

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2018 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD

Present:

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

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090 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from District Cllr P Carrick, County Cllr D Roper and Cllr A Johns. The Clerk advised that Cllr A Johns had resigned from the Council. The Chairman and those present wished to thank Cllr A Johns for his hard work for the Council.

091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

092 MINUTES

Item 078 - The Clerk noted that Inspector Sweeney was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to Inspector Sweeney to attend the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Item 081 – It was noted that lorries had been accessing the site at The Glen at the front entrance. Planning conditions relating to the site restricted access via Edwin Way only. It was agreed to seek clarification from BDC as to when the condition would be enforced.

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

093 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cllr G Chamberlin asked if any progress had been made with regard to erecting signage along the A140 warning motorists of pedestrians. The Chairman noted that Mr A Johns had been involved in the campaign to reduce speeding along the A140. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Mr A Johns.

094 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk noted following correspondence from District Cllr P Carrick there were no issues from BDC affecting Stratton Strawless.

095 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

In his absence the Clerk read out news received from County Cllr D Roper. Regarding the issues of speeding along the A140, residents of Hevingham would be presenting their petition at the Environment, Development and Transport Committee on 19th January, 10am, County Hall. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend as a representative for Stratton Strawless, and would contact Mr A Johns regarding the petition for Stratton Strawless. There had been various issues at NCC. An increase in Councillor allowances had been agreed, to which Cllr D Roper had voted against. He would be donating his increase to charity. It was advised that a planned council tax increase of 5.99% was planned for April. This was the legal limit without holding a referendum.

096 POLICE REPORT

For the period October – November 2017 there had been 3 incidences of violent assault within the parish.

097 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that from 25 May 2018 the data protection law would be changing significantly with the introduction of the 2016 EU Directive known as General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR will replace the 1998 Data Protection Act and impose new obligations on data controllers, data processors, and enhance rights of the individual. It will be necessary to appoint a Data Protection Officer who would advise, and monitor the Parish Council's compliance with the new law. It was noted that complying with the new law would have resource implications.

098 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted that the pet cemetery chimney had been emitting green smoke. It was agreed that the Clerk would report the incident to BDC.

099 PLANNING

i) 2017/2201 – Single storey extension, extension from dwelling to garage, covered canopy with balcony at first floor and alterations to windows and doors – Park House Farm, The Wilderness, Shortthorn Road – SUPPORT

100 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

i) Cllr J Sayer asked for clarification regarding Standing Order 1 d), e), f). The Clerk advised she has reviewed the current Standing Orders and no alterations were needed. It was agreed to allow time to scrutinise the document, and the review would therefore be deferred to a later date.

ii) It was agreed to defer a review of the Training Policy to a later date.

101 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 on his site visit with NCC Highways Officer Mr Mayes. Mr Mayes advised that the information gathered about the public footpaths would be passed onto the relevant departments. In relation to the section of path which runs from the bed and breakfast driveway to the A140, questions regarding its upkeep would be referred to a colleague in Aylsham. The section which runs from Parish Road to the Bed and Breakfast driveway, was considered to be passable and it may not be possible to have any improvements to this. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the landowner to see if an arrangement could be put in place to improve the footpath. The Clerk would contact NCC Highways for an update. The footpath adjacent to the A140 had been cleared.

102 PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk presented costs for replacing the noticeboards. After discussions it was agreed that Cllr T Dann would accompany the Clerk when she next attended to the noticeboards to assess their condition.

103 VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENT WORKS

i) The Clerk presented previous costings received from the Village Hall Committee to extend the disabled access ramp. Cllr T Dann felt that further detailed costings and measurements were required. It was agreed that Cllr J Sayer would ask the Village Hall Committee for further information.

104 FINANCE

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£18.00
URM (UK) Ltd (Bottle Bank Emptying)	£18.90

The Clerks standing order for December and January was paid on 5th of the month.

The balance carried forward is £6,001.26

It was agreed that Cllr L Drake would replace Cllr A Johns as a signatory on the account.

ii) Cllr W Farrow noted he had been approached by a Hevingham Parish Councillor with regard to charges received for grass cutting at St Margaret's Church. The Clerk would respond to the request outlining costs paid by the Parish Council.

The budget was presented for consideration. After discussions it was agreed to set aside £350 for the village hall disabled access ramp. It was agreed the Precept would be increased to £3,606 which equates to a 2.51% increase for a Band D property.

105 CORRESPONDENCE

BDC Annual Parish and Town Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th January, 7pm – 9pm. It was agreed that the Clerk would attend.

106 ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Cllr T Dann noted that there was an accumulation of litter along both the Shortthorn Road and Serpentine Lane. The Clerk would add the item to the February agenda. Concerns were raised as to the volume of traffic now using the Shortthorn Road following the completion of the NDR. It was felt that larger vehicles were using the road to avoid the roundabouts at Horsford. It was agreed that the Clerk would consult County Cllr D Roper regarding the issue.

107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the 12th February 2018 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm