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# STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 4th February 2019 at 7.30p.m

## ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr Speed Cllr Harborne Cllr Toosey Cllr Hall

Louise Webb (Parish Clerk) County Cllr Vaughan Cllr Best Cllr Toms

3 members of the public

**1.19. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Preston.

**2.19 Minutes of the Meeting 3rd December 2018**

Cllr Hall proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 3rd December 2018, seconded by Cllr Toms and signed by the Chairman Cllr Speed.

**3.19 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

23.18 Cllr Speed confirmed the electricity cabinet on the Recreation Pavilion has been closed but hinge not mended but this will be done. **AS**

23.18 Cllr Speed said the planting around Memorial stone in New Street has been done - bulbs planted.

36.18 Ordinance Survey Map. Cllr Toosey has ascertained that we can purchase the ordinance survey map for £16.99 but we would not be permitted to publish this on the website – only display it on notice boards. She has asked the teachers of Daneshill School if they would be interested in producing something for us and she is waiting to hear back from them. Hartley Wespall has included a link to HCC maps on their website, but this option would not work for us as our parish overlaps 4 different maps. Cllr Speed questioned whether £64 for 4 maps was a good use of money. Cllr Hall offered to trace the OS Map for us. Cllr Speed said he felt we should pursue the Danehill School option or follow up with Cllr Hall. **CT**

44.18c Parish Clerk confirmed that the s106 monies for the repair of the cesspit at the recreation ground have now been received from BDBC.

44.18d Purchase of new picnic benches. Parish Clerk has already circulated examples of recycled plastic picnic benches for use at the Recreation Ground. There is a bin on the Recreation Ground that is locked, but seems to be emptied by BDBC. It was proposed by Cllr Harborne that the Parish Clerk should obtain quotes for the new picnic benches, which was seconded by Cllr Hall, to comply with due diligence requirements. **LW**

86.18 The Parish Clerk has obtained a copy of the s106 Agreement in respect of land at New Street, Stratfield Saye between (1) BDBC (2) Hampshire Voluntary Housing Society and (3) The Trustees of the Wellington Resettled Estate. This document provides that specific criteria must be met by prospective tenants wishing to move into these properties, but it does not specify that the Parish Council has any right to allocate tenants. Cllr Speed to look at his records and check with previous agents. **AS**

44.18a Cllr Toosey has contacted the lengthsman and informed him that we would like him to focus on litter collection, cleaning the phone box, cleaning the signs by the estate office and washing the post box.

79.18c The Clerk has confirmed to Pamber PC know that we do not wish to participate in the proposed Lengthsman Machinery scheme.

79.18b s106 monies – future projects. Cllr Speed will investigate how we allocate forthcoming s106 monies from future planning projects and he will speak to the BDBC planning team shortly. **AS**

79.18e Flooding by the Iron Duke. Cllr Speed has reported this ongoing issue to HCC, but they believe it is the Estate’s responsibility. There is no ditch there and none of the immediate surrounding land belongs to the Estate. Google Images from 2009 confirms there has never been a ditch there. HCC needs to install a drain under the tarmac, which should lead into the ditch on the Estate’s farm land nearby. Cllr Speed is pursuing this with HCC. Cllr Vaughan offered to help if necessary. **AS**

44.18b Football Pitch. Loddon Sports Junior FC has been in contact with the Parish Clerk and expressed an interest in using the recreation ground. The Clerk is meeting with Loddon Sports Junior FC this Friday to discuss. **LW**

**4.19. Borough Councillors’ reports**

There were no reports available.

**5.19. County Councillor’s Report**

Hampshire County Councillor Vaughan reported that HCC has given £1,700 given towards the church repairs. Cllr Speed thanked him for this investment. Cllr Vaughan also offered to pay for some new equipment such as a speed sign or a speed limit reminder to be installed following the traffic survey. Cllr Speed thanked him for this offer.

Hampshire’s Council Tax is going up by 2.9% - about £18million pounds - this year. Most of this will be spent on providing adult and child social care. We will also have to pay more for the Police service this year.

Across the country there is a £3.2billion gap in funding between what the Government provides and what councils must spend, which is why all grants have been cut. This cannot continue, as infrastructure will become difficult to maintain and councils cannot avoid their legal responsibilities. It is looking difficult for the next few years. Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Service are amalgamating.

Also, do be careful are there are lots of fake £20 notes going around.

Cllr Vaughan enquired how the roads were following the recent snow. It was agreed that the roads had been better than usual. A snow plough went up past Daneshill School but the Wellington Farmshop road was dangerous as always. Cllr Vaughan said the gritters did well but unfortunately Basingstoke was a perfect storm! Cllr Speed enquired whether a tree leaning into the road way was the responsibility of the landowner or HCC to cut back? Cllr Vaughan said it’s a grey area – but its really the landowners responsibility to cut back overhanging trees, although sometimes HCC will do it. There was then a discussion about a tree at Wheeler Farmhouse hanging into the A33 at the moment. The new owners need to get it cut back.

**6.19. Parish Matters**

6.19a The Parish Clerk advised the Council that the Bramley Road Race is being held on Sunday17 February 2019. The route will close Bramley Lane, Oliver’s Lane, Sherfield Road and Moat Close. Other roads affected include Folly Lane, Stratfield Saye Road, Mill Lane, Fair Oak Lane and Mortimer Lane. Signage will be deployed on 8th February in anticipation of the race The Race is usually finished by 3.30pm.

6.19b The Cesspit at the Recreation Ground remains problematic. The tank is now full even thought the water supply has been switched off – so surface water is still getting into the tank. Hartley Contracting Services is investigating and the Parish Clerk is hoping to meet with Clive Manser shortly. **LW**

6.19c We have received a quote of £100 per cut from Bulpitt Brothers for cutting the grass at the Recreation Ground. At the meeting, a member of the public Mr Richard Gregory offered to cut the grass and strim the area for a nominal fee plus his fuel costs. The Parish Clerk will contact Mr Gregory each time the grass needs cutting. Cllr Speed invited Mr Gregory to provide the Parish Clerk with a proposal for the provision of his services. **LW**

6.19d The Parish Clerk advised the Council that she has cancelled the direct debit for electricity at the Pavilion. The invoices from SSE are based on estimated readings, following high usage of electricity when the pavilion flooded and needed to be dried out. The Parish Clerk believes that once an up to date meter reading has been provided, our account is likely to be in credit. **LW**

**7.19. Correspondence**

7.19.1 At the request of Cllr Preston the Parish Clerk has emailed the Clerk for Bramley Parish Council to find out about new legal proceedingsrelating to an appeal, and proceedings by an Inspector relating to refusal of planning permission by BDBC.  They relate particularly to the Cufaude Lane area, and possibly a wider area. We are awaiting their response. **LW**

7.19.2 The Parish Clerk has been informed that the defibrillator at the Iron Duke Pub may need new batteries. The Parish Clerk will to speak to 101 and find out who the guardian of the defibrillator is. **LW**

**8.19. Highways**

81.81a There has been no news from HCC following the speeding survey carried out in the village. Cllr Preston is requested to follow this up. **GP**

**9.19. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

Report received from PCSO Emma Page for Nov-Dec 2018. The clerk has already circulated this report to the Councillors.

**10.19.** **Planning Matters**

Planning Application has been received for the erection of a 2 storey ancillary building and retention of an existing garage at Ladylands, Mill Lane, Fair Oak Green, Stratfield Saye 19/00190/RET. The clerk has already circulated the paperwork received from BDBC to the Councillors. There are currently no comments on it.

**11.19.**

**a. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC) Matters**

Parish Clerk has contacted Democratic Services section at BDBC and updated their records regarding the election of Cllrs Best and Toms. All necessary paperwork has been filed.

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

**c.** **Hampshire County Council (HCC) Matters**

**d. Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) Matter**s

There were no reports available for any of these items

**12.19 Finance**

a. Payments Made. The Clerk read out the payments listed below made on behalf of the Council since the last meeting: -

Louise Webb Expenses £ 48.60

SSE Electricity – pavilion Dec 2018 £ 21.00

SSE Electricity – pavilion Jan 2019 £ 21.00

HALC Training £ 90.00

Stratfield Saye Village Hall Hall rental & coffee mornings £ 140.00

Vision ICT Email hosting £ 216.00

HCC Traffic Survey £ 400.00

**TOTAL £ 936.60**

b. Payments Received.

BDBC s106Monies£1529.66

HMRC VAT refund £ 399.77

**TOTAL £1929.43**

c. Direct debits cancelled: -

SSE Monthly electricity payments cancelled

d. Payments to come: –

Refund to Mr Bruty Overpayment for traffic survey £100

e. The Chairman and Parish Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations for October, November and December 2018.

**13.19 Parish Councillors Comments**

The Parish Clerk suggested that she become a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks for professional support. Cllr Toosey proposed, seconded by Cllr Hall, that the Parish Clerk should become a member of the SLCC at an annual cost of £68. **LW**

**14.19 Open Forum**

No comments were made.

**15.19.** **Dates of Next Meetings**

Parish Council meetings will be held on the following dates in the Village Hall, New Street:

13th May 2019 7pm AGM (followed by)

13th May 2019 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

7th October 2019 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

2nd December 2019 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting (to include the setting of the precept for 2019/20)

**16.19. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Speed at 8.15pm.