

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11 JUNE 2018 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD

Present:

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

In attendance:

County Cllr D Roper

Parishioners: 0

025 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Sayer, and District Cllr P Carrick

026 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

027 (003) MINUTES

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

028 (004) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted that item 6 had been reported incorrectly in the Parish Magazine. Cllr G Chamberlin had advised that she was happy to take on the role of footpath warden, not Cllr C Chamberlin as stated.

029 (005) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

There had been a change in leadership at NCC following the ill health, and passing of Cllr Cliff Jordan. Cllr Andrew Proctor had been elected as his successor and NCC were currently in a period of transition. County Cllr D Roper noted he would be requesting a review of the DIY waste charges, following increases in fly tipping reports across the County. He would also request a review of funding for bus subsidies. Following it's opening, the NDR had experienced some teething problems, especially with regard to lane filtering at roundabouts. There were still some works to be completed, including fencing around lagoons and white line painting. No additional lighting was planned to illuminate roundabouts. It was hoped that construction on the remaining section would commence in 2022.

030 (006) POLICE REPORT

For the period April 2018, there was 1 incidence of violence and sexual offence (Shortthorn Road).

031 (007) CLERKS REPORT

The Police had received reports of an abandoned caravan in the Parish, no one had seen the offending vehicle.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Partnership Scheme would be repeated for 2019/20. The scheme helps to deliver local transport improvements. County Cllr D Roper noted that he had a budget allocation of £6,000 for small highway projects in his division. Cllr T Dann noted that verges around the County were overgrown, and were a potential driving hazard due to poor visibility, especially at junctions. The Clerk would report the issue.

The Clerk had received notification of the new pay rates for Clerks. It was agreed to amend the Clerks salary.

032 (008) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

033 (009) PLANNING

- i) No planning applications had been received.

- ii) Planning application 2018/0546 - The Clerk noted that BDC had confirmed the height of the scaffold storage building as 4m to the eaves and 5.4m to the ridge. It was agreed to SUPPORT the application on condition that the building was used for storage of scaffold. The Clerk would chase BDC Enforcement team regarding the storing of containers at The Laurels.
BDC had notified the Clerk that full approval had been given to application 2018/0492 – Woodland stable, Shortthorn Road.

034 (010) OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- i) The Clerk had received notification of recent activity taking place at Mansom Plantation. Clarification had been sought from BDC on permissions relating to the site. It was noted that planning permission 2016/0904 submitted in May 2016 had re-instated the relevant planning conditions. Providing the activity is within the area of the application site, BDC did not intend to take any further action at this stage. It was agreed Cllr G Chamberlin would further investigate the planning conditions linked to the site. The Council would continue to monitor activity.
- ii) The Clerk had contacted NCC Highways with regard to speed reduction measures, but was awaiting a response. The possible use of speed awareness signs (SAM2) along Shortthorn Road were raised by Cllr M Howard. County Cllr D Roper confirmed that these fell under the Parish Partnership Scheme, and cost in the region of £3,000-£4,000. After discussions it was agreed that the Clerk would further investigate the SAM2. The Chairman reiterated the need for a weight restriction along Serpentine Lane.
- iii) The Chairman confirmed that Councillors had been to clear the ditch/verge at the junction of Shortthorn Road. Cllr T Dann noted that the Parish sign outside Burroughes Hall was looking weathered.

County Cllr D Roper left the meeting at 8:05pm

035 (011) CLERKS APPRAISAL

The Clerk had met with the Chairman and Cllr G Chamberlin. It was noted that the Clerk continued to gain experience and had performed well in her role. The Clerk wished to further develop her knowledge and would research suitable courses.

036 (012) BDC GAMBLING POLICY

Changes to the BDC Gambling Policy were noted.

037 (013) HEVINGHAM SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION

Proposals to change the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph along the A140 between Ellis Timber yard and Church Lane, Hevingham had been received from NCC Highways. It was agreed to support the proposal.

038 (014) FINANCE

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£18.36
Mr L Drake (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr M Howard (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr W Farrow (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr C Chamberlin (Stationery)	£25.00
Mrs G Chamberlin (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr T Dann (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr J Sayer (Stationery)	£25.00
Mr P Carrick (Internal Audit)	£50.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th June 2018.

The balance carried forward is £7,687.98

- ii) The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 showing a balance of £5,410.12 were agreed.
- iii) The Internal Audit report was noted.

- iv) The Annual Governance Statement was agreed, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr G Chamberlin. The Annual Accounting Statement was agreed, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr M Howard.

039 (015) CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

040 (016) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Partnership Scheme, The Laurels, Parish noticeboards, NCC highways

041 (017) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 9th July 2018 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm