

**STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**17 MAY 2021, BURROUGHS HALL**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

County Cllr D Roper  
District Cllr J Neesam

**Parishioners: 5**

**001 (001) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr M Howard.

**002 (002) ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Cllr C Chamberlin and seconded by Cllr W Farrow that Cllr A Johns be appointed as Chairman. All AGREED. Cllr A Johns accepted office.

**003 (003) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR**

Cllr C Chamberlin stated he was happy to continue as Vice Chairman. All AGREED

**004 (004) APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE HALL REPRESENTATIVE**

Cllr G Chamberlin was happy to continue as the Village Hall representative. All AGREED

**005 (005) APPOINTMENT OF FOOTPATH WARDEN**

It was AGREED that Cllr G Chamberlin continue as Footpath Warden

**006 (006) APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN**

It was AGREED that Cllr W Farrow continue as Tree Warden.

**007 (007) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

**008 (008) MINUTES**

Following an amendment to the numbering of the minutes, these were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

Following the resignation of Cllr L Drake it was proposed that Diane Johns being co-opted onto the Parish Council. An item would be added to the June agenda.

**010 (010) DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Things remained quiet at BDC. BDC/SNDC had launched a join website. Telephone lines were also being merged, calls would be answered by both SNDC and BDC officers. It was likely that the two councils would be located in one location in the future.

**011 (011) COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

County Cllr D Roper noted he was happy to be reelected for the next 4 years. A decision on the NDR Western link was likely to be signed off in early June. The road surface at the Parish Road/Hainford Road junction had been patched by NCC highways, however required full resurfacing. The NMWLP had been delayed.

**012 (012) CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported that there had been 2 violent crimes and 1 public order along the Shortthorn Road during March. Due to a change in circumstances the Clerk had tendered her resignation with the 5<sup>th</sup> August being her last day.

**013 (013) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public asked for further clarification regarding social housing waiting lists and nomination process. Cllr J Neesam explained the process. It was noted that there was no social housing in the parish, but affordable housing was available. A member of the public noted he believed the route for the NDR Western link had already been decided. Cllr G Chamberlin reported that there had been no further update from the Forestry Commission regarding the removal of the hedgerow along Shortthorn Road. There was speculation that the land would be used for four dwellings, however this was unlikely as the land was outside the development boundary.

**014 (014) RECYCLING BANKS**

Eastons Coaches had written to the Clerk to express their wish for the recycling banks to be removed. The Chairman had spoken with the recycling bank contractors and BDC Environmental Health officer regarding the site. The damaged bottle bank would be removed the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> May. BDC had offered to install cameras at the site to deter fly tipping. Concerns were raised that these would only be installed if the banks remained. If the banks were to be removed Sandra Waller had asked that the activity in the area be monitored by the Parish Council. This would however be the responsibility of the land owner. After discussions it was AGREED to write to BDC to ask if the banks were removed that the site could be monitored for a period of 3 months.

**015 (015) PARISH NOTICEBOARDS**

The noticeboards were now in a state of disrepair. It was AGREED to purchase 3 new noticeboards at a cost of £245 + VAT each.

**016 (016) OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

i) The Clerk had contacted BDC but had still received no response. Cllr J Neesam had also received no response and would contact the Head of Planning. It was noted that 5 months had passed since the Parish Council had met with the Planning Officer, with a decision on the Induct application agreed to be made in January. It was AGREED to submit a further official complaint to BDC. If this was not satisfactory the item would be taken to the Ombudsman. As a decision was time sensitive the Parish Council would be asking that any planning approval to be limited to 6 months.

**017 (017) SAM2 RESULTS**

In the absence of Cllr M Howard, the Clerk noted that 24,000 vehicles had traveled along the Shortthorn Road during the last period, with the highest speed recorded at 80mph. Unfortunately there was no planning restriction in place to stop the Thomson Sawmill lorries entering the Shortthorn Road via the Cromer Road. An item would remain in the parish magazine for any volunteers to come forward for the Speed watch.

**018 (018) PLANNING**

No applications received.

**019 (019) FINANCE**

- i) It was AGREED to defer the item until the June meeting.
- ii) The following accounts were presented for payment and were approved.

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

Clerks Expenses	£9.00
Insurance	£390.52

The precept of £3,807.39 had been received by BDC.

The balance carried forward is £10,655.91

- iii) The accounts were approved for the year ending March 2021

iv) The Clerk advised that due to gross income and expenditure figures falling below £25,000 the Council would be exempt from an external audit. All AGREED to apply for exemption and the necessary form was signed. The Annual Governance Statement, and Accounting Statements were AGREED and signed.

**020 (020)      RECRUITMENT OF PARISH CLERK**

An advertisement had been placed on the Parish Council website, NorfolkALC website and 'Next Door, as well as the parish noticeboards. 6 inquiries had been made with 4 applications received.

**298 (016)      ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

Co-option of Councillor, Parish Clerk recruitment.

**022 (022)      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Burroughes Hall

**The meeting finished at 9:10pm**