

## STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

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

### ORDINARY MEETING

#### Present:

Cllr I Pearson Chairman      Cllr A Harborne      Cllr J Carruthers      Cllr C Toosey  
Cllr N Hall      Penny Mayo Parish Clerk

Also present 6 parishioners

#### 56.16. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Preston, Tucker & Chapman.

#### 57.16. Minutes of the Meeting & 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Parish Councillors present agreed the minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 which the Cllr Pearson signed as Chairman.

#### 58.16. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

41.16e the minutes were amended to:

Public Sector mapping Agreement. Cllr Pearson reported that this was free and would allow access to Ordnance Survey maps and data, and postcode information is also available from the Royal Mail. If free software proved unsuitable, then a commercial package is available for around a yearly £20 charge. Cllr Pearson will liaise with the Clerk to arrange

**IP/PM**

*The Clerk has since registered Stratfield Saye Parish Council for the free service.*

Amendment to minutes 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 33.16 c & d to:

c. The Annual Governance Statement 2015/6 was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council.

d. The Accounting Statement 2015/6 was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council. Amendments to items 4 & 6 –were noted – although they did not alter the overall expenditure total. See minutes 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 for ratification. Copy of amendment to be signed & filed with minutes 4.4.2016 by Chairman

#### 59.16. Borough Councillors' reports

No report was available.

#### 60.16. Parish Matters

a. Naming of Pavilion. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to name it 'Stratfield Saye Pavilion'. Cllr Toosey will provide the name of a sign maker in order to obtain quotes for the cost of a sign. **CT/PM**

b. Placement re VC plaque. The Clerk will contact BDBC to find out if there are any regulations relating to the placement of the Commemorative plaque, the Sherfield of Loddon Clerk to find out the cost of the installation of theirs & whether planning permission was necessary and the St Mary's Church to see if they are arranging a commemorative service for next april 2017. **PM**

c. Village Fete Report. Cllr Carruthers reported that after expenses the recent Village fete had raised funds of around £704 – after repaying the PC £93.50 for the hire of the bouncy castle. The Fete committee is planning further events to raise more money the first a Halloween Party on 29<sup>th</sup> October from 3-7p.m. *See open forum for further detail.*

d. New bench. The Parish Council were in favour of placing a commemorative bench for the late Duke of Wellington at West End Green. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the cost of a wooden bench, installation and a plaque. Costs will be e mailed to Councillors who will agree via a circular e mail. **PM**

e. Recreation ground Keys. The Clerk will get further sets cut for issue at the next meeting. **PM**

f. Cesspit Maintenance. With the retirement of Cllr Manser a new person is needed to be responsible for checking the tank. It was suggested that the PC should arrange a contract with Hartley's Contractors for regular emptying in the future. **AGENDA**

#### 61.16. Correspondence

The Clerk had received an e mail from Heartstart about the sign for the AED as it did not acknowledge the £1000 they obtained from the Big Lottery Fund on Stratfield Saye Parish Council's behalf to fund the installation. The Clerk will arrange for a new sign ( similar to the existing one) to be installed. **PM**

## 62.16. Highways

Concern was expressed re the need for hedgerows and verge cutting. The Clerk will contact the Estate to ask them to cut back hedges on the 2 right angled corners on Green Lane & Dover Street as it meets the road towards the Church.

PM

The Clerk will again contact HCC about repairs needed to the signage at Fair Oak Green.

PM

## 63.16. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

## 64.16. Planning Matters

16/02247/LBC Cricketeers House Bottle Lane – no objections.

## 65.16. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

## 67.16. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

## 68.16. County Councillor's Report

There were no matters to discuss.

## 69.16. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

## 70.16. Finance

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

Came & CO	insurance	770.11
Thames Water		6.56
P Mayo	allowance	120.00
P Mayo Salary payments	1/2 yr	630.00
Inland Revenue	PAYE	252.00
P Mayo 1/2 yr	1/2 yr	498.00
Bulpitt	recreation grass	37.00
JV Hire	fete	112.20
Lightatouch audit		60.00
Hartley contractors		110.00
Hartley contractors		-55.00
Hartley contractors		81.00
S Electric	June July aug sept	80.00

b. Standing Orders. The Clerk gave the Chairman a hard copy to check it will then be reconfirmed at the next Council meeting.

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c. Chairman's allowance. Cllr Pearson agreed that the yearly Chairman's allowance of £50 should be donated to the James Christmas Charity of Stratfield Saye.

PM

d. New Councillors need to be made signatories of the Bank account. Forms to be obtained ready for completion at the next meeting.

PM

## 71.16. Parish Councillors' Comments

Broadband provision in Stratfield Saye. Cllr Pearson has sent an e mail to many residents giving details of the Gigaclear's fibre to the premises option. He asked as many as possible to register their interest as then Gigaclear will hopefully carry out feasibility studies to see if it is financially viable to provide. Berkshire's rollout programme is still not clear as to when, or if, BT will improve Stratfield Saye area's service any time

in the near future. If Gigaclear does decide to offer to install fibre to the premises in WEG & other areas it will mean a much faster and better service for residents.

#### **72.16. Open Forum.**

The provision of a new playground area at the recreation ground was discussed in view of the recent fete committee's fund raising activities. A retired parish Councillor reported on the demise of the old playground many years ago due to deteriorating equipment, new Health & Safety regulations, and lack of use and costs of refurbishment. With minimal usage it was uneconomic. Residents requested a survey be carried out to ascertain whether there were sufficient children in the parish who would use any new facilities before any Parish funds were used.

It was noted that the Parish Council had never debated or voted on whether they wanted, or would accept responsibility for, a new playground. It was also noted that a new playground would have considerable financial implications on Parish funds in the future for ongoing maintenance and insurance costs.

It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council could not therefore agree to hold funds raised at the recent fete which were specifically for a playground. The organisers will therefore repay the PC the cost of the bouncy castle £93.50, and open a building society account with an appropriate name and signatories to hold the funds and any from future planned events.

The Clerk will also contact BDBC re the 106 funds available to see what they can be used towards. **PM**

#### **73.16. Dates of Next Meetings**

The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016 ( setting of the precept) 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 (AGM)

#### **74.16. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman, Cllr Pearson at 9.20p.m.