

STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr I Pearson, Chairman Cllr G Preston Cllr J Carruthers Cllr C Toosey Penny Mayo Parish Clerk Rhydian Vaughan, selected candidate for the County Council elections next May 2017.

Also present Andrew Speed, Stratfield Saye Estates, and 6 parishioners.

94.16. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Harborne, Hall, Chapman & Tucker.

95.16. Minutes of the Meeting & 3rd October 2016

80.16a Minutes amended and reissued in October 2016.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Toosey, seconded by Cllr Carruthers, and signed as accurate by Cllr Pearson as Chairman.

96.16. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

80.16c Bridleway over the Loddon, new gate. The Clerk has not received a reply from the Estate about the newly installed gate so will contact Andrew Speed, the new Estate Manager. **PM**

90.16 Cllr Pearson & Clerk still need to review & reissue amended standing orders. **IP/PM**

91.16 Clerk to re contact Estate re making the Pump in New Street accessible. **PM**

97.16. Borough Councillors' reports

No report had been received.

98.16. Parish Matters

a. Parish Councillor Vacancy. As Cllr Hare has not attended a Parish Council meeting since February 2016 (absence in April 2016 & July 2016) under Standing Order he is deemed to have resigned his position as Parish Councillor. Proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Carruthers.

The Clerk will contact the authorities to start the process to appoint a replacement Councillor.

b. VC Commemoration Service /unveiling of Paving Stone for James Welch.

Cllr Pearson welcomed James Welch's nephew & great nephew Peter and Ivor Welch to the meeting.

The service is planned to take place on Saturday 29th April 2017 at 11.00a.m. Cllr Pearson and the Clerk have had a first very productive meeting with Rhydian Vaughan, RBL, Andrew Speed, Stratfield Saye Estate and Lieutenant Colonel Lerwill to arrange the installation & service on the day. The DCLG guidelines ask that the paving stone is placed somewhere easy to access & be seen by as many people as possible. After discussing various places in the Parish to site the commemorative stone on a raised plinth it was decided that New Street was the best option. The Rifles will provide a Guard of Honour and a Bugler for the Service which will include the unveiling of the stone and a short Remembrance service and it is hoped that a Chinook can do a fly by at the start. New Street will be closed on the day, diversions going around by the Church. Official invitations are hoped to be sent out in January 2017 with the service attended by many dignitaries including the Mayor, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire and/or the Duke of Wellington together with various officers from the RBL and Rifles regiment. While this is an important event it is essentially a Parish celebration so the Parish Council hope that as many Parish residents as possible attend the service on the day. Information will be placed in the Loddon Link.

c. Commemorative Bench WEG. The Clerk has received agreement from BDBC to site the new bench by the notice board so will now order the bench from Bellsure – similar to the bench at Fair Oak Green - & arrange for a plaque to be placed on the bench. It was noted that Cllr Hall has agreed to arrange the installation for the PC. **PM/NH**

d. It was suggested that a party of residents be formed to paint the Recreation ground Pavilion with the PC supplying the 'creacote'. The Clerk will send out e mails & add the item to the next Loddon Link article asking for volunteers to contact her. **PM**

99.16. Correspondence

a. The Clerk has received complaints about parking at WEG however there is nothing that can be done.

b. Cllr Pearson reported that £740million has been made available for broadband improvements in the rural area & has asked our MP to propose Stratfield Saye as a pilot scheme.

100.16 Highways

There were no matters to discuss.

101.16. Hampshire Constabulary Matters

Cllr Preston reported that gardening equipment had been stolen from his garden & advised all to be vigilant. The Clerk will mention the incident in the Loddon Link article. **PM**

102.16. Planning Matters

It was reported that Herriot's farmyard site had been cleared.

103.16. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

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

There were no matters to discuss.

105.16. Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss

106.16. County Councillor's Report

The Clerk had earlier introduced Rhydian Vaughan as the newly selected candidate for the County Council elections next May 2017 when Cllr Chapman retires.

107.16. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matters

There were no matters to discuss.

108.16. 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.

Dec 16	data Protection sub		35.00
	Mayo/Booker	supplies coffee morning	22.77
	Mayo/Timpson	pavilion sign	75.00
	Hartley	cesspit	110.00

b. Setting of precept 2017/8. The Clerk had issued the Councillors with estimates of expenditure & income for period to 31.3.2018. The Parish Council agreed to request a precept of £2500 for 2017/8 year – proposed by Cllr Preston and seconded by Cllr Toosey. The Clerk will arrange the necessary forms. **PM**

109.16 Parish Councillors' Comments

Cllr Carruthers gave a short report on the fundraising activities for playground equipment by the resident's group. The recent Halloween party was very successful with 40+ children attending. They plan another party next year with a spring disco or summer barbecue (these 2 to be on alternative years.) She also noted that when delivering leaflets older residents have asked for the provision of adult gym equipment. The Clerk will contact BDBC to see how long the designated 106 monies held for Stratfield Saye will be available. **PM**
The position re the closure of the Bramley Level Crossings is still unclear.

110.16. Open Forum.

There were no matters raised.

111.16. Dates of Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council are: 6th Feb 2017 & 8th May 2017(AGM)

112.16. Closing

The Chairman, Cllr Pearson, closed the meeting at 8.25p.m.