

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
9 MARCH 2020 AT BURROUGHS 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:

County Cllr D Roper
District Cllr J Neesam

Parishioners: 1

140 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

141 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

142 (003) MINUTES

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

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

None received.

144 (005) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The BDC Council Tax budget would be increasing by 3.6%, an increase of £3 per year for a band D property. District Cllr J Neesam noted that from April she would be allocated a personal allowance £500 for community projects. A community grant of up to £300 was also available from the BDC community grant scheme. The Local Government Association would be undertaking a peer review of BDC during May to assess how the Council was performing following their collaboration with SNDC. Contact had been made with the planning officer dealing with the Mansom Plantation application. It had been asked from when the temporary consent would take effect, with Induct now operating on site without permission for nearly two years.

145 (006) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

NCC were looking at the possibility of an in house property company to ensure that profits were made from the sell of land. Bus subsidies were under review, with the possible merging of Stratton Strawless and Frettenham bus services.

146 (007) POLICE REPORT

During January 2020 there were 5 incidences of burglary recorded at the coach station.

147 (008) CLERKS REPORT

The Village Hall had contacted the Clerk regarding an event being held for new villagers. It was hoped that the event would be held on Saturday 11th July 9:30-12:30pm, with representatives from local organisations. It was hoped that a welcome leaflet could be sent to all residents. Cllr T Dann noted that he still had copies of a leaflet produced by the Parish Council. He would pass these onto the Village Hall Committee.

The Church had asked for volunteers to help with their Bluebell walks taking place on 8th, 9th and 10th May. Cllr W Farrow was happy to help out. The Clerk would notify the church.

148 (009) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public noted that the speed camera did not appear to be slowing down traffic on the Shorthorn Road, and asked if there was a possibility to purchase an additional sign. The Chairman noted that due to the Council having a small budget it had only been possible to purchase one sign.

149 (010) PARISH NOTICEBOARDS

The Clerk noted that the noticeboards were now in a bad state of repair. She had contacted Soanes Signs who had originally supplied the noticeboards. They were able to provide replacement backings at a cost of £50 + VAT. It was agreed to replace the backings.

150 (011) OUTSTANDING ISSUES

i) The Clerk noted that she had not received a decision from BDC on the Induct application. Cllr J Neesam had forwarded on information from the planning officer. Notification had been received from NCC that comments on the NMWLP had been registered and were available to view online <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/readdoc/49>

ii) The Chairman reported that there had been no response from NCC Highways with regard to speeding along the Cromer Road. After discussions it was agreed to continue putting pressure on NCC, and to contact neighbouring parishes to look to help with changing the speed limit. Cllr M Howard reported on initial findings from the SAM2 speeding sign. The maximum speed for January/February was 70mph, with 30,000 vehicles using the road. The data for February/March showed a maximum speed of 65mph, and a total of 39,000 vehicles. The completion of the NDR had added to the amount of traffic using the Shorthorn Road. It was agreed to add SAM2 findings to the agenda.

151 (012) PLANNING

i) 2020/0303 – Restoration & Conversion of agricultural outbuildings into equestrian outbuildings. Replacement of rotten timber structure (Retrospective). Hall Farm, Parish Road – SUPPORT

ii) 20200327 – Amendment to permission 20190327 - 1st Floor side extension over garage, Mulberry House, 8 Bracken Close – SUPPORT

152 (013) FINANCE

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

Mrs V Powell (Expenses)	£9.00
Cllr M Howard (Expenses)	£29.07

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th March.

The Clerk confirmed receipt of £2,550 from the Parish Partnership Fund.

The balance carried forward is ££2,949.48

ii) All agreed for the Clerk to approach Mr P Carrick to undertake the audit of the accounts.

iii) The Clerk had received a request from EACH for a donation towards their work. It was agreed to give a donation of £25.

153 (014) CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

154 (015) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Cllr M Howard asked following the outbreak of the Coronavirus, and possible self isolation would it be possible to record meetings. As the situation was continually changing the Clerk would seek further guidance.

155 (016) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 13 April 2020 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm