

## MINUTES

### STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM and Ordinary Meeting of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present:**

Cllr C Manser            Cllr G Preston            Cllr S Nixon            Cllr JJ Hare  
Cllr J Carruthers      Cllr I Pearson            Mrs Mayo  
14 parishioners

#### **1.15 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Chapman, Gardiner, Tucker and Hall.

#### **2.15 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Preston proposed Cllr Manser as Chairman seconded by Cllr Hare - **All in favour – motion carried unanimously.** Cllr Manser resumed the Chair.

*Cllr Manser informed the Council that he would only undertake the position for one more year.*

#### **3.15 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Manser proposed Cllr Preston as Vice-Chairman seconded by Cllr Hare - **All in favour – motion carried unanimously.**

#### **4.15 Election of Officers**

Chairman proposes officers –

a. Village Hall	Hall
b. Basingstoke & Deane Association of Parish Councils-	Preston
c. Footpaths & recreation Ground	Hare/Manser
d. Hampshire Association of Town Councils –	Manser/ Preston
e. Trees, Environment & Pond-	Hall
f. Media	Nixon
g. Transport	Pearson
h. Mornington Cup Garden Competition	VACANT

**All in favour – motion carried unanimously.**

#### **5.15 Minutes of the AGM 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Proposed acceptance of minutes AGM 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014. **All in favour – motion carried unanimously** and minutes signed by Cllr Manser as accurate.

#### **6.15 Reports**

*A full copy some of the following reports is available by contacting the Parish Clerk by e mail [pennyjmayo@aol.com](mailto:pennyjmayo@aol.com) and will be posted on the new Face book page for Stratfield Saye.*

##### **a. Parish Council Chairman.**

Cllr Manser thanked the outgoing Chairman Richard Phillips for all his work over the years and welcomed the 2 new co-opted Councillors Carruthers and Pearson to the Council. New houses being built at WEG will be rented upon completion, while the application for housing at Herriot's farm was refused by BDBC. Roads remain an issue and he asked people to report problems direct with HCC as well as informing the Parish Clerk. There is now only one bus a week to Reading from the village. The monthly coffee mornings are popular and well attended as is the Village Christmas lunch and there will be a Waterloo day celebration held at the Iron Duke and recreation ground. The football club continue to use the recreation ground. He thanked Lord Douro for his donation to the James Christmas charity of Stratfield Saye and Rick Gilbert for continuing to maintain an extremely useful 'round robin' e mail group. A grant has been obtained to go towards replacing the Village Hall boiler before the end of the year. He ended by thanking Cllrs Tucker, Gardiner and Chapman and PCSO Johnson for all their help and support, the parish councillors for all their assistance and confirmed that the Parish funds were adequate for identified expenditure for the year.

#### **b. PCC.**

Cllr Preston confirmed that the current phase of the St Mary's Church restoration is now complete. Thanks to grants from exterior bodies, the PC and Estate part of the interior plasterwork has now been repaired and repainted although there is still more to do. The Church is now in much better condition for the future although further work is still needed on the fabric of the building.

#### **c. Village Hall**

Mrs Upton reported that the classes were going well. Classes were filled by 'word of mouth' and advertising was not necessary – Monday bridge & Dog training, Tuesday 2 art classes and bridge, Wednesday Jive, Thursday Pilates and strictly dance exercise, Friday Pilates. Tutors run classes direct and this income together with ad-hoc party bookings was now creating a profit after expenses.

She thanked all the Committee members for their help and work and noted that now only 2% of people attending classes lived in Stratfield Saye compared to 50% when they started over 20 years ago.

#### **d. County Councillor**

Cllr Chapman had sent the Clerk an e mail containing his report.

The main points were:

He again has £8000 to grant to local organisations.

HCC have frozen their part of Council Tax for this year despite the Government grant being reduced by £29million.

The County precept makes up approx. 80% of the Council Tax bill.

HCC is investing £876million in Hampshire infrastructure.

They are reshaping & transforming services and continuing to work with partners, voluntary agencies and local communities.

Grant reductions from Government mean an expected £100million saving will be needed in the Council budget in 2017/8. The cumulative total savings between 2008 and 2017 for the Council is now £340million.

The Children's Services are still rated good.

Adult social care has to react to an ageing population to ensure the best options are available.

£30million of public money has been allocated to rural broadband.

#### **e. Police**

The Clerk sends beat reports received direct to Councillors.

### **7.15 Chairman's Allowance**

The Chairman Cllr Manser donated the allowance to the James Christmas Charity of Stratfield Saye.

The AGM was closed at 8.00p.m and followed by a demonstration by Gary Clarke, the Co-ordinator of the Heart Start Swallowfield Scheme and Community responders, of a defibrillator. He showed the audience and PC how it worked and confirmed how easy it was to use and how many lives had already been saved by the use of CPR & the defibrillators. He is happy, if sufficient interest, to run more courses to train responders and is already contacting the Lottery for funds towards the costs for more units. Stratfield Saye hopes to raise sufficient funds - £1300 - to have one of the Public Access Defibrillators installed in the village.

