

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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| Cllr I Pearson, Chairman | Cllr A Harborne | Cllr C Toosey | Cllr G Preston (Vice-Chairman |
| Cllr J Carruthers | Cllr M Tucker | Penny Mayo Parish Clerk | 2 parishioners |

39.17. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vaughan, Hall and Speed.

40.17. Minutes of the Meeting & 8th May 2017

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the meeting 8th February 2017. Proposed by Cllr Carruthers, seconded by Cllr Preston and signed as accurate by Cllr Pearson, Chairman.

41.17. Matters Arising from the Minutes

24.17a The Clerk has still to send the £50 donation to Heartstart. PM

24.17b It was noted that the italic comment was removed from the final minutes as it was not an area discussed at the actual meeting.

34.17d The content of the Standing Orders will not be changed – Cllr Pearson just wishes to ‘tidy’ up the layout and format. When done he will circulate to all Councillors and the Clerk for filing. IP

35.17 There was no update re the width of the new gate on the bridleway. AS

35.17 New Bench West End Green. This has still to be installed. The Clerk will contact the Estate to ask about the wording of the plaque prior to ordering. NH/PM

42.17. Borough Councillors’ reports

Cllr Tucker gave a brief update on Borough matters.

She reported that litter was a problem – with fines now ranging from £75 - £2500. The difficulty is often identifying the culprits. She will see if there are signs re littering available to put up round the area & will also enquire whether Stratfield Saye could qualify for funding for a litter picker as in other villages. MT
A new Executive Director of Borough Development has been appointed – Victor Nicholls – who is also Deputy Chief Executive. BDBC has received a 4* top award for the quality and excellency of its website. There are many Jane Austen celebration events in the Borough to commemorate the 200th anniversary of her birth in the town. One very popular one ‘Siting with Jane’ saw the installation of 20 benches and a Statute will be erected in Market Place later in the year.

43.17. Parish Matters

a. Broadband. Cllr Pearson reported he is still in contact with Gigaclear to provide fibre in the area. Superfast Berkshire is using Gigaclear to fill in the rural areas that have extremely bad broadband provision. They may be willing to provide fibre to WEG and New Street as it is being bought to Butlers Lands Farm by Berkshire. If fibre has to be installed in the roads this would be more costly and only be able to be done by a Civil Contractor (which Gigaclear is) the hope is that if way leaves can be agreed with landowners the costs would be much less, Cllr Pearson has a map of the fields and will identify landowners to approach. Gigaclear would then be able to ‘build’ a system for the areas. It is hoped that a presentation by Gigaclear could then be arranged for residents to view and ask questions. Cllr Pearson will continue to investigate all options and update the Parish Council. IP

CPRE have issued guidelines to aid Parish Councils.

The Clerk will also contact BDBC to see whether LIF/CIL monies could be granted to help with the costs of installation. PM

b. Recreation Ground. It is still not known whether the leak in the new cesspit has been fixed, as there has been little or no rain. The Clerk reported that it would probably not be possible to see if the repairs have been effective until the autumn season. PM

The repairs after the flood in the Pavilion are still ongoing with the Clerk having difficulty finding any contractors to redo the damp proof, insulation and wood chip floor. She has contacted one who has yet to come back with a quote for the repairs. Cllr Carruthers will ask her son-in-law to take a look. PM/JC

c. The Defibrillator 'ring-fenced' fund held in the Parish Accounts.

The Council noted that the accounts showed a separate 'defibrillator fund'. Members considered whether accounting could be simplified by amalgamating this with the Council's general funds. After discussion, it was agreed that the Council will assume responsibility for ongoing costs relating to the defibrillator, including insurance, maintenance, training as appropriate, upgrading and eventual replacement, and that on this basis the separate fund will be incorporated into the Council's general funds. **PM**

Proposed by Cllr Preston, seconded by Cllr Toosey and carried unanimously.

The Clerk will order new replacement pads as they need changing approximately every 2 years. **PM**

d. The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for the release of the Duke of Wellington's donation towards the Commemoration Service costs the Charity Commission.

44.17 Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

45.17 Highways

The HCC improvements, an anti slip surface, to stop accidents on Cheques Lane have been completed.

However it was noted that bridge on the road to Beech Hill still needs repair. **PM**

It was also noted that at least 2 of the Stratfield Saye Village signs have been damaged. **PM**

46.17 Hampshire Constabulary Matters

Cllr Toosey had reported a suspicious vehicle to 101.

47.17 Planning Matters

The Parish Council had no objections to make re the following planning applications received:

17/00878/HSE Rambles Cottage 17/00878/HSE Berrydown

17/01765/HSE Old Stocks 17/01814/HSE Morlands

48.17 Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss

49.17 Basingstoke & Deane Association of Parish & Town Councils (BDAPTC)

There were no matters to discuss.

50.17 Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss

51.17 County Councillor's Report

There were no matters to discuss.

52.17. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss

53.17 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.

| Jul-17 | | | |
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| | | | - |
| | Commemoration exps, postage etc | | 32.62 |
| | HALC | | 160.00 |
| | Castle Water | | 3.48 |
| | s elec | | 20.00 |
| | Lightatouch | | 95.00 |
| | s electr | | 20.00 |
| | Revival | | 925.98 |
| | | Total | 1257.08 |

b. It was noted to the meeting that the Chairman signed the following documents on behalf of the Parish

to send with Audit Commission form to BDO auditors -Assets Register 2016/7, Support Accounts schedule 2016/7 & Receipts & payment schedule 2016/7.- after the meeting 8.5.17.

54.17 Parish Councillors' Comments

Cllr Carruthers informed the Parish Council that there was approximately £700 which her Committee had raised to fund more play equipment. However as this is no longer possible she asked if the funds could be deposited in the Parish Council bank account. The Parish Council felt this would not be appropriate and suggested she offered the funds to the Village Hall Committee to use on hall improvements. She will contact the Committee – the next meeting 17.7.17 at 9.00a.m will be held in the Village Hall – to discuss.**JC**

55.17. Open Forum.

The state of the roads was again raised. The Parish Clerk will contact HCC. **PM**

It was noted that Minchens Lane is due to be closed for several weeks.

The Parish Council have received comments about the large builders vans parked outside Morlands, just around the corner into Green Lane, which they felt was dangerous. The Chairman will send a letter asked Mr Hand the owner to park his contractors' vehicles in his own driveway. **IP**

56.17. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings will be 2nd October 2017 and 4th December 2017 (setting of precept).

57.17. Closing

The Chairman, Cllr Pearson closed the meeting at 8.50p.m.