

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
10th APRIL 2017 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD

Present:

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

In attendance:

District Cllr P Carrick
County Cllr D Roper

Parishioners: 0

167 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

168 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

169 MINUTES

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

170 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk read out an email she had received from BDC with regard to the removal of the can recycling bank at Woodland View in response to a query from Cllr A Johns. *'There would have been a can bank there at some point, However we have not had a contract for cans for years. The Can Man was going to collect any banks he had at the end of last year'*. The email was noted. Cllr C Chamberlin reported that the footpath was still inaccessible. The Clerk confirmed that NCC were still trying to resolve the issue with the landowner but she would clarify the current situation with the responsible officer.

171 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr P Carrick noted that there was nothing to report.

172 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr D Roper reported that NCC were considering a move away from the current Committee system to a Cabinet system. It was being considered that a semi Cabinet system could be in place in May 2017. To improve highways issues in the County, NCC were looking to devolve some responsibility for local highways concerns to the 84 NCC Councillors. It was hoped that a annual sum of £6,000 would be given to each NCC Councillor to distribute to projects within their local area. Cllr D Roper expressed concerns regarding how this would be administered and how it would tie in with the Parish Partnership scheme.

173 POLICE REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that the Police website had not been updated since January, and as such there were no figures for the period.

174 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk circulated the letter from CPRE to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr G Chamberlin and seconded by Cllr C Chamberlin to sign the pledge. In a vote of 6 votes for to 1 vote against, the pledge was signed by the Chairman.

175 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk had received a letter from a resident of Shortthorn Road with regard to an outside event that had involved the setting off of a number of fireworks between the hours of 9:20pm – 9:40pm. The Clerk had sought clarification from BDC Environmental Health Department with regard to the Fireworks Act

2003. It was noted that fireworks were not permitted between the hours of 11pm - 7am, with the exception of New Years Eve, Chinese New Year, Diwali and Bonfire Night. The resident was asked to contact BDC Environmental Health if the fireworks became a regular occurrence.

The Clerk had received a telephone call from a resident of Serpentine Lane with regard to the number of HGVs and the speed of traffic along Serpentine Lane. She had spoken to NCC Highways about the issue, but had hoped to ask the Parish Council if they would consider a request to add a weight restriction to the lane, as well as the possibility of speaking to the companies along the Shortthorn Road to ask their drivers to consider taking alternative routes. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council had requested a weight restriction in the past, but had been unsuccessful. After discussions it was agreed to continue to put pressure on NCC Highways for a weight restriction. The Clerk would write to NCC Highways.

176 REPORT FROM NACC REPRESENTATIVE

Cllr J Sayer gave a report on the outcome of the NACC meeting held on 12th April 2017. He noted that the Committee secretary was on leave, and as such the minutes did not truly reflect the meeting. With regard to the flying of helicopters no noise incidences had been reported for Stratton Strawless. However he felt that this did not reflect the true scale of the problem, with noise levels having a significant impact on the residents of Woodland View mobile residents park. He had asked that NACC considered in it's reporting the impact that flight noise has on different types of property. It was proposed that a motion be put forward to invite those parishes located further away from the airport to attend the NACC meetings. It was agreed that an item would be placed on the May agenda. Clerk to action. Cllr C Chamberlin asked whether there was a telephone number to call if residents had a complaint. Cllr J Sayer confirmed that the best option was to contact the airport. Cllr W Farrow noted that the RAF had on previous occasions placed noise meters

172 NDR PROGRESS REPORT

Cllr A Johns reported on progress with the NDR following the Forum held on 23rd March. During excavation works archaeologists had discovered the wreckage of a second world war plane. It was noted that utility companies had raised concerns that the laying of wiring and piping had been overlooked. The NDR project was a month ahead of schedule and currently on budget. Cllr A Johns noted that problems may arise as the NDR crosses the Fakenham Road due to a number of different options available. Cllr D Roper noted that the location of the crossing had not been planned in advance as a western link had not been originally proposed. Cllr A Johns had raised concerns that due to planned road closures Shortthorn Road would become an unofficial bypass. It would become difficult to exit the road both onto the A140 and Holt Road. It was proposed that traffic lights be placed at the junction with St Faiths across Horsford to alleviate the problem.

173 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Clerk reported that there had been no further developments with regard to the Manson Plantation application. Cllr G Chamberlin asked that the item remain on the agenda. Cllr G Chamberlin had received correspondence from BBfN Programme Director and the following update was given. *'Properties in the area are served by three different local exchange areas, Buxton, Haveringland and Walcott. People can check to see where their property is served from using the link <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm> using the address checker option..... 11 properties served by Walcott cabinet 8 have access to Superfast (24Mbps) broadband speeds.....The Hevingham cabinet 3 is expected to be live by the end of this spring, with a new fibre solution planned for late 2017. Hevingham cabinet 1 is expected to be live by late 2017/early 2018. There is also a new fibre solution planned for late 2019/early 2020. Those properties served by Hevingham exchange only will also benefit from a fibre solution expected late 2019/early 2020. Once fibre infrastructure is available in your area, residents will need to contact their internet service provider to discuss suitable packages.'* Cllr T Dann asked whether the improvements had made a difference to broadband speeds. Cllr G Chamberlin noted that this would depend on distances from the cabinet, the further the distance the worse connections would be. Cllr G Chamberlin also wished for it to be noted how efficient the BBfN Programme Director had been in keeping her updated. An update on the project would be forwarded to Mr Bancalari.

County Cllr D Roper left the meeting at 8:20pm

The Clerk was still awaiting for the post office to rectify the 'wonky' post box. She would chase again.

174 PLANNING

i) No applications received.

ii) The Clerk noted that planning application 2017/0039 The Glen, Shorthorn Road had been refused planning permission by BDC. Further details on the reasons for refusal were available on BDC website www.broadland.gov.uk/plans and inserting the application number. The Clerk clarified that BDC Enforcement department were seeking legal advice over whether the storage containers at The Laurels were subject to a certificate of lawful use agreed on the site. The Clerk would monitor the situation. Cllr T Dann noted that the applicant should have submitted a change of use for the site.

175 FINANCE

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£65.50
NALC (Subscription)	£141.41
URM(UK)Ltd	£14.40

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th April 2017.

The balance carried forward is £5,048.35

ii) It was agreed that District Cllr P Carrick would undertake the internal audit of the Council's accounts.

176 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received a letter from Norfolk Family Mediation asking for a donation towards their work. It was proposed by Cllr J Sayer and seconded by the Chairman to donate £25 to the organisation. All were in agreement. BDC will be running both the Design and Enhancement Awards again this year. Any nominations should be forwarded to Kate Knights, Historic Environment Officer at BDC. St Margaret's Church are raising money for a new Eco toilet at the church. The Church wished for it to be noted that they are taking part in the Co op Community Token Scheme. Tokens would be available from 1st April – end of June at local Co op and Waitrose stores. The next SNAP meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th April at the Jubilee Family Centre, Aylsham at 7pm. The NALC conference would be taking place on Wednesday 24th May from 9:45am. No one was available to attend. The Clerk distributed leaflets received from Cllr J Sayer regarding Norwich airport development fees.

177 ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

NACC, SNAP

The Clerk reminded those present that the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

178 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 8th May 2017 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall

The meeting closed at 8:40pm