

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
8 MARCH 2021 Via ZOOM

Present:

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

In attendance:

County Cllr D Roper
District Cllr J Neesam

Parishioners: 6

266 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Drake, Cllr T Dann,

267 (002) DISPENSATIONS

None received.

268 (003) MINUTES

The minutes were agreed.

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

The clerk had spoken with SNDC regarding the ongoing fly tipping issues at the recycling banks. The officer would be visiting the site and would source some fly tipping prevention signs. The site would be monitored by SNDC/BDC and prosecutions made if necessary.

270 (005) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Following BDC full council meeting, council tax would be increasing by 3.5%. There had been debate as to whether this was appropriate in the current climate and with BDC having substantial reserves. The GNLP consultation was still open. Stratton Strawless had not been identified for any sites but developments at Aylsham were likely to have impact on the parish.

271 (006) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Norfolk County Council would be increasing council tax by 4%, the main reason for this being due to the cost of funding social care for older people. The report on the link between Broadland Northway and the A47 had been delayed. The new recycling centre was on track to be completed in September/October. County Cllr D Roper had spoken to highways with regard to the flooding along Parish Road, and the puddle on the Shortthorn Road. The visibility issues relating to the unofficial lay by on the A140 near the Waterloo Road junction had also been discussed with highways. It was noted the Waterloo Road closure was due to a collapsed sewer. The roadworks at Hevingham were due to be completed in March.

272 (007) POLICE REPORT

There had been 3 crimes for the period January 2021. 1 public order offence on the Shortthorn Road and 3 violent offences near to Eastons Coaches.

273 (008) CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had no urgent matters.

274 (009) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked for further details regarding the proposed tree felling along the Shortthorn Road. It was felt the felling would make a big impact on the village. It was noted that the Parish Council had not been informed of the request for a license, and had obtained details through the Forestry Commission public register. The application proposed the felling of 333 trees including oak and beech, holly and hawthorn and had been described as an overgrown roadside hedge. 11 trees would be retained due to their age of between 57 to 120 years. No explanation had been given to fell. It was felt

that the land was being cleared for development. County Cllr D Roper noted that this specific area of land was unlikely to be granted permission as it had not been identified in the Local Plan and was outside the settlement limit. Further clarification was given by the landowner who was present at the meeting. It was noted that they were within their rights to remove the trees. The landowner would be replanting a number of trees to the northern end of the field.

A member of the public reported that a number of oak posts had been erected on the verge near the scaffolding business on Shorthorn Road. The parish council would investigate if these were on highway land.

275 (010) TREE FELLING APPLICATION

The item was discussed under public participation. Public comments on the application would need to be submitted by 31st March. The Clerk would forward details of how to comment on the application to those that wished to do so.

276 (011) OUTSTANDING ISSUES

i) The Clerk was awaiting a response from BDC regarding a decision to the Induct planning application.

277 (012) SAM2 RESULTS

The results had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. The speed sign had been taken down on 8th March. 23,500 vehicles had used the road, with the average speed decreasing slightly. The fastest speed was 75mph. It was noted that the speed along Shorthorn Road needed to be reduced, with the amount of traffic having increased.

Cllr M Howard noted that the laptop used for downloading the SAM2 results was out of date and needed replacing. District Cllr J Neesam and County Cllr D Roper would look to see if there were any suitable funding sources.

It was AGREED not to purchase a camera for the recycling banks.

278 (013) PLANNING

No applications received.

279 (014) FINANCE

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

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5th March 2021

URM (UK) Ltd Bottle (Bank Emptying) £32.76

The balance carried forward is £7,894.29

280 (015) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

Tree Felling, Mansom Plantation

281 (016) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 12 April at 7:30pm in conjunction with the APM

The meeting finished at 8:30pm