**Stratton Strawless Parish**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**

**8th November 2021 at Burroughes Hall**

**Present: Public:** 8

Cllr C. Chamberlin

Cllr G. Chamberlin

Cllr T. Dann

Cllr W. Farrow

Cllr M. Howard

Mrs Kate Leggett (Clerk)

Cllr D. Roper (County)

**067 (001) Apologies**

Apologies from Cllr Neesom

**068 (002) Declarations of interest and Dispensations**

None

**069 (003) Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on the 11th October 2021 were **AGREED** and signed.

**070 (004) Maters arising from previous meeting not on the agenda**

None.

**071 (005) To receive report from District and County Councillors**

Due to Cllr Neesom’s absence, