

MINUTES

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Stratfield Saye Village Hall.

ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr C Manser Chairman Cllr J Hare Cllr J Carruthers Cllr N Hall
Cllr I Pearson Mrs P Mayo Clerk

Also present 5 parishioners.

76.15. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Nixon, G Preston, K Chapman, R Gardiner and M Tucker.

77.15. Minutes of the Meetings 13rd July & Extraordinary Meeting 15th October 2015

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

78.15. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

54.15 The Clerk has still to investigate the cost of the provision of playground equipment on the recreation ground. The Clerk will also contact BDBC to see if there are any funds available towards the project. **PM**

61.15c Cllr Carruthers will report back to the next meeting whether sufficient residents wish to attend a demonstration by Heartstart of the defibrillator with a possible date to be agreed in March 2016. **JC**

79.15. Borough Councillors' reports

There were no matters to discuss.

80.15. Parish Matters

a. Mrs Upton wished to thank the Clerk for her work in obtaining the grant that allowed for the purchase of the new boiler for the Village Hall.

b. Pavilion cesspit tank. The Parish Council has now given the job to Hartley Contractors, who have already started the installation. The cost will increase by £350.

c. Defibrillator. Cllr Carruthers agreed to be responsible for checking the unit & will ask the Clerk to order new supplies when the present ones go out of date- approx 18-24mths shelf life. **JC**

d. The moles on the recreation ground will be discussed at a later meeting should they become a problem again at which time a contractor will be contacted.

e. Pavilion. It was noted that the football club using the Pavilion did not clean it sufficiently after use. The Clerk will contact them to request that it is left in a more hygienic condition in future. **PM**

Cllr Manser noted that the Pavilion is in need of redecoration and maintenance work. The Clerk will contact the football club to see if they can again carry this out or obtain quotes for the work. **PM**

The estimated expenditure for 2016/7 used to set the precept will be amended to include funds for this.

f. The defibrillator will be added to the Parish Assets Register & the Clerk will check that it is covered by the Council's insurance policy. **PM**

81.15. Correspondence

The Clerk has received notification that the Stratfield Saye weekly bus service to Reading, 154, is likely to be stopped. A notice has been placed in the Loddon Link and the Clerk asked everyone to register their opposition.

82.15. Highways

Problems with the condition of the roads were noted again. The Clerk will re email HCC. **PM**

Various signs need repair – signpost at Fair Cross, Forehead junction with Bramley Road, weight sign by bus shelter Fair Cross. **PM**

83.15. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

It was noted that there have been several incidents of illegal hare coursing in the parish in New Street and WEG areas. While the culprits were not caught the police responded quickly to the reports.

84.15. Planning Matters

It was noted that the recent Berrydown application for a new 4 bedded house has been approved by BDBC.

85.15. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

87.15. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

88.15. County Councillor's Report

There were no matters to discuss.

89.15. Hampshire Association of Town Councils (HATC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

90.15. Finance

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

b. Precept 2016/17

The Council reviewed the estimates supplied by the Clerk, and after the addition of costs for the new website and Pavilion redecoration Cllr Pearson proposed, seconded by Cllr Carruthers setting the precept for 2016/7 as £3000. This was carried unanimously by the Councillors present. The Clerk will complete the necessary forms for BDBC.

PM

c. Bulpitt Quote for grass cutting £37 per cut 2016 season. Parish Council agreed to accept.

PM

91.15 Parish Councillors' Comments

a. Cllr Carruthers noted that it was difficult to read the police report in the Loddon Link as the print was so small. The Clerk will send the comment on to the editor to see if any improvement is possible.

PM

b. Cllr Pearson has obtained a grant of £192 from the Transparency Fund towards the costs of the Stratfield Saye Parish Council website. He has already uploaded documents and suggested the Councillors take a look and send anything to him they feel should be on the site – e.g. the proposed cancellation of the 154 bus and the planned celebration for the Queen's 90th birthday party. There are still several financial documents to be posted which the Clerk will supply after contacting HALC to see what is necessary. Cllr Pearson is happy to continue posting items to the website while it is still in development.

PM/JC

c. Cllr Pearson updated the meeting on the situation with superfast broadband in the parish. Stratfield Saye is still scheduled for superfast broadband – fibre to the premises - in Phase 2 due in 2017. He noted that BT cannot support copper cable over 6K from the cabinet or exchange & parts of Stratfield Saye are over 8kms hence the problems experienced which BT equipment is unable to identify. He has had some productive contact with HCC and is continuing to address the local problems on Stratfield Saye's behalf including communication with the local MP.

IP

d. Overhanging trees. The dangerous overhanging trees along Mortimer Lane up to the Forehead were raised. The Clerk will contact the new Forrester, Richard Edwards, and Englefield Estate, to ask him to take action as no work has been carried out on these trees for several years.

PM

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.

JC

e. The PC needs a PSMA licence so they can access and use maps/post from the Ordnance Survey – Public Mapping – to review the Parish. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Pearson to see what needs to be done.

PM/IP

92.15. Open Forum.

The Clerk apologised she had not obtained quotes for the brass plaque to 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 wording has been reviewed and the Clerk will obtain a price. **PM**

It was suggested that a bench with a plaque be placed in the Village commemorating the late Duke of Wellington. The Parish Council thought it could be placed in the recreation ground. The Clerk will obtain prices. **PM**

It was noted that the bench in New Street for the late Duchess of Wellington was in need of cleaning as were the road signs; there was also some vegetation in need of removal. The Clerk will contact the authorities re the signs and the Estate, Cllr Hare, to see if they can carry out some of the other aspects. **PM**

Cllr Carruthers and the Iron Duke are planning to form a group to arrange a party to celebrate the Queen's 90th official birthday in June 2016. **JC**

It was also suggested that the Pavilion be named. This may be run as a competition at the proposed party in June 2016.

The Iron Duke reported a problem with people attending the football at the weekends filling their car-park. The Clerk will contact the football club to remind them their supporters are meant to use the Village Hall car-park with only a very few parking at the pub. **PM**

93.15. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council are:

Ordinary meeting 8th February 2016 and 4th April 2016

AGM /Ordinary meeting 9th May 2016

94.15. Closing

The Chairman, Cllr Manser closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.