# STRATFIELD SAYE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in Stratfield Saye Village Hall Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm

## ORDINARY MEETING

Present:

Cllr Speed Cllr Harborne Cllr Hall

Cllr Toms Cllr Preston Cllr Best

Cllr Vaughan Cllr Mahaffey

Mrs L. Webb (Parish Clerk)

4 members of the public

**1.20. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Toosey and Cllr Toms.

**2.20. Minutes of the Meeting 2nd December 2019**

Cllr Harborne proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2019, seconded by Cllr Preston and signed by the Chairman Cllr Speed.

**3.20. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

36.18 Ordinance Survey Map. Cllr Preston has obtained 2 maps from HCC. The Parish Clerk was asked to pass these maps to Cllr Toosey to ensure all information is included in the new maps. **LW**

44.18d Purchase of new picnic benches. Parish Clerk confirmed the two new picnic tables have been delivered and Cllr Speed will arrange their construction. It was agreed that the benches should be constructed before the ground work is done. There is also another bench that has not been screwed down - but it might belong to Mrs Upton? Cllr Speed will check where the football pitch refurbishment will be carried out and ensure that the benches are put outside this perimeter. **AS**

79.18a Purchase of the dragonfly play sculpture. An additional £90.60 is needed for VAT and delivery. This payment has been approved by the Parish Council via email. Parish Clerk to organise insurance requirements. This structure needs to be installed as well. **AS**/**LW**

44.18a Lengthsman Scheme. The Council asked Cllr Toosey to provide them with an email update to all. **CT**

44.18b Football Pitch. Kestral have visited the recreation ground and provided a quote of £90,000 for the drainage work and surface work needed to get the pitch to a Sports England grading - Level 4, which meets local level playing field requirements Cllr Speed has obtained membership of the Greenham Trust already and we now need to submit a formal submission. We also need more than one quote for the work to be done. Paul Butler Construction in Little London was recommended by Cllr Harborne. Paul Hearn, the groundsman at Silchester may be able to help source contractors. Cllr Mahaffey said we might only need 2 quotes - he is not sure. Autumn/Spring time is best time to do the work. **AS**

38.19.a Funding Sources for the Parish.

Cllr Speed has asked his contact to look at the cess pit and an update will follow shortly via email. **AS**

79.18e Flooding by the Iron Duke. 2 weeks ago Pauline Cross from the Wellington Estate met Rachel May from HCC. A discussion took place and work was supposed to start last week, but nothing has happened yet. HCC are also going to work on the drainage on the corner by the Estate Office. A chaser email was sent to HCC earlier today. Cllr Vaughan was asked to inquire from his end. **AS**

23.19.a Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on Sunday 10th May 2020.

Cllr Speed has asked our insurers to quote for this event. It will have to be covered by our insurance, but the Estate might contribute. LW and AS to meet and discuss further to contact possible stall holders.

The Parish Clerk confirmed the date has already been advertised in the LVL. Fliers and posters to follow. **AS/LW**

**4.20. Borough Councillors’ reports**

Report provided Cllr Mahaffey. There is a new political group in Basingstoke as 11 Labour councillors resigned the whip and formed the Basingstoke Independent Group. Now there are 4 groups in the running. This has culminated in discussions re proportionality on committees. He has also recently attended the Climate Members Advisory Group. There is an email from Sam Taylor coming - which details how to PCs can reduce their carbon footprint. A car sharing database would be helpful in this area.

VIOLIA looking to turn their fleet electric.

We need to reduce the mount of cement we use, it is very bad for the environment.

‘B Love’ festival is taking place on 12 July this year. It is a family friendly festival.

Basingstoke has a poor recycling record as we send a lot to the incinerator at Chineham.

**5.20. County Councillor’s Report**

Report from Cllr Vaughan. Report sent by email today re HCC’s £2.1billion budget. Their share of central Council Tax is going up - but most of this money will be spent on social care which is currently costing £1m a day. Unfortunately even this additional money will not be enough in 3 years’ time.

Household Waste Centers - you can register up to 3 cars. Registration prevents non residents from using Hampshire’s facilities. It works on number plate recognition.

HCC has opened a consultation on public libraries. 10 libraries being looked at as they are unprofitable. We need to make them more effective - more like community centers . The consultation is open until March 18th and a decision will be made in June.

Last week was cervical cancer week - there has been a marked increase in cases. Females not getting checked regularly. It will save your life to get checked.

HCC given £1.3m to deal with rough sleepers. There are only 8 in Basingstoke.

Life is getting more expensive - the lengthsman is a vital service for our village and he will fight for it. Parishes may be expected to make a larger contribution in the future - this should be a consideration for future precepts. Gates into the village do work but they are expensive. Cllr Mahaffey said research shows that people slow down when a village looks clean and tidy.