## ORDINARY MEETING

### **39.15. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**

Cllr Manser proposed, seconded by Cllr Hare, acceptance of the minutes. **All in favour – motion carried unanimously.** Cllr Manser signed minutes as Chairman.

### **40.15. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

24.15b The Parish Council sub Committee met at the recreation ground. They agreed to regularly cut the ground, excluding the pitch, but not to collect the grass. A contractor, Bulpitt Bros, has been engaged at a competitive price and has commenced this year's cuts. Cllr Hall will oversee the ground and liaise with the contractors. **NH**

24.15c Recreation ground cesspit. Cllr Manser has met on site with the contractor Thurley's re the problem with ground water entering the cesspit. Thurley's will submit a quote to put in a new cesspit and to extend the car-park.

24.15d Cllr Hare confirmed that the Woodlands Trust trees have been planted at WEG pond and the brambles cut back.

24.15e Broadband Provision. Cllr Pearson reported that unfortunately there were insufficient people interested in a self build system at present. The area is included in the Phase 2 roll out in 2018 however will probably only cover the central area of the Village, with WEG still having an inadequate provision. The provision for Stratfield Saye will only be improved if Government policy is altered to include a proper scheme for rural areas hence he has already contacted the new MP, Mr Jayawadana for assistance as fibre to premises is the only feasible solution. Cllr Pearson will continue to contact authorities to push for resolution of the problem.

35.15c Moles – while the recent work was successful in removing moles unfortunately they have returned. The Parish Council will review the problem at the next meeting.

### **41.15. Borough Councillors' reports**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **42.15. Parish Matters**

See under 40.15

a. It was agreed by the Parish Council to charge Mr Phillips £50 to rent the recreation ground for his Classic car event in recognition of all his past work for Stratfield Saye.

### **43.15. Correspondence**

No further correspondence had been received.

### **44.15. Highways**

The Clerk was asked to chase HCC re the resurfacing of the road past the Church entrance scheduled for this year. **PM**

It was noted that several road signs in the parish are misaligned. The Clerk will contact HCC. **PM**

### **45.15. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **46.15. Planning Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

### **47.15. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

### **49.15. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters**

There were no matters to discuss.

## 50.15. County Councillor's Report

See 6.16d above.

## 51.15. Hampshire Association of Town Councils (HATC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

## 52.15. Finance

### a. Audit Return.

The Internal auditor is booked for 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The Clerk had sent copies of the completed audit return 2014/5 , reconciled cash book accounts 2014/5 , schedule of Assets 2014/5 , policy documents re Risk Assessment, Statement of Internal Controls and Financial Regulations as at April 2015 to all councillors for their information. **All in favour – motion to accept carried unanimously.** Cllr Manser, Chairman, signed all the necessary forms.

b. LIF Grant award. Cllr Manser, Chairman, and Cllr Preston, Vice-Chairman, agreed to be recorded with BDBC as responsible for the proper use of the £2261 award towards a new boiler at the Village Hall. The Clerk will inform BDBC who will issue the necessary legal documents direct to the 2 Councillors for signature. **PM**

### c. Cheques issued before & during meeting

Roy Wood ( Moles)	£100.00	HALC (subs)	£148.00	HPFA (subs)	£40.00
P Mayo Salary	£612.00	Inland Revenue	£138.00	Village Hall	£96.00
C Manser (exps)	£ 7.90	P Mayo (exps)	£ 21.83	Bulpitt (grass)	£70.00

## 53.15 Parish Councillors' Comments

Cllr Manser asked the clerk to see if a waste bin could be placed by the seat at Fair Oak Green. **PM**

Cllr Manser reported problems with speeding cars through the rural roads The Clerk will contact the police to see if speed limits can be enforced. **PM**

Concern was also raised at the regular use of large coaches by British Rail when the line from Reading to Basingstoke is not in operation. Much damage is being done to the verges so the clerk will contact them to ask if they could use smaller vehicles. **PM**

The PC agreed to Cllr Nixon's request to use the recreation ground for the Waterloo celebration event.

Monies raised will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator. She also thanked Jane Gilbert, Matthew and James, from the Iron Duke, for their help in organising the event.

The Clerk suggested boxes be placed in a couple of places in the Parish for copies of the Loddon Link magazine so people could take one themselves as home deliveries in some areas are not possible. Cllr Carruthers offered to deliver the magazine in the uncovered areas. As the area is quite extensive this will be reviewed at the next meeting. **JC/PM**

## 54.15. Open Forum.

One resident asked the Parish Council if it was possible to put some children's play equipment at the recreation ground. The Clerk will investigate costs and report back. **PM**

The Clerk to contact the police re supplying cones on the Waterloo celebration day. **PM**

## 55.15. Dates of Next Meetings

Ordinary meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015\*\*\* Ordinary meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Ordinary meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 ( including setting precept 2016/7)

\*\*\*\*Clerk to note change of date in Loddon Link. **PM**

## 56.15. Closing

The Chairman, Cllr Manser, closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.