

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
9 JANUARY 2017 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD

Present:

Cllr L Drake (Chairman)
Cllr A Johns
Cllr C Chamberlin
Cllr J Sayer
V Powell (Clerk)

In attendance:

District Cllr P Carrick

Parishioners: 0

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr G Chamberlin, Cllr T Dann, and Cllr D Roper

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received

117 MINUTES

The Clerk noted that under item 106 'Cllr C Chamberlin' should read 'Cllr A Johns'. The minutes were amended, agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

118 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Item 106 – The Clerk noted that the 'The New Clerks Year' training course had been very useful.

Item 107 – The Clerk had contacted NALC with regard to rectifying the 'FixMyStreet' search bar on the Parish Council website.

Item 109 – The Clerk was awaiting a response from Highways with regard to moving the noticeboard at Bracken Brae garage. It had been proposed that the noticeboard could be relocated to the verge alongside the postbox. The Clerk wished for clarification as to whether this would cause any highway issues.

119 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr P Carrick noted that BDC would be looking to increase Council Tax for a Band D property by £5, this equates to a Band D property paying £111 a month. It was felt that although BDC had not increased Council Tax charges in the previous 5 years, there was enough in reserves to cushion any cuts in funding. Cllr P Carrick also noted that NCC would be increasing their Council Tax charges by 4% and the Police by 2%. Following a question from Cllr C Chamberlin, Cllr P Carrick confirmed that the Norfolk devolution deal was now 'dead in the water'.

120 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None received

121 POLICE REPORT

For the period September to November 2016 there had been 5 recorded crimes for the parish. Of these 1 x Criminal damage, 1x ASB, 2 x Violence or sexual assault and 1x Other.

122 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Chairman had been approached by Mr W Farrow with regard to co option onto the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Chairman would invite Mr W Farrow to attend the next meeting. The Clerk gave details of the ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) course run by SLCC, the aim of the course is to provide an introduction to the

work of a local council, the Clerk and Councillors. The Clerk expressed an interest in attending the course and obtaining the qualification. It was felt that the qualification would be both beneficial to the Clerk and the Parish Council, and after discussions it was agreed that the Council would cover the cost of the course. The Clerk would look into registering on the next available course.

123 PUBLIC PARTICPATION

None received

124 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

i) The Clerk read out correspondence she had received from BDC with regard to planning application 2016/0904. The case officer, Mr G Beaumont confirmed that although the Parish Council's comments had been taken into account, the application was approved on 30 November 2016. Mr G Beaumont confirmed that he had not received any information about if and when the development would proceed. However, the relevant planning conditions still restricts the units to holiday accommodation. After discussions it was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation.

ii) In her absence the Clerk read out correspondence received by Cllr G Chamberlin from a resident regarding ongoing issues with Broadband speeds in the parish. The resident had previously written to the Parish Council in January 2016, however had only seen a marginal change in speeds following work on the network. The Clerk provided an update on progress with the BBFN project. BT were looking to replace or upgrade a number of cabinets over a period of three years, with detailed design and planning underway. It was suggested by the resident in his letter that a local company, WiSpire, contact the Parish Council about the possibility of installing a local mast for satellite broadband. After discussions regarding costs and suitable speeds it was agreed that the Council would await developments as part of the BBFN project.

The Clerk confirmed that she had again contacted the Post Office to rectify the 'wonky' post box.

125 SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

The Clerk confirmed that 8 residents had contacted her with an interest in volunteering for the Speedwatch scheme. The Clerk had contacted PCSO Bill Kerr for further clarification on progressing with the scheme. All those who had shown an interest would be required to complete an application form. Approval for the scheme was proposed by Cllr J Sayer and seconded by Cllr C Chamberlin. All were in agreement. The Clerk would distribute the relevant paperwork to all interested parties. The Clerk confirmed that she had approached Hainford and Hevingham Parish Councils with regard to working in partnership to purchase a SAM2 (vehicle activated speed sign) to combat speeding along the A140, Cromer Road. Hainford Parish Council would take the proposal to their next Council meeting for discussion. The Clerk for Hevingham Parish Council confirmed that she had submitted an application to the Parish Partnership Scheme to purchase two SAM2. A decision would be made on the application in March 2017. She would notify the Clerk with regard to the outcome of this decision.

126 PLANNING

- i) 2016/2081 – Eastons Coaches Ltd, Parish Road, Single storey extension to existing garage building for storage of coaches - SUPPORT
- ii) 2016/2189 – The Homelands, The Wilderness, Removal of conditions 2&3 from planning permission 1996/0874 – To allow permanent occupation – SUPPORT

127 FINANCE

i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£18.00
Burroughes Hall (Hire of Hall)	£160.00
Norfolk PTS (Clerks Training)	£60.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th December 2016 and 5th January 2017.

The balance carried forward is £5,923.95

ii) The Clerk circulated the proposed figures for information. Following discussions it was agreed the Precept would be increased to £3,570, which equates to a 1.46% increase to a Band D property. The Clerk had been approached by the Village Hall Committee with a request for help in funding possible resurfacing work to the hall car park. No confirmation had been received in writing. Cllr C Chamberlin suggested that the Village Hall Committee may wish to look at redistributing the gravel that had built up around the edges of the site, and any new surface should be a minimum of 10mm. Concerns were also raised regarding the safety of the ramp leading to the hall. A figure of up to £500 had been set aside for the proposed project, however further clarification would be required from the Village Hall Committee. An item regarding the project would be added to the February agenda for further discussion.

128 CORRESPONDENCE

None received

129 ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Recycling banks, Village Hall Car Park

130 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 13th February 2017 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall

The meeting closed at 8:30pm