**6.20. Parish Matters**

54.19. We have been informed us that the defibrillator installed at The Iron Duke has been badly fitted. AS to follow up. **AS**

**7.20. Correspondence**

a. Email received from Cllr Vaughan dated today’s date setting out HCC’s £2.1billion budget spending plans for Hampshire’s public services in 2020/2021. This has already been circulated to all Councillors.

b. Email received from Cllr Toosey believing her email her email account has been compromised. All councillors received one. Cllr Speed advised the Council to interrogate the email address to make sure it is from him.

c. Email received from Magaret McGrath at BDBC dated 23rd January setting out what s 106 monies are in the pipeline for our Parish and what the money can be spent on. A copy has already been forwarded to all councillors. New tarmac at the recreation ground needs planning permission. Cllr Toms has spoken to Janet Earle of Silchester PC - they managed to redirect s 106 monies from bus shelters to speeding. This redirection is contrary to what we have previously been told is possible.

d. Email received from Adam Craig at BDBC asking for confirmation of who owns the bus shelters in the village. Clrl Speed thought they had been constructed by the Estate, but paid for by the Council. The verge belongs to HCC but the land on New Street belongs to Estate. Ownership unclear as very little information. No buses going though the village. Cllr Speed to co check the land registry records.

**8.20. Highways**

1. We have been advised that the Bramley Road Race is taking place on Sunday 16th February. Roads affected will be as follows: -

1 Full closure of Bramley Lane for the duration of the event between each end of Moat Close, with diversion via Moat Close

2 Full closure of all of Bramley Lane (Olivers Lane to Sherfield Road) for the start of the race (approx 10.15-10.45) with diversion route

3 Rolling road block of Sherfield Road from Bramley Lane to Folly Lane for the start of the race (approx 10.15-10.45) as directed by traffic signs.

The order will come into effect on 16 February 2020 for 1 day.(Notwithstanding the above it is expected the closure will be from 08:00am to 3.00pm)

81.18a

Cllr Toms prepared an update on efforts to limit speeding in the village, which was presented by Cllr Preston.

Items done

Bin stickers have been distributed to residents in Mortimer Lane and New Street. Reminder to those who have not displayed their stickers in the next LVL. LW

Flashing speed limit reminder on Mortimer Lane now in place facing northwards. It will be there for 2 weeks, then will move to New Street, return to Mortimer Lane and then back to New Street for 2 week intervals.

In Progress

The Speedwatch forms have been completed and we are now waiting for a training date.

In Future

‘Slow’ signs and ‘30’ signs to be painted on the roads throughout the village at a cost of £1900 (includes a contingency fund of £200) for 11 signs. This seems a lot of money even with the offer from Cllr Vaughan of £1000. Silchester PC has raised funds from various sources or residents could chip in . Alternatively, we could invest in triangular signs that are propped up at the sides of the road that say ‘slow’. They cost £50 each.

Cllr Vaughan advised that if we want the £1000 from him we MUST complete the application to the councillors grant scheme by close of business tomorrow. Cllr Preston confirmed he would do this. **GP**

Cllr Vaughan recommends we buy a SID but they cost £3000 and we have to move it around. We have rented one, much better value for money and HCC will move it. HCC wont pay for a permanent SID as there have been no accidents.

Mortimer West End PC (Christine Magabe) wants to buy one - could we share perhaps? **LW**

Cllr Speed suggested the Estate might consider contributing to both speeding measures and the VE Day party.

Cllr Harborne reminded the Council we have quite a lot of expenditure coming up with cesspit repairs, the party, and the football pitch. We need to be careful.

Lets wait to see how effective the SLR/SID is before deciding whether to buy one. We should apply for the £1000 in any event - either put it towards SID or road markings. Revisit by email.

**9.20. Hampshire Constabulary Matters**

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

Cllr Preston stated there were arson, criminal damage and public order incidents in Stratfield Saye mentioned in the Lodden Valley Link.

**10.20.** **Planning Matters**

No planning applications to discuss.

**11.20.**

**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

**12.20. Finance**

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

Louise Webb Speed stickers £ 5.88

Vision ICT Domain renewal - March 2020 £ 66.00

to February 2022

Castle Water Water £ 12.63

Louise Webb Expenses £ 76.50

Stratfield Saye Village Hall Hall hire & Tea Club £144.00

Castle Water Water £ 12.63

**TOTAL £317.64**

Payments Received: -

TOTAL £0.00

Payments to be Made:-

Mike Toms Expenses Speed stickers £99.90

Hand Made Places Dragonfly £90.60

TOTAL £199.50

b. The Chairman and Parish Clerk signed the Bank Reconciliations for October and November 2019.

**13.20. Parish Councillors Comments**

No comments were made.

**14.20. Open Forum**

Cllr Harborne reminded the PC that at 11am on the first Monday of every month there is a Coffee Morning in the village hall. Everyone welcome. Clerk to mention in the Lodden Valley Link . LW

**15.20.** **Dates of Next Meetings**

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

18th May 2020 7pm AGM (followed by)

18th May 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

5th October 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting

7th December 2020 7.30pm Ordinary Meeting (to include the setting of the precept)

**16.20. Closing**

The meeting was closed by the Chairman Cllr Speed at 8.35pm.