

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**13 FEBRUARY 2017 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD**

**Present:**

Cllr L Drake (Chairman)  
Cllr G Chamberlin  
Cllr C Chamberlin  
Cllr T Dann  
Cllr J Sayer  
Cllr W Farrow  
V Powell (Clerk)

**In attendance:**

District Cllr P Carrick  
County Cllr D Roper

**Parishioners:** 7

**131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Johns.

**132 CO OPTION TO FILL VACANCY**

The Chairman proposed that Mr W Farrow be co-opted to the Council, which was seconded by Cllr C Chamberlin and agreed by all. The required Acceptance of Office form was completed.

**133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None received.

**134 MINUTES**

**Item 118** - Cllr T Dann asked under item 109 if the relocation of the noticeboard was to be discussed. The Clerk confirmed this was to be covered under item 11 of the agenda.

**Item 119** - Cllr T Dann felt that the wording under item 119 required further clarification. Cllr P Carrick explained that residents Council Tax bills were made up of 4 parts; NCC, the Police, BDC and the Parish precept. BDC Council Tax levels are within the lower quartile, and as such the Government has allowed a raise of up to £5 on a Band D property.

The minutes were agreed by all and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**135 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Following a question from Cllr J Sayer the Clerk confirmed that discussions regarding works to the Village Hall would be covered under item 13 of the agenda.

**136 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr P Carrick noted that BDC had undertaken a call for sites from landowners. The 'Call' identifies sites which might have the potential for development for consideration in the Greater Norwich Local Plan. He confirmed that no sites had been submitted for Stratton Strawless.

**137 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr D Roper noted that NCC budget was to be agreed at their next Council meeting. A 4.8% increase in Council Tax was being proposed, equating to £57 per annum for a Band D property. Following advice from the Government, 3% of this was to be ring fenced for Adult Social Care. The remaining 1.8% would be shared between services. It was hoped that efficiency savings could also be met by cuts to back office services.

**138 POLICE REPORT**

For the period December 2016 there had been 3 recorded crimes for the parish. Of these 1 x Burglary, 1x Other theft, and 1 x Violence or sexual assault.

### **139 CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk confirmed that she had distributed the appropriate paperwork to those residents that had shown an interest in volunteering for the speedwatch scheme. Correspondence had been received from Hainford Parish Council with regard to working in partnership to purchase a SAM2. Unfortunately the proposal did not receive support. 'The Great British Spring Clean' would be taking place from the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> March. BDC would be supporting the clean by offering their litter picking equipment out on loan during March. Anyone wishing to take part should contact the Clerk. Cllr C Chamberlin reported that there was a build up of litter along Parish Road and Shortthorn Road. The Chairman also noted that litter levels along Serpentine Lane required attention. The Clerk would contact BDC to request a litter pick. The Clerk noted that she had been invited by BDC to visit their offices on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to meet Council staff.

### **140 PUBLIC PARTICPATION**

Concerns were raised with regard to speeding along Serpentine Lane and Shortthorn Road. The Chairman confirmed that speeding had been an on going issue for the Council and several different options had been considered. After discussions it was agreed that the Clerk would approach NCC Highways to look at the possibility of reducing the speed limit along Serpentine Lane and introducing a one way system. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the issue. Cllr P Carrick noted that NCC would be reluctant to undertake any speed reduction improvements until the impact on traffic flows had been assessed following the completion of the NDR. It was estimated that the NDR would reduce traffic on the Shortthorn Road by 40%.

### **141 PLANNING**

i) 2017/0039 – The Glen, Shortthorn Road, Change of use of land from scrap yard and haulage yard and part of the residential curtilage of The Laurels to scaffolding yard (Use Class B8) – OPPOSE

The Chairman was handed a petition signed by 60 residents objecting to planning application 2017/0039. Objections were raised to the levels of noise from the site as well as increased traffic. Cllr T Dann noted that the proposed change of use to The Laurels should be submitted as a separate application. After discussions it was resolved that the Council would oppose the application. The Clerk would write to BDC outlining the Council's decision, enclosing the signed petition.

*2 residents left the meeting at 8:15pm*

ii) 2016/2189 – The Homelands, The Wilderness, Removal of conditions 2&3 from planning permission 1996/0874 – NOTED

The Chairman confirmed that the application had been approved.

*Cllr D Roper and 2 residents left the meeting at 8:20pm*

### **142 OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

An inspection of the damage to the village sign at the junction of Holt Road/Shortthorn Road had been carried out by NCC. The sign would be cleaned to remove any debris. NCC had contacted Euro-forest, managing agents with regard to the damage to the footpath. Although the site had now been cleared Cllr G Chamberlin raised concerns that it had not been restored to a footpath standard. The Clerk would speak to NCC. Under item 118 of the minutes from the

January meeting, Cllr T Dann wished for it to be noted that the area of land being considered was owned by himself. It was agreed that the noticeboard remain at Bracken Brae Garage. Councillors wished to remind residents that Parish Council noticeboards were located at Woodland View, the Village Hall and Bracken Brae Garage. The Clerk would also look at placing an advert in the Parish Magazine. Cllr C Chamberlin noted that the fencing around the recycling area at Woodland View was damaged. The Clerk would look to get this repaired. The Clerk was still awaiting a response from the Post Office with regard to the the postbox. Cllr C Chamberlin noted that the path along the Shortthorn Road required clearing. The Clerk would notify NCC.

#### **143 FINANCE**

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£25.35
Mr F Hambling (Bus Shelter cleaning)	£40.00
URM (UK) Ltd (Bottle bank emptying)	£22.50

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

The balance carried forward is £5,923.95

*1 resident left the meeting at 8:30pm*

#### **144 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK RESURFACING WORKS**

Projects for 2017 and a quote for external works had been received by the Clerk and circulated to all Councillors. Cllr T Dann noted that the quote did not include costs for proposed drainage works within materials and labour. Additional costs would also be charged for unforeseen problems. Cllr J Sayer would clarify costings with the Village Hall. Cllr C Chamberlin asked if the Village Hall was undertaking any fundraising to help cover the costs of the work. Cllr J Sayer confirmed that this was the case. After discussions it was proposed by Cllr G Chamberlin, seconded by the Chairman and agreed by all to donate £250 to the Village Hall Committee for improvement works to the outside area. The Clerk would contact the Village Hall.

#### **145 FUTURE OF RECYCLING BANKS**

The Clerk circulated recycling figures for the previous two years. After discussions all agreed the Council should retain the banks as they generate a small income to the Parish Council. The Clerk would continue to monitor their use.

#### **146 BDC SMOKE FREE PLAY AREA INITIATIVE**

The Clerk had received correspondence from BDC regarding a partnership initiative with Public Health Norfolk, to make play areas and/or multi-use games areas in the district smoke free. The project would enable BDC to provide smoke free signage for all play areas. There is no charge for the signage and BDC were looking at the possibility of installing them on the Council's behalf. All agreed the initiative was a good idea. Cllr J Sayer noted that the Peter Waller Bowling and Outdoor Activity Centre may also be interested as the initiative included multi-use games areas. After discussions it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee and to the Bowling and Activity Centre.

#### **147 CLERKS APPRAISAL**

It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr G Chamberlin will conduct the Clerk's appraisal.

**148 CORRESPONDENCE**

Broadland YAB will be holding a Youth Engagement Networking evening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm – 8pm.

**149 ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

NACC, Mansom Plantation, Broadband Speeds.

**150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall (in conjunction with the APM)

**The meeting closed at 8:50pm**