

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH**  
**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**13 JANUARY 2020 AT BURROUGHES HALL, PARISH ROAD**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

**Parishioners: 1**

**106 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and noted from County Cllr D Roper, and District Cllr J Neesam.

**107 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

**108 (003) MINUTES**

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

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

None received.

**110 (005) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

In the absence of District Cllr J Neesam, the Clerk read out the following report  
*The draft Greater Norwich Local Plan that is due to go out for consultation at the end of January. This sets the planning framework from 2026 and identifies future sites for medium to large scale development. The news for Stratton Strawless is "no news" in that no sites are identified. However, I would draw the attention of the Parish Council to a proposed change in policy to give greater flexibility to build outside of a settlement limit. The change is to give greater allowance for small development adjacent to existing areas of building of up to three to four properties*

**111 (006) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None received.

**112 (007) POLICE REPORT**

During October and November 2019 there were no crimes recorded. Cllr A Johns noted that there had been a spate of burglaries in the area over the past week. Properties in St Faiths, Horsford, Aylsham and Woodland View had been targeted, with thieves entering properties, taking car keys and stealing home owners cars. It was noted that the Police had increased their presence within the area.

**113 (008) CLERKS REPORT**

A rangers visit was scheduled for the parish the week commencing 2 February, the Clerk asked that any problems be reported to her for inclusion in the visit. It was noted that the deer sign at the Holt Road end of Shorthorn Road had been damaged. The litter bin at the bus stop had also been damaged. There were also a number of pot holes. The Clerk would report these issues to the appropriate authority. The Clerk had received a telephone call from a resident over the festive period regarding lighting at the bus stops. The bus driver was unable to see residents waiting at the shelter in the dark. It was noted that NCC Highways had previously not allowed lighting along the A140, and at the Woodland View entrance as it was felt to be unsafe for drivers. It was suggested that reflective devices, or solar panels be fitted on the bus stops to help illuminate the area. It would be difficult to run a power source to the shelters. It was

agreed that more warning signs were needed at the approach to the bus stops. The Clerk would write to NCC Highways outlining concerns.

The Clerk noted that a new post box had been installed outside the Village Hall.

#### **114 (009) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident noted that following the recent break ins, he had witnessed a greater Police presence.

#### **115 (010) MEETING DATES**

The Clerk circulated meeting dates for 2020. These were noted and agreed.

#### **116 (011) SAM2 SIGN**

It was agreed to process with the purchase of the speed awareness sign at a cost £3,720 (incl. VAT). NCC Parish Partnership fund would cover £1,550 of this cost with a further £1,000 from County Cllr D Roper's members pot. The Clerk would clarify what power consumption would be needed to charge the unit. Cllr M Howard noted that the Speed watch team were now using two large free standing signs during their speed monitoring. Operators of the SAM2 would require training. The Clerk circulated a number of dates. It was agreed that Cllr C Chamberlin, Cllr W Farrow, Cllr M Howard and the Chairman would attend the training. The Clerk would book the date.

#### **117 (012) SPEEDING**

The Chairman noted that he had written to County Cllr M Wilby, outlining concerns regarding speeding in the parish, and the risks residents must take to use the bus stops. He was awaiting a response. It was agreed that the Council continued to put pressure on NCC Highways to resolve the issues, and look to change the speed along the A140.

#### **118 (013) OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- i) The Clerk had spoken with the planning officer now responsible for the Induct planning application. A decision on the application was yet to be made. The officer was unaware of the site being put forward as a proposed site for the NMWLP. Cllr G Chamberlin noted that correspondence from the Parish Council and residents was still unavailable online. The application was now nine months old, with Induct operating on site without permission for over a year. It was agreed that Cllr G Chamberlin would liaise with the Clerk to write to BDC asking for an explanation for the delay in a decision.
- ii) Cllr G Chamberlin reported that the footpath on Parish Road was impassible. The Clerk had written to Mr Cheetham and notified NCC, but was awaiting a response. It was noted that the Council should do what it can to ensure that footpaths within the parish are not lost
- iii) The Clerk had notified BDC of a number of incidences of fly tipping, most predominantly at the recycling banks, with incidences also along Parish Road and Serpentine Lane. Cllr A Johns reported that he had spoken to a gentleman who was fly tipping in the area, with the gentleman removing the waste as a result. It was suggested that a sign be located at the recycling banks to discourage fly tipping. The Clerk noted that the fence surrounding the recycling area was in need of repair. Permission was originally given to the Council to use the site by the Weller family. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Weller family regarding the fence and report back at the February meeting. The Clerk would look into the possibility of moving the recycling banks closer together to discourage the fly tipping.

#### **119 (014) PLANNING**

No applications had been received. Cllr T Dann wished for clarification as to whether the out buildings at Bridge Farm were included in the planning application for demolition. The Clerk would check the application details.

#### **120 (015) FINANCE**

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£9.00
UK (URM) Ltd (Bottle bank emptying)	£18.00

St Margaret's Church (Grass cutting)

£180.00

Westcotec (SAM2 Speed Sign)

£3,720.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5<sup>th</sup> December and 5<sup>th</sup> January.

The balance carried forward is £886.89. The Clerk noted that a receipt of £2,550 was due to be received from NCC.

ii) The Income and Expenditure report was noted.

iii) The budget was presented for consideration. It was agreed the Precept would be increased to £3,678 which equates to a 2% increase for a Band D property.

**121 (016)      CORRESPONDENCE**

BDC are offering free training to help Broadland residents get back into work or volunteering. Further details could be found by contacting [jane.bagley@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:jane.bagley@broadland.gov.uk)

**122 (017)      ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

Recycling area fencing

**123 (018)      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 10 February 2020 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8:30pm**