

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

Present:

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

In attendance: County Cllr D Roper

073 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from District Cllr P Carrick.

074 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

075 MINUTES

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

076 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cllr G Chamberlin had been approached by a resident of Woodland View with regard to erecting signage warning motorists of pedestrians crossing along the A140 Cromer Road. Cllr A Johns asked that the resident put their request in writing to the Parish Council to help support the lowering of the speed limit through Stratton Strawless. Following the recent RTC it was agreed to approach NCC Highways to look at the feasibility of installing a traffic island at a location close to the bus stops. County Cllr D Roper noted that funding maybe available through the Parish Partnership Scheme, and County Councillor budgets. However, further clarification would be required from Highways. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to NCC Highways on the matter and that of erecting some signage.

County Cllr D Roper noted that residents of Hevingham had put together a petition to NCC to reduce the speed limit on the stretch of A140 through Hevingham and Marsham. The group would be taking the petition to the Environment Development and Transport Committee in January, as well as running a media campaign. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter of support to the campaign team.

Cllr J Sayer asked for clarification on the correspondence received from Dilham Parish Council regarding a reduction in helicopter noise from the airport. The Clerk noted that the Council had only been asked if the parish had been affected by noise. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Dilham Parish Council to establish if they wished to have representation on the NACC. If agreed, the Clerk would write to NACC on behalf of the Parish Council to propose a motion to support Dilham Parish Council request.

The Clerk confirmed that she had notified BDC of the port-a-cabin style building at Woodland Stables. The Chairman confirmed that BDC had undertaken a site visit but planning regulations were being met. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek clarification from BDC Enforcement team.

077 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Cllr D Roper noted he had met with the Chief Constable regarding the Norfolk Policing model for 2020. Proposals would see 81 PC's being recruited, but a loss of the PCSO role. The type of crime seen in Norfolk had changed, with crimes being more complex and requiring the skills of a PC rather than PCSO. The plans would see the SNT beat managers taking on more of a community role.

The NCC Budget for 2018/19 was currently out for consultation. A proposal to increase Council Tax by 4.9%, and cuts to services were being put forward. NCC would be looking to merge Children Centres with libraries and review subsidies for bus services. It was likely that mobile libraries would be scaled back in the next year. The Consultation period ends on 2 January, with the NCC budget being agreed in

February 2018.

078 POLICE REPORT

For the period September 2017 there had been 11 crime reports for the parish. Of these 1 incident of criminal damage was reported along Church Road, 2 incidences of criminal damage as well as 8 incidences of violence and sexual assault had been reported at the bus stop, Shortthorn Road.

The Clerk had extended an invitation to Inspector Brian Sweeney to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain further the proposed changes to Norfolk Police. Inspector Sweeney was available to attend the January meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would confirm.

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

079 CLERKS REPORT

BDC had requested an estimate of the number of rough sleepers in the parish during the night of 14th - 15th November. It was agreed that Cllr L Drake would undertake the survey.

080 PUBLIC PARTICPATION

None received.

081 PLANNING

- i. None received
- ii. 2017/1662 – Use of land for scaffolding business and erection of a scaffold storage business, Shortthorn Road – Concerns were raised to the wording submitted on amended plans with regard to the existing office space. Clarification on the matter was required from BDC. After further discussions it was agreed that the Clerk would seek clarification on the following points; The removal of all scaffolding from The Glen to the new site highlighted on the application plans; removal of the car park area at the The Glen, and that access to the site will be via Edwin Way.

082 FINANCE

- i. The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£9.00
Norfolk Citizens Advice (Donation)	£25.00
URM (UK) Ltd (Bottle Bank Emptying)	£19.98
Mazars LLP (External audit)	£30.00

The Clerks standing order for November was paid on 5th of the month.

The balance carried forward is £6,445.14

- ii. The external audit report had been received and signed off as accurate and complete. It was noted that PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed as the Council's auditor for 5 years from 2017/18

083 2018 MEETING DATES

The proposed meeting dates for 2018 were agreed.

084 PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk had been contacted by the Village Hall committee with regard to notices placed on the Parish Council noticeboards. Historically notices had been restricted to Parish Council news. It was agreed that the noticeboards should be available for use by all groups within the parish. Any notices would need to be sent to the Clerk.

The Clerk noted that the noticeboards were in need of maintenance. It was agreed that costs would be considered during the January budget setting process.

085 OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- i. No update had been received with regard to Mansom Plantation. The item would remain on the agenda .
- ii. Cllr C Chamberlin reported that NCC Highways had confirmed the public right of way that runs through the land formally known as Medlers Yard is protected under law, highways rights can not be extinguished. It was noted that issues with a number of footpaths in the parish had still not been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr C Chamberlin to organise a site visit with NCC Highways.

086 NORWICH AIRPORT EXPANSION

Cllr J Sayer noted that the consultation period had now closed and no further comments were being received.

087 CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

088 ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Standing Orders, The Glen, Speeding along A140 (Cromer Road), HGV weight limit – Serpentine Lane

089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 8th January 2018 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm