# STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 7th October 2019 at 7.30pm

## ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr Speed Cllr Harborne Cllr Toosey

Cllr Toms Cllr Preston County Cllr Vaughan

Cllr Hall Cllr Best Cllr Mahaffey

Mrs L. Webb (Parish Clerk)

4 members of the public

**33.19. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gardiner.

**34.19 Minutes of the Meeting 13th May 2019**

Cllr Preston proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 13th May 2019, seconded by Cllr Toosey and signed by the Chairman Cllr Speed.

**35.19 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

36.18 Ordinance Survey Map. Cllr Toosey confirmed Mrs Locke has created a simple map for us. There was a discussion about whether path numbering needed to be added to it. It was agreed that it should have a title added and an extra path. We should colour the footpaths to avoid confusion. It will be put on the notice boards and on postcards for distribution in the pub. Numbering the paths does not add anything to the map.

44.18d Purchase of new picnic benches. Parish Clerk confirmed that the s. 106 monies have been received from BDBC and produced a proforma invoice from NBB Recycled Furniture in the sum of £1608 for two picnic benches. The Parish Clerk will place the order as soon as the cheque for NBB Recycled Furniture has been signed. **LW**

79.18a The s 106 Monies of £610 set aside for the dragonfly play sculpture has been received and the Parish Clerk will order the item for £525 as soon as the cheque has been signed. Parish Clerk is also reminded to organise insurance requirements. **LW**

44.18a Lengthsman. At £28 per hour, plus use of machinery, David Saunders seemed expensive. However another lengthsman recommended to us is much busier and for a similar cost will work for 5 ½ days with two people per year. There must be a better solution – a handyman with public liability insurance? It was suggested that could we allocate councillors specific signs to maintain. We are given £1000 per annum at no cost to the Parish – so we should use the lengthsman’s services. The year runs from May to the end of April each year. It was agreed we should get the lengthsman to repeat the tasks from last year and mend the fence on New Street. Cllr Mahaffey stated it is best to contact the lengthsman directly about his hourly rate. It was noted the bushes at the 5-ways junction need cutting back. **CT**

6.19c We have received a request for payment from Mr Gregory for £280.00 for cutting the grass. **LW**

44.18b Football Pitch. Loddon Sports Youth FC has written to the Parish Clerk to confirm that they do not wish to hire the football pitch this year, as the pitch is not in good playable condition. Mr Richard Gregory has been regularly cutting the grass for us. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact a pest management man **LW**

We should also get the Lengthsman to help. Cllr Speed will ask the Estate’s Gamekeeper to see what’s going on. **AS**

Cllr Speed will email Cllr Mahaffey regarding the Sports England website and the protecting playing fields fund. Silchester received £75,000 from this fund. The Parish Clerk is to email Cllr Mahaffey to ask him for copy of application email and the one for the Football Association for protecting pitches. **LW**

Cllr Speed to approach Kestral to get a quote to improve the pitch. **AS**

79.18e Flooding by the Iron Duke. The flooding issues around the Iron Duke have been reported to HCC and given to a contractor to deal with. Cllr Speed has chased again, a drain needs to be installed but has nothing happened. Cllr Speed referred this issue to Cllr Vaughan. Road by Milton House also has a big pot hole where the rain water has made the road crumble. **AS**

22.19.a Electricity supply at the Pavilion. The Parish Clerk has switched over the energy supplier to SSE. The new contract lasts for 12 months, with a fixed supply rate of electricity at 16.33p per Kw. The daily standing charge is 26.43p per day, which almost half what we were paying previously. We were not able to sign up to Bristol Energy deal mentioned at the last meeting, as they do not supply commercial customers.

**36.19. Borough Councillors’ reports**

Report from Cllr Mahaffey, who was elected in May of this year. During his maiden speech he proposed a declaration of climate emergency. The motion was supported and proposals on what they are going to do will follow shortly. Manydown will absorb our housing commitments for future. He is working on efforts to make the whole thing carbon positive, by insisting the developer does this through planning requirements.

Bins have changed recently, big project but limited complaints. The Council has lost Cllr Reid who was the whip and as a result the Conservatives have now lost their majority.

Basingstoke is one of the poorest recyclers in whole country because we incinerate plastics in Chineham, rather than export rubbish.

There will be an election in Bramley shortly and Stratfield Saye will become part of Bramley ward with 3 councillors. Local Plan – planning inspectorate appeal at Goddards Farm for 90 houses we have fallen short of 4.3 years of housing supply, so the local plan will be torn up and ability to say no has been lost.

The traveller community towards Taylors Farm, had to be approved as the Borough has failed to provide sufficient gypsy sites. They must establish that no munitions are buried under site. They must also re-planting 200 trees. This is a matter of concern.

Parish-Online.co.uk – for £75 per year they will give you an online mapping system.

There is currently £9million worth of stuck s.106 money in the bank. Make sure we chase what is due to us.

**37.19. County Councillor’s Report**

Hampshire County Councillor Vaughan sent a report on 9th September, which has been emailed to all councillors. Cllr Vaughan also spoke at the meeting. There is a new policy to get tough on people who let their engines idle when stationary.

Also it is now possible to turn left and right at the end of the causeway again. This was a controversial decision, but it was deemed as dangerous. The solution is to sharpen up the Swallowfield roundabout.

A report is about to come out about the fire at the Ocado premises. It is an interesting read.

Flick Drummond MP for Portsmouth is the new conservative candidate for the Police and Crime Commissioner post. With regard to speeding through our village, he has promised us £1000. The new gates at Sherborne St John cost £8,000, but Stratfield Saye has a lot of entrances. Could a carpenter make the gates for you? We need them in both New Street and Mortimer Lane. HCC will help us locate and built fences.

Cllr Mahaffey suggested we contact Cllr Janet Earle at Silchester who can help us apply to position and design fences. Then we get our own contractors to do the work. Permission is needed from HCC to install our own fences. Mandy Ware will create a concept design and we can pick and choose what road painting, signage and gateways to install (or install ourselves to their design). All installations must be overseen by HCC and meet government requirements for liability purposes.

**38.19. Parish Matters**

a. Funding sources for the Parish. We should look to the Greenham Trust and VEOILA Communities Trust, as they are wealthy options. Ideally they want big capital projects. Cllr Mahaffry informed us that a Tescos token drive allowed them to update the playground. Sherborne St John have received a lot of money to improve the village hall – but ours is owned by the Estate. Bramley developments – should we try and claim a share of that? Parish Clerk noted that our notice boards are in a poor state of repair. The Parish Clerk to investigate Greenham and VEOILA Trusts.**LW**

**39.19. Correspondence**

23.19.a Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2020. Cllr Speed and the Parish Clerk will organise it for Saturday 9th May. Parish Clerk to consider insurance requirements. Inflatables, marquee, pony rides, bar, tea tent, farmshop BBQ, stalls, dog show, petting zoo, antique car show, steam engines (Clive Manser).

Cllr Speed will check to see ifsimilar celebrations happening on the same day? **AS**

It should be a community event, keep it simple. Cllr Toosey confirmed her field could be used for parking.

a. Correspondence has been received from HCC containing guidance for Brexit in Hampshire. This has been circulated to all councillors.

**40.19. Highways**

a. There are overnight roadworks on the A33 between 16th September and 31st October. Road closed from 8pm onwards. Diversion signs being put up near the Wellington Arms.

81.18a Cllr Toms has written a lengthy report on speeding in the village, which has been sent to BDBC. The key conclusion is that there is no one solution. A range of actions areneeded: -

1 Signage, road markings, gates etc to be designed and/or installed by HCC. It costs £250 for HCC to produce a plan via the Community Initiative Fund.

2 Electronic alerts – speed indicator device or speed limit reminder. Both can be hired for £90 for 2 weeks from BDBC or £160 for 4 weeks. 2 to 3 weeks is considered the optimum time and then repeat after 10 weeks. A contractor sets up and checks the batteries. It needs a BDBC survey done at no charge. You can also buy one for £3,000 but this is not suitable for us.

3 Speedwatch. Shared rental basis with another council. Sherborn St John has new equipment that is light and easily operated. Baughurst has old equipment. We should share with Sherborne St John as they have said they are happy to share. They will let us know how much it will cost but it should be quite affordable. Needs 8 volunteers, who are risk assessed and trained.

4 Local initiatives. Stickers on bins £9 for 30 – slow down stickers too. Red and blue signs, traffic monitoring progress signs. Report speeding to 101 – we have to grumble. Once we hit the threshold the police will send out NPT with a laser gun.

5 Press for police presence.

We need to be wary of costs. Hiring is fine and Speedwatch seems a good option. The speed camera is a low cost option and we should try this first. Cllr Toms to obtain confirmation of costs of options and go ahead with HCC plan for concept plan. **MT**

**41.19. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

Reports from PCSO Emma Page have been circulated to all councillors.

**42.19.** **Planning Matters**

a. It was noted that planning permission was granted in respect of Oakridge, New Street ref: 19/01274/HSE. This property is owned by the Parish Clerk. The paperwork was erroneously sent by BDBC to the previous clerk, Mrs Penny Mayo. Notwithstanding this error, the Parish Council were provided with a copy of the paperwork by email on 9th May 2019 and again on 30th July 2019 and no objections or comments were received on either occasion.

Cllr Harborne does not like receiving copies online – she prefers hard copy as it makes it easier to understand the maps. Everyone else preferred electronic copies. Everyone to email the Parish Clerk once they have seen each application.

b. Planning application 19/02577/FUL Home Farm. This property is occupied by the Chairman, who is conflicted out of any discussion on this application and he left the room. The application is for a new biomass boiler and woodchip store. Are they really carbon neutral issues, but this is a planning issue and outside of scope. No planning comments.

c. Application for listed building consent 19/02629/LBC - Fairfields. This property is owned by Mr & Mrs Bruty and relates to a proposed a single story rear extension at Fairfields, Mortimer Lane. No planning comments.

**43.19.**

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

**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

**44.19 Finance**

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

James Christmas Fund Chairman’s donation £ 50.00

SSE Electricity – pavilion £ 132.63

Came & Co Insurance £ 953.79

Castle Water Water – pavilion £ 11.37

Berkshire Fire Ext. Pavilion – fire inspection £ 60.00

Vision ICT Email hosting £ 216.00

**TOTAL £1423.79**

Payments Received: -

BDBC Precept£1750.00

BDBC s.106 Monies £2343.00

**TOTAL £4093.00**

Payments to be Made:-

NBB Recycled Furniture New picnic tables £1608.00

Sit Play Educate New play sculpture £ 525.00

**TOTAL** **£2133.00**

b. The Chairman and Parish Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations for April, May, June and July 2019.

**45.19 Parish Councillors Comments**

This year’s Nativity play will be on 22nd December at 4.30pm. There are concerns about parking and webbing will be put up before the event.

**46.19 Open Forum**

No comments were made.

**47.19.** **Dates of Next Meetings**

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

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

**48.19. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Speed at 9.05pm.