

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 8th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr I Pearson, Chairman
Cllr C Toosey
Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

Cllr N Hall
Cllr A Speed
3 parishioners

Cllr A Harborne
Cllr G Preston (Vice-Chairman)

20.17. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vaughan, Tucker and Carruthers.

21.17. Minutes of the Meeting & 8th February 2017

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the meeting 8th February 2017 which were signed as accurate by Cllr Pearson, Chairman.

22.17. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters raised.

23.17. Borough Councillors' reports

No reports had been received for issue.

24.17. Parish Matters

a. Commemorative Service to unveil plaque for the VC awarded to L/Cpl James Welch in WW1 on 29th April 1917. All attending commented that it was arranged with due honour and dignity. The presence of the actual medal owned now by the Wardrobe Museum in Salisbury, together with the presence of 4 of his grandchildren and one great grandson, made it a very personal tribute to an extremely brave man. The Parish Council agreed to send a £50 donation from the ring-fenced defibrillator monies held in the Parish bank account to Heartstart, who provide First Aid cover during the service.

b. Broadband update . Summary supplied by Cllr Pearson by e mail of his update together with a further comment noted in italics:

"There is no progress on obtaining a useable broadband service for those on the Mortimer exchange. Superfast Berkshire have engaged Gigaclear to fill in their rural gaps, but refuse to cross into Hampshire. The Superfast Hampshire cannot speak to Gigaclear (due to EU state aid rules) and Their BT solution would require fibre from Mortimer, essentially overbuilding Gigaclear. The only hope is to see if the Gigaclear service can be extended from Butlers Land Farms. We are currently awaiting feedback on a proposed site survey."

c. Recreation Pavilion & Grounds. The problems with the flood in the Pavilion and leakage from ground water into the newly installed septic tank are unfortunately still ongoing .

PM

25.17. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

26.17. Highways

There were no matters to discuss

27.17. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

There were no matters to discuss

28.17. Planning Matters

There were no matters to discuss

29.17. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

31.17. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

32.17. County Councillor's Report

There were no matters to discuss.

33.17. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

34.17. 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.

hants Playing fields	subscription	40.00
Royal British legion	wreaths	80.00
Mayo	exps re Commemorative service	639.35
Cosco	Commemorative service	416.04
Macro	commemorative service	24.87
Less already claimed	in £639.35 above)	-357.00
Inland revenue	PAYE 1/2 yr	102.00
P Mayo	salary 6mths	648.00
Pearson	stationery re VC event	90.00
Sherborne St John	hire of chairs	40.00
Came & Co	Insurance	803.45
Bulpitt	grass	76.00
Selectric		20.00
Solopress		50.40
Solopress		77.00
Office outlet/Currys, Homesense Postage		98.71

b. The Parish Clerk had previously sent a copy of the Council's 2016/7 accounts schedules to all Councillors detailing income and expenditure for the financial year. Cllr Pearson, as Chairman, signed the Annual Return for financial year to 31.3.17 – sections 1 & 2 – ready for the Internal Auditors visit at the beginning on June.

c. There have been no changes to the following schedules during the year - Statement of Internal Control, Risk Assessment and the Financial Regulations - Cllr Pearson signed copies on behalf of the Council.

d. Cllr Pearson wishes to make a few amendments to the Standing Orders. He will send a copy to the Clerk which will then be circulated to all the Councillors and accepted at the next meeting. **IP/PM**

35.17 Parish Councillors' Comments

The problem of the narrow new gateway on the Bridleway is still under investigation by Cllr Speed. **AS**
New Bench, WEG. Due to illness Cllr hall has not been able to install the bench which he hopes to be able to do very soon. A plaque, similar to the one on the bench in New Street to the late Duchess of Wellington, will be obtained by the Clerk. **NH/PM**

Cllr Speed reported that the Estate is tidying up New Street area and will find out the cost for a Union flag for the new flagpole the Estate has put in front of the Village Hall. **AS**

Cllr Preston asked the Parish Council to consider taking on the financial responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the defibrillator (which will not be very much yearly). This would allow the excess funds raised to install a defibrillator in the Parish, which at present are 'ring-fenced' in the Parish bank account, to potentially be made available for other repairs etc needed in the Parish. This will be placed on the next agenda for discussion and action.

36.17 Open Forum.

There were no other matters raised.

37.17 Dates of Next Meetings: The next meetings will be: 3rd July, 2nd October & 4th December (precept setting.)

38.17 Closing Cllr Pearson closed the meeting at 8.45p.m