the insurance provider if there will be any additional cost to their cover re recreation ground equipment and Public Liability cover. **PM**

25.16. Correspondence

There were no matters to discuss.

26.16. Highways

There were no new matters to discuss.

27.16. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

28.16. Planning Matters

16/00796/FUL The new application re Berry down development has not been received by the Parish Council from BDBC. A meeting will be arranged to discuss it as soon as the documents arrive.

29.16. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

31.16. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters /County Councillor's Report

Cllr Chapman gave a short report on HCC which is in the process of change. HCC had expected a 19% cut in rate support from central government but the cut was in fact 39% so they are in the process of identifying the further savings necessary. They are allowed to raise the general rate by 1.99% and a 2% rise for social care. While HCC enjoys 'economies of scale' unlike other authorities they still need to make significant other savings to the budget. – such as reducing school transport provisions.

There had been a fire authority review which had improved services by implementation of new equipment – smaller fire appliances and the use of 'lancers' – which go through walls etc & inject a mist which reduces the heat of the fire inside buildings extremely quickly. Retained fire fighters can now attend calls with only 2 people, instead of the previous need for 4, and fire fighters have also been trained to provide some emergency medical assistance prior to the arrival of the paramedics so that they can start recovery earlier.

32.16. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

The Clerk reported she had attended the free website course which she found very helpful.

33.16. Finance

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

se water mch/april/may		20.00
Direct debit		20.00
		20.00
P Mayo HALC	Website course train fare	8.40
Thames Water		6.86

b. The Clerk had previously sent the following documents to the Councillors for reconfirmation:

1. Financial arrangement 2. Statement of Internal Control 3. Risk Assessment.

The Clerk confirmed there were no alterations from last year and Cllr Manser re-signed the 3 documents again for 2016. *The Standing Orders will be reconfirmed at the next meeting.*

PM

c. The Clerk issued the 2015/2016 audit documents to the Parish Council – cash book, receipts & payments schedule, supporting statement, assets register & the completed annual return ready for the internal auditor's visit in May. The Councillors reviewed the documents and Cllr Manser signed them as accurate. *The Clerk will send copies by e mail to all Councillors for their records.*

PM

34.16 Parish Councillors' Comments

As Cllr Nixon confirmed she would not be standing for re-election in May Cllr Manser thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all her hard work over the years. He also confirmed he would not be standing for re-election.

35.16. Open Forum.

Cllr Carruthers asked if the Village Hall could investigate the installation of a hearing loop, as at the Church, for people who had difficulty hearing the meetings.

CM

36.16. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council is: AGM/Ordinary Meeting (post election) 9th May 2016.

37.16. Closing The Chairman, Cllr Manser, closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.