

MINUTES

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council held on Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Stratfield Saye Village Hall.

ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr C Manser	Chairman	Cllr G Preston	Vice-Chairman	Cllr J Hare
Cllr S Nixon		Cllr J Carruthers		Cllr I Pearson
Mrs P Mayo	Clerk			

Also present Cllr M Tucker and 3 parishioners.

57.15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Chapman, R Gardiner and N Hall.

58.15. Minutes of the Meeting & 11th May 2015

Cllr Manser proposed acceptance of the minutes. All Councillors were in favour motion carried unanimously. Cllr Manser signed minutes as Chairman.

59.15. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

52.15b. The LIF grand award legal documentation had been signed by Cllrs Manser and Preston and hand delivered to BDBC by the Clerk.

54.15 The Clerk has still to investigate the cost of the provision of playground equipment on the recreation ground. **PM**

60.15. Borough Councillors' reports

Cllr Tucker informed the Parish Council that Mr Rogers is in the process of submitting a written appeal for his application for Herriot's farmyard 13/02731/OUT.

61.15. Parish Matters

a. Pavilion cesspit tank. One quote has been obtained for the installation of a new cesspit tank from Thurleys for £3500+VAT. The Clerk will ask for quotes from 2 other contractors – Hartley & M Hatt before any decision is taken. **PM**

The Clerk will also contact BDBC to see if some of the 106 monies available to Stratfield Saye for 'community facilities' could be used for this as until the matter is dealt with the present facilities are unable to be properly used. **PM**

b. Moles in field. After discussion The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Pope to ask him to remove any of his traps presently on site on the recreation field, to submit any invoices for outstanding work and to inform him that the Parish Council do not wish him to do any further work unless or until contacted by the Clerk. **PM**

c. Waterloo Day – defibrillator – finance, insurance and maintenance. Cllr Carruthers informed the Parish Council that the recent Waterloo Day held at the Iron Duke and on the Recreation ground was a huge success. £3031.50 was raised together with cheques direct to Heart start totalling £580. Cllr Carruthers thanked everyone who was involved for their efforts in making it such a success. The funds raised will now be placed in the Parish Council's bank account and 'ring fenced' for use to buy & install a defibrillator, to be placed at the Iron Duke, and to cover insurance, maintenance and electrical costs in the future. The balance of the fund will be identified separately as a reserve in the Parish Accounts. As there will be a large balance remaining the Parish Council agreed to review the situation on a regular basis and if the funds remain surplus to requirements to investigate other uses which would benefit Stratfield Saye residents. Cllr Pearson will contact Heart start on behalf of the Parish Council. **IP**

d. Leave of absence for Cllr Preston. Due to other commitments Cllr Preston will be unavailable to attend most meetings in the next year but will be contactable by e mail. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to grant him leave of absence from attendance due to his work for many years on the Council's behalf.

e. Election of new Vice-Chairman. Cllr Manser proposed Cllr Hall be appointed as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hare and carried unanimously by all Councillors present.

62.15. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

63.15. Highways

It was noted that the road pass the church entrance has been resurfaced by HCC.

However there were still several signs around the parish that need attention which the clerk will report:

Junction Church road and Trowes Lane – sign crooked

Green Road junction with Great Dover Street – chevrons & warning sign re sharp corner.

Wigmore farm entrance, Green Road – chevron

Fair Oak Green – finger post still incorrect.

Pothole on New Street corner by Forelands Farm RG72EJ

PM

64.15. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

The Clerk will contact to confirm who covers the Stratfield Saye area and ask them to submit regular reports. Cllr Hare thinks the new PCSO is Damien Hope.

PM

65.15. Planning Matters

The Clerk will contact BDBC to see if there is any up to date information re the Herriot’s Farm appeal.

Cllr Preston asked whether the emerging Sherfield on Loddon and Bramley’s Neighbourhood Plans would affect the rural area of Stratfield Saye adversely.

66.15. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

68.15. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

69.15. County Councillor’s Report

There were no matters to discuss.

70.15. Hampshire Association of Town Councils (HATC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

71.15. Finance

a. Cheques issued during meeting

Cheques & payments ratified & agreed at				Initial of Councillor						
Jul-15				CM	GP	NH	JH	SN	IP	JC
601	Bulpitt Bros	Recreation grass 3/6 & 19/6	70.00							
602	Bulpitt Bros advance	recreation ground 4 cuts	140.00							
603	Inland Revenue	Paye	138.00							
604	P Mayo sal	salary 1/2 yr	612.00							
605	P Mayo exps	various	12.75							

b. Cheque re recreation grass cutting. The cheque listed above for £140 for grass cutting will be held by the Clerk and issued to the contractor next month when he has carried out ¾ more cuts.

c. Audit 2014/5. The Clerk has received the completed audit return back from the External Auditors and submitted it to the Parish Council who approved and accepted the completed return. The Clerk has addressed the points raised by the auditor re presentation of the asset register.

72.15 Parish Councillors’ Comments

a. Cllr Carruthers asked that the Parish Council nominate the Iron Duke for inclusion to 'Camera' and accreditation as a real ale pub. She will bring the form to the next Council meeting.

b. Cllr Pearson is still looking into the creation of a website for the Stratfield Saye Parish Council. **IP**

c. Cllr Pearson updated the meeting on the situation with superfast broadband in the parish. While the provision of fibre to Cabinet 7 by the Cinnamon Tree in Mortimer should have improved the provision to 0118 numbers it has actually caused worse reception for some. He asked that anyone else suffered 'drop out' of the service on a regular daily basis let him know.

The situation is extremely unsatisfactory with no service commitment from Ofcom and because it is seen as a commercial situation the Ombudsman will not get involved.

Stratfield Saye is scheduled for superfast broadband in Phase 2.

Mr Peacey, responsible for the Hampshire superfast broadband roll out, has now informed Cllr Pearson that Stratfield Saye has been 'pencilled in' for 2017 for fibre to the premises although this is not a firm commitment. He will contact our local MP to ask for information and assistance in raising the problems being endured by the rural areas. **IP**

73.15. Open Forum.

It was suggested that a brass plaque be mounted with the defibrillator commemorating the 200 year anniversary of Waterloo at which commemorative event the money was raised to purchase the unit. The Clerk will obtain a price. **PM**

Advertising the recreation ground/Pavilion for hire was put on hold until the cesspit problem had been resolved.

The clerk was asked to obtain a fixtures list of when the football club would be using the area. **PM**

Cllr Carruthers asked if a lending library could be established in the Village Hall for all the books left over from the Waterloo Day event. She was advised to contact the Chairman Veronica Upton for permission. **JC**

74.15. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

Ordinary Meeting 5th October 2015

Ordinary Meeting 7th December 2015 (including setting of precept 2016/17)

75.15. Closing

The Chairman, Cllr Manser closed the meeting at 9.10p.m.