

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH**  
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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**14 JUNE 2021, BROUGHES HALL**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

County Cllr D Roper

**Parishioners: 2**

**023 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr J Neesam

**024 (002) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

**025 (003) CO OPTION**

It was proposed by Cllr C Chamberlin and seconded by Cllr G Chamberlin that Diane Johns be co-opted. All AGREED. Mrs Johns signed the declaration of office and joined the meeting.

**026 (003) MINUTES**

The minutes were agreed.

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

The Clerk noted that Cllr D Johns had shown an interest in being the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. All AGREED that Cllr D Johns should replace Cllr G Chamberlin.

**028 (005) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

In the absence of District Cllr J Neesam, County Cllr D Roper noted that BDC and SNDC were now known as 'One Team'. Planning services would be based at SNDC with some officers continuing to work from home. It was likely that both Councils would seek to move to the one premise, with County Hall being a proposed location. Accessibility for residents and staff would be a key factor in the new offices location.

**029 (006) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The NDR western link had been agreed. It was felt the route would have the least ecological impact.

**030 (007) POLICE REPORT**

There had been 3 crime incidences for April; 1 burglary along the Shortthorn Road, 2 incidence of arson/criminal damage on Parish Road.

**031 (008) CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk had no urgent matters.

**032 (009) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was noted that there had been no further update from the Forestry Commission regarding the hedgerow along Shortthorn Road.

**033 (010) COUNCIL POLICIES**

- i) The updated Standing Orders were AGREED
- ii) The updated Financial Regulations were AGREED

**034 (011) OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

i) The Clerk had submitted a further formal complaint to BDC regarding the lack of communication and decision on the Induct planning application. After discussions it was AGREED to draft a letter to the Head of Place outlining the Parish Council's frustrations.

ii) Cllr C Chamberlin and the Chairman had cleared the recycling site following the recent vandalism. It was hoped that the Chairman would be able to meet with BDC Environmental Enforcement team on site to assess the best way forward to combat the ongoing fly tipping.

**035 (012) SAM2 RESULTS**

Cllr M Howard presented the most recent findings. The maximum speed was 80mph recorded on 14<sup>th</sup> May. It was noted that the worst day for speeding was a Sunday with an average speed 45.5mph. The SAM2 would be moved to a location further along the Shortthorn Road, with a new post being erected. An analysis of the speeds over the past year would be undertaken by Cllr M Howard. A letter would be drafted to the new Police Crime Commissioner to ask that the issues of speed be looked at. It was suggested that an item be placed in the parish magazine asking residents to also write to the Commissioner.

**036 (013) PLANNING**

No applications received. It was noted that there had been some activity at Edwin Close with an area of land being cleared and flatten. It was noted that the area of land was to be kept as a recreational green as part of the planning conditions relating to the houses along Edwin Close. The Chairman had written to BDC asking if any planning application had been submitted.

**037 (014) FINANCE**

- i) A limit of £250 was AGREED for the purchase of a laptop on which to record the SAM2 results.
- ii) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved.

The Clerks standing order was paid on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Clerks Expenses	£9.00
Bottle Bank Emptying	£10.80
Village Hall Hire (Clerk interviews)	£92.00

The balance carried forward is £10,324.50

**038 (015) ITEMS FOR AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

Litter picking, Highways issues.

**039 (016) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm.

*Cllr M Howard, County Cllr D Roper and those members of the public present left the meeting at 8:30pm*

Exclusion of the Press and Public Due to the sensitive nature of the matters to be discussed, it was agreed to exclude the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for item 17 of the agenda – Recruitment of Parish Clerk.

**040 (017) RECRUITMENT OF PARISH CLERK**

The new Clerk's contract and pay scale were AGREED. The new appointee was AGREED. Those present wished to thank Cllr G Chamberlin for her hard work in the recruitment of a new Clerk.

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**The meeting finished at 9:30pm**