

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

Present:
Cllr L Drake (Chairman)
Cllr C Chamberlin
Cllr G Chamberlin
Cllr M Howard
Cllr W Farrow
Cllr A Johns

In attendance:
County Cllr D Roper
District Cllr J Neesam

Parishioners: 3

234 (005) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T Dann

235 (006) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

236 (007) MINUTES THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2020

The minutes were agreed.

237 (008) MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020

The minutes were agreed.

238 (009) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT ON THE AGENDA

None received.

239 (010) DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

BDC full Council meeting was due to take place on 14th January. The next stage of the consultation on the GNLP was underway, with no sites identified in the parish. A survey had found that 20% of calls to BDC were being left unanswered during lockdown. This had now been reduced to 5-10%. If residents were experiencing any issues with contacting BDC they should let District Cllr J Neesam know.

240 (011) COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Road maintenance and recycling centres were continuing to operate during the present lockdown. It was hoped that progress could be made on the roadworks at Hevingham with six leaks being identified by the gas board. The Street would be closed during additional works, with diversions in place through the parish. County Cllr D Roper had been contacted by a member of the public regarding the flooding along Parish Road outside the village hall, this had been reported to NCC Highways. A member of the public had also been in contact regarding the Shortthorn Road junction with the A140, and whether anything could be done regarding the lack of bollards and lighting. County Cllr D Roper was due to meet with the NCC Highways Officer and would discuss the issues with him, with the possibility of using some of the County Councillor budget to improve the lighting. NCC had held a special meeting regarding the closure of Holt Hall. The closure was upheld due to costs. Cuts to the minimum income guarantee for working aged disabled adults had been overturned.

241 (012) POLICE REPORT

There had been 1 incident of violence and 1 incident of criminal damage on the Shortthorn Road in October, with 1 incident of violent crime in November at the same location.

242 (013) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk noted that she had only received one response to the proposed purchase of a motion sensor camera for the flying tipping hot stops. It was AGREED that the Council would wait to see what impact the fly tipping signage would have on the issue before purchasing a camera. Cllr A Johns noted that the rangers came every Monday to clear the site, but waste was being dumped by commercial businesses. It was AGREED to look at the possibility of the recycling banks being located outside the village hall. The Clerk would speak to the Village Hall Committee and the recycling collection companies regarding relocation.

243 (014) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

244 (015) FIREWORKS AT THE GLEN

A report of fireworks behind the Glen had been received by the Parish Council. This had been reported to the Police. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the Police for an update.

245 (016) FELLING OF TREES SHORTHORN ROAD

It was noted that the Parish Council had not been informed prior to the felling of trees along the Shortthorn Road. A license for the removal had been obtained from the Forestry Commission by the landowner, and trees had been replanted elsewhere on the site. The removal had resulted in a complete change of character to the area. It was clarified by County Cllr D Roper that if the trees did not have a TPO there was no planning requirement to let the Parish Council know about the felling. The trees would be classed as a crop and the landowner was in their rights to harvest their crop under license. County Cllr D Roper would check with highways that the trees had not been on highways land. The landowner would be erecting a fence in place of the trees. It was agreed to keep an eye on the Forestry Commission register for future works.

246 (017) OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- i) The Clerk had received correspondence from BDC regarding the Parish Council's request to make amendments to planning application 2019/0448. In addition to these the planning officer had requested the removal of the training tower but was awaiting further details from Induct. BDC would keep the Parish Council updated.
- ii) Cllr M Howard presented the SAM2 results for November through to 5th January 2021. During this period there had been 64,000 vehicles go past the machine. 14% of these were over the limit with the average speed of 44mph, with 2 vehicles travelling at 85mph. It was noted that the police speed team had been seen along the Shortthorn Road. It was hoped to resurrect the Speed watch team after the end of lockdown.

247 (018) PLANNING

No applications received.

247 (019) FINANCE

- i) The following accounts were presented for payment and agreed.

URM (UK) Ltd Bottle (Bank Emptying)	£19.80
Mr F Hambling (Bus Shelter Cleaning)	£40.00
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 A Johns (Stationery)	£25.00

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th December and 5th January.

The balance carried forward is £8,366.22.

- ii) The 2021/22 budget and precept were presented and AGREED.
- iii) It was AGREED for the Clerk to apply for a change to the Barclays Business account to allow for online banking.

248 (020) ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Mansom Plantation, Fly tipping

249 (021) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 February at 7:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm