

## STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Ordinary meeting of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

Cllr I Pearson, Chairman	Cllr A Harborne	Cllr C Toosey	Cllr G Preston (Vice-Chairman
Cllr A Speed	Cllr N Hall	Cllr M Tucker	Cllr R Gardiner
Cllr R Vaughan	Penny Mayo Parish Clerk		3 parishioners

### 58.17. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr J Carruthers.

### 59.17. Minutes of the Meeting & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. Proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Speed and signed as accurate by Cllr Pearson, Chairman.

### 60.17. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

41.17 The £50 donation has been sent to Heartstart.

41.17 The bridleway gate has now been made wider.

41.17 Cllr Hall confirmed the new bench has been installed at WEG – The Clerk asked him to send any invoices for payment for supplies to her. **NH**

42.17 Stratfield Saye would not be allowed a litter picker due to the rural aspects with few if no pavements.

43.17a The Parish Clerk confirmed that no LIF or 106 monies could be used to fund any broadband installation in Stratfield Saye.

43.17b Until the winter and more rain it cannot be confirmed that the new cesspit is no longer allowing surface water to enter the tank. The Clerk will ask Mr Manser if he could check the situation. **PM**

The Pavilion repairs after the flood have still not been carried out – *since the meeting the Parish Clerk has received confirmation that the insurance company have at last agree a schedule of repairs which will include new interior walls with a contractor who will be in touch with the Clerk. It was noted that there was no insulation in the original walls so the Clerk will get a quote to install proper insulation this time.* **PM**

Once all is completed the insurance will compensate the Parish Council for the costs of electricity during drying out & loss of rentals after deducting the £250 excess due.

Due to the large electricity invoice due to the drying out the Parish Clerk has had to cancel the direct debit payment to SSE as they wished to base it in the future on the recent very high usage..

55.17 The Chairman Cllr Pearson was asked to contact the owners of Morlands again as their contractors are once more parking on the road – blocking access for farm equipment & cars which are forced onto the verges - and endangering visibility at the junction with Mortimer Lane. Cllrs Hall & Cllr Pearson to discuss. **NH/IP**

### 61.17. Borough Councillors' Reports

Cllr Gardiner's report:

DCLG housing paper has proposed raising the 850 houses agreed in the Borough Plan to 974.. The BDBC response is at present under discussion as this proposal will have a serious impact on their 5 year land supply and could create a 'free for all' by developer, even though they would need to submit planning applications for approval. If the raised housing numbers were imposed it would effectively mean that there will be no Local Plan in force.

There is a boundary review to reduce the number of Borough Councillors to 51 because residents no longer contact Councillors direct as much and now use either social media or tel 844844 to report problems direct. There will still be 3 member wards at the next elections & Manydown development will also need Councillors appointed.

The weekly bin collection has been confirmed for the next 8 years although the Borough has to improve its recycling.

HCC is currently considering the number of waste incinerators it operates with the potential for BDBC to take over Wade Road.

Cllr Gardiner suggested the Parish Clerk contact Naomi, Clerk at Pamber to see about joining the lengthsman scheme from HCC. Their man is licenced to carry out work by the highway. **PM**

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

There were no matters to discuss

## **63.17. County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Vaughan reported they are talking about the possibility of a new service station at Junction 6 M3. The survey sent out asking for comments on the need to reduce the HCC budget by £140million only received 3707 replies.

With the Government support grant to HCC being removed & the fact that the County Council cannot run a deficit it is inevitable that there will be further cuts to services.

HCC has made no decision on its 26 waste recycling sites – some may close.

A new roads contractor has been appointed so it is hoped that repairs will be better in the future.

Bramley has suffered serious problems with Travellers in their parish. The police have not been implementing section 61, although the laws are restrictive. It is up to the landowner (in Bramley the MOD) to apply for eviction notices which in this case the MOD say they cannot afford. Cllr Vaughan stressed the need to continue to report problems to 101 & is continuing to contact the authorities to push for action.

Local Estates are co-ordinating responses to the problem.

MP Ranil Jayawardena is holding a meeting 3rd November 2017 – yet to be confirmed as the Village hall Sherborne St John.

A new Fire Officer, Neil Oden, has been appointed to the Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Thames Water is planning to dig up Bramley Road starting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Cllr Vaughan will investigate Minchens Lane which is still closed after 14 weeks causing with serious access problems.

**PM/RV**

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

There were no matters to discuss.

## **65.17. Parish Matters**

a. Broadband update. There will be a presentation by Gigaclear on 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.30p.m in the village hall. The Chairman asked as many people as possible to attend. No landowners have yet been approached re granting way leaves & there are no costings yet available.

While West Berkshire fund Gigaclear to provide improved broadband coverage HCC only fund BT to install broadband which presents a problem when the 2 authorities meet at the county borders. Cllr Vaughan presented an update report to the Parish Council which can be found at the end of the minutes.

While HCC is now implementing Phase 2 it was noted that there were insufficient cabinets planned ( any improvements only reached 1 ½ kms from the cabinet after this it has little or no effect). The installation by BT will therefore have little or no significant impact in the majority of the Stratfield Saye Parish area.

b. The Parish Clerk supplied new pads for the defibrillator to Cllr Pearson for installation.

**IP**

a. Ratify Constitution. Cllr Preston pointed out some slight spelling errors in the document supplied to the Councillors. Once the Parish Clerk has corrected these the Parish Council agreed unanimously to accept the Constitution. A new copy will be sent to the Cllr Pearson to place the document on the Stratfield Saye website.

**PM/IP**

## **66.17. Correspondence**

Rob Soutter from the 7<sup>th</sup> Rifles has contacted the Parish Council re L/Cpl Welch's VC commemorative service for details of the Welch family. They intent to create a display with copies of his medals in the mess bar at Brook Barracks & wish to invite members of the family when it is open. The Parish Clerk has sent contact details & will send the information to Cllr Speed to inform the Duke of Wellington.

**AS/PM**

## **67.17. Highways**

The Parish Clerk will again contact HCC re the bridge on the road to Beech Hill from Fair Oak Green & re the damaged Village signs which need repair.

**PM**

The potholes at 5 crossroads were also reported.

State of the road at Forelands has been reported to West Berkshire.

There is still no information on what will happen if the Bramley railway crossing is closed. Bypasses have been muted which could seriously increase vehicle traffic in the Parish.

## 68.17. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

## 69.17. Planning Matters

Morlands – new garage & workshop.

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

There were no matters to discuss

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

There were no matters to discuss

## 72.17. 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.

### Cheques & payments ratified & agreed at

<u>Oct-17</u>			
	Bulpitts	grass cutting	76.00
	Mayo	exps re sign for bench	91.99
	Heartstart		50.00
	Mayo	2nd half yr salary	648.00
	HMSO	tax re employee	252.00
	S Electric	July/aug/sept £20 per month	60.00
	Castle Water	ninstead of Thames Water3.48	
		monthly july/aug	6.96
	S Electric	paid to date much to be	173.86
		reclaimed from insurance	
	Pest Control	recreation ground	336.00
	Berkshire Fire	extinguishers	57.60
	Revival	reimbursed vat when received	675.98
		did not pay insurance excess	
		claimed	
	Revival	Please note figure in last meeting	
		never paid £925.98 only	
		vat refund once received from	
		included in £756.50 claim	
	WEL Medical	defibrillator pads	77.82
		<b>Less vat</b>	<b>-721.91</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1784.30</b>

b. Accept BDB audit. The Parish Clerk confirmed that the 2016/7 audit had been completed by the external auditors BDO. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Toosey. Cllr Pearson will post the audit on the website.

c. The James Christmas Charity of Stratfield Saye's audit for 2016/7 has been submitted.

d. The Parish Clerk was asked to find out if CIL /monies could be used to install barriers at the recreation ground.

e. The Parish Clerk will see what 106 monies are available to Stratfield Saye & see how they are allowed to be used. **PM**

f. If monies are collected from residents to finance a Gigaclear fibre broadband installation then they would need to be protected & 'ring-fenced' & if a residents did not receive the service they had paid for the monies returned. The Parish Clerk will contact HALC for advice on what legal powers the Parish Council have to undertake this broadband installation on behalf of its residents. **PM**

g. The precept for 2017/8 will be agreed at the next meeting on WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### 73.17 Parish Councillors' Comments

The need for barriers to be installed at the recreation ground and the Village Hall entrances was raised to stop illegal camping by travellers – the Parish Clerk will find out what they cost. **PM**

### 74.17. Open Forum.

Mr Corden asked if the police could provide a better report for the Loddon Link instead of the rather unhelpful one which just places a No 1 in the centre of the parish. He also asked the Parish Clerk to write to the football asking them to tell their players/spectators not to park in the Iron Duke car park after about 11.30 as it is meant for their customers but to use the Village Hall car park as previously instructed. However if they could schedule their matches to start earlier so that any cars parked in the Iron Duke car park were gone well before they opened this would be satisfactory. **PM**

As far as the Parish Council are aware Cllr Carruthers is not planning to hold a Halloween party this year.

Mr Rudd complained about vehicles continuing to park on the New Street pavement, vehicles speeding through the Village & that people left their waste bins on the pavement. The Parish Clerk will put these comments in the next Loddon Link article & contact the police. **PM**

*However if she is informed of the house number of bins which are left on the pavement she can contact the resident to ask them to remove them each week after collection on Fridays.*

Cllr Pearson asked the Parish Clerk to contact the police to see if our designated PCSO could attend the next meeting. **PM**

### 75.17. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting which will set the 2017/8 precept will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### 76.17. Closing

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Pearson at 9.10p.m.

Addendum – information from Cllr Vaughan

#### HAMPSHIRE SUPERFAST BROADBAND UPDATE – Autumn 2017

Hampshire County Council has long recognised the importance of fast, reliable wireless service to the rural areas of the county, and the Hampshire SuperFast Broadband Programme is continuing to work closely with service providers to make superfast broadband available to every Hampshire business and household.

Recently we have initiated a step-change in the way broadband service is perceived. Access is fast becoming essential for everyday life, and is fundamental to delivering more modern and accessible public services. That's why improving broadband access is a priority for the County Council. We are investing a combined total of £28.4m of public funds to increase coverage from 80% of Hampshire (commercially funded by BT and Virgin) to reach even more homes and companies.

So far, the roll out of superfast broadband has reached more than 91% of premises in the county and we are on target to reach 95% by the end of 2017. Plans are also being drawn up to reach 97.4% of premises by the end of 2019 – exceeding both our own goals and those set by the government.

However, despite the successful roll-out of superfast broadband to so many properties, there are still areas that have low take-up. This is often because people don't realise superfast broadband is available where they live, or believe it is more expensive than their current internet package.

It is important to remind residents that connection to the new fibre network is not automatic and they will have to contact their Internet Service Provider to order an upgrade to their service.

Take-up is crucial, not only to improve services for the residents concerned, but also because it activates the programme's gainshare mechanism. When take-up is higher than originally predicted, the County Council is able to claim back funds from BT which can be reinvested to extend coverage further, helping to increase the number of premises that are able to access superfast broadband.

North East Hampshire is well on the way to connectivity in that it has 11 already active superfast broadband cabinets that are currently providing coverage for 2'516 premises in the Parishes of Silchester, Sherborne St John, Bramley, Pamber & Mortimer West End —but there is obviously room for improvement! To find out if there is superfast broadband available

for your address simply visit [www.hants.gov.uk/broadband](http://www.hants.gov.uk/broadband) and enter your postcode into the search box. This is the best way for residents to find specific information about where they live or work.

I am encouraging everyone to register this way as we can then notify them via email once services in their area go live. We need to show that there is a demand in NE Hampshire for superfast broadband services for everyone who wants it, and use that information to push our requirements to the top of the priority list.

For example, we also have a programme in place to help those areas that are currently outside the available broadband range. There is unfortunately a small percentage of the county – 2.6% – that isn't being reached by the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme. These are usually more remote or difficult-to-reach locations, and are therefore more expensive to provide for. The £1million Community Match Funding Scheme is designed to offer support for such areas. It enables the County Council to help communities that wish to help themselves by supplying up to half of the funding to match money raised by the community itself, in order to install and maintain a superfast broadband connection.

They can be contacted on <https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>.

In addition, there is further funding available via the government-backed Better Basic Broadband Scheme <<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/residents/usc/>> for premises with speeds below 2Mbps. It provides a subsidy towards the cost of installation of an alternative solution, which could include satellite, 4G or fixed wireless.

More information as well as details of these schemes is available via our website. <<https://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/alternative-solutions/cmfs/>>

I am sorry that this is all rather lengthy but it is important. If you have any further questions you can also contact me at [Rhydian.vaughan@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Rhydian.vaughan@hants.gov.uk) or leave a message on my phone 07774 681516 and give me time to answer back; I can usually find the information you need (and if I can't, I'll know a county officer who can!)

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