

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**12 NOVEMBER 2018 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

County Cllr D Roper

**Parishioners: 0**

**090 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from District Cllr P Carrick.

The Chairman wished to send the Parish Council's condolences to Mrs P Walker on the passing of her husband Mr J Walker. Mr Walker had been an active member of the Parish Council for many years.

**091 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**092 (003) MINUTES**

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

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

The Chairman had been contacted with regard to the opening of the educational building, unfortunately a date was not available.

**094 (005) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The NCC Budget for 2019/20 was currently out for consultation. Proposals to increase Council Tax by 4%, and to cut services by £22,000 were being put forward. Preferred options for a Norwich Western Link, to improve travel between the NDR and A47 were also out for consultation. With a number of key statutory bodies being consulted on potential impacts to the Wensum Valley. NCC were proposing to close 46 of the 53 Childrens Centres in the County, to be replaced with an outreach service. It was felt that fewer families would have access to the services they needed. NCC had put £160,000 towards repairs, and safety measures at the roundabouts along the NDR. Work had begun on adding dotted lines to the approach roads at the Wroxham Road roundabout, and proposals were in place to reduce exit lanes to a single lane. NCC Highways had concluded that traffic queues at the North Walsham Road roundabout were due to driver hesitation. It was felt that the large size of the roundabout made it difficult for drivers to see approaching traffic. The dead deer that had been on the NDR for three weeks had now been removed.

*County Cllr D Roper left the meeting at 7:40pm*

**095 (006) POLICE REPORT**

For the period August 2018 there were 2 incidences of anti social behaviour at the bus stop, and 1 drug related incident on Stratton Road. During September 2018 there were 2 public order offences and 1 incidence of violence on the Shortthorn Road.

**096 (007) CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had received notification from a member of the public that the post box on Parish Road had not been replaced. Councillors noted that a post box had not been in the location for a prolonged period of time. The Clerk would investigate as to whether a replacement box could be obtained. The Clerk had received confirmation from NCC that the Council's bid for Parish Partnership funding had been received.

The Parish Council would be notified of the outcome in March 2019. The Clerk had passed a number of ongoing highways issues to NCC street scene team.

**097 (008) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr J Sayer reported on the SNAP meeting held in October. The Police had asked that residents, if possible, report crime online. The Clerk noted that Cllr J Sayer had passed on information regarding abandoned vehicles, and how to report these. The Clerk circulated details.

**098 (009) PLANNING**

- i) 2018/1559 – Replacement dwelling, The Vines, Shorthorn Road – SUPPORT
- ii) Notification had been received of a change of property name from Bramblewood House, 8 Bracken Close to Mulberry House, 8 Bracken Close.

**099 (010) OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- i) The Clerk had received notification that Induct training had used the site on a number of occasions over the past month. She had reported these to BDC Enforcement, but was awaiting a response. Cllr G Chamberlin noted that the diggers were visible from her property, and concerns regarding the screening of the site were raised. The Clerk would continue to notify BDC of any activity on site.
- ii) Clarification was still being sought as to the legal use on the site. It was agreed that due to his historical knowledge of the site, Cllr T Dann would contact BDC Enforcement.
- iii) The Clerk had received correspondence from Wellington Properties with regard to the footpath. As managing agents of the woodland, they would ensure that the path was cleared.

**100 (011) TREE WARDEN NETWORK**

The Clerk confirmed that responsibility for TPO's still remained with BDC and any tree related planning issues should be directed to them. Cllr W Farrow gave a detailed synopsis of the newly formed tree networks terms and conditions. After discussions it was agreed not to join the network and continue to contact BDC with regard to tree matters.

**101 (012) FINANCE**

- i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved
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| Mrs V Powell (Expenses)             | £9.00  |
| URM (UK) Ltd (Bottle Bank Emptying) | £25.20 |

The Clerks standing order for October was paid on 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

The balance carried forward is £6,162.30

Cllr T Dann asked if the bottle banks had generated an income. The Clerk confirmed the Council had been receiving a small income. It was agreed to promote the use of the bottle banks, with a suggested article in the parish magazine. The Clerk would draft an advert.

- ii) The Clerk had received an invoice from the Village Hall for works undertaken on the disabled ramp. After discussions it was agreed to pay the revised sum of £420.00.

**102 (013) CORRESPONDENCE**

There would be an opportunity to meet Norfolk County Council's Leader on Tuesday 13 November at Wroxham Hotel, Hoveton between 7pm – 8:30pm. Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable would be holding a Q&A session at Taverham High School on Tuesday 13 November, from 6pm.

**103 (014) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

None received.

**104 (015) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8:10pm**