

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11 MARCH 2019 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD

Present:

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

In attendance:

County Cllr D Roper
District Cllr P Carrick

Parishioners: 5

138 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

139 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

140 (003) MINUTES

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

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

None received.

142 (005) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Cllr P Carrick note that there would be no increase in the BDC element of the Council Tax, those residents that pay by Direct Debit would have already received their bill. A new Managing Director had been appointed to manage both South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils following the retirement of both the BDC and SNDC Chief Executives. The recruitment of 3 Directors, and several Heads of Service from staff already employed by the district authorities was underway. BDC and SNDC would remain distinct councils.

143 (006) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The NCC budget for 2019/20 was set following a three-hour meeting held on 11 February 2019. The meeting was delayed for four hours as a result of protests relating to the NDR. County Cllr D Roper noted that the need to call Police to remove protesters was an unnecessary use of Police resources. The proposed closure of 36 out of the 53 Childrens centres in Norfolk was agreed by NCC. The earnings threshold at which disabled residents could claim benefits was raised, leaving many households £30-40 worse off a week. NCC share of Council Tax will rise by 2.99%. It was noted that NCC would be moving away from the current Committee system, where Councillors appointed to a Committee make decisions, to a Cabinet system where only 10 Councillors would make all the decisions. The Cabinet system would come into force in May. County Cllr D Roper noted that he would be donating the newly agreed pay rise for County Councillors.

144 (007) POLICE REPORT

No figures were available.

145 (008) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reminded Councillors that their nomination forms to stand for Election needed to be returned between 20 March – 3 April 2019. BDC had implemented a public spaces protection order across the district, which required those in charge of dogs to clear up after them on all land open to the public. The order applies to all roads and highways, public footpaths and verges, woodland, heath, sports and recreation grounds, parks and open spaces and agricultural land and common land. County Cllr D Roper

noted that the order took into consideration a wider range of public spaces. The Clerk would add details of the new order to the Parish noticeboards and Council website. BDC would be relaunching their Top Dog scheme with fines now £100 for owners that do not clear up after their dog. BDC had provided the Clerk with posters, which she would locate at each of the dog bins within the parish. The Clerk had received a request from NARS (Norfolk Accident and Rescue Service) for a donation towards their work. It was agreed to defer a decision to the April meeting.

146 (009) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

147 (010) PLANNING

- i) 2019/0235 – Re roofing, removal of chimney stack and replacement of flat roof with pitch roof – Hall Farm, Parish Road – SUPPORT

148 (011) OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- i) The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted BDC Enforcement Team. No planning application had been received from Induct Training. Mr Steve Kenny had formally written to them on 23 January. Cllr G Chamberlin noted that a member of the public had contacted Pauline Bruton, the forest park applicant, regarding the presence of Induct. Mrs Bruton confirmed that she had no knowledge that the site was in use. Cllr G Chamberlin had been contacted by Mr J Cheetham with regard to the Parish Council's concerns. She had passed on the issues discussed at Council meetings. Mr J Cheetham confirmed that he was not connected with Induct, but was aware that CITB required new training sites. It was agreed to monitor the situation, and respond to the planning application, once received with the Council's concerns. District Cllr P Carrick noted that BDC Enforcement Team take a light approach to enforcement cases, where those involved would be asked to stop or submit a planning application. BDC would then open an enforcement case if either of these was not followed through.
- ii) The Clerk noted that she had spoken to BDC Enforcement Team regarding the building to the rear of The Glen. Unfortunately due to ill health a site visit had not been undertaken. It was anticipated to take place within the next week.

149 (012) SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk had circulated the latest speed watch report. Cllr M Howard noted that speeds were excessive and he had found car debris in his driveway on several occasions. It was hoped that the SAM2 sign would slow traffic down. County Cllr D Roper noted that he had taken NCC Highways Officer along Shorthorn Road to express his concerns with regard to speeding. It was unlikely that NCC would reduce the speed limit to 30mph as there was frontage along only one side of the road.

150 (013) FINANCE

- i) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved
Mrs V Powell (Expenses) £9.00

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

The balance carried forward is £4,511.36

- ii) The Clerk noted that there were now only 2 signatories on the Parish Council accounts, which had led to delays in the signing of cheque payments. She suggested that the Parish Council may wish to move towards electronic payments to help resolve the issue. It was agreed that the Clerk would further investigate the processes involved.
- iii) The Clerk had approached District Cllr P Carrick to undertake the Council's Internal Audit. All agreed for District Cllr P Carrick to undertake an audit of the accounts.

151 (014) CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had been notified that Shorthorn Road and Parish Road would be closed for 5 nights from 20 May 2019. A convoy system and speed restrictions on the Cromer Road would be put in place. Further details would be placed on the Parish noticeboards and on the Council website.

152 (015) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

None received.

153 (016) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8th April 2019, 7:30pm in Burroughs Hall.

The meeting closed at 7:58pm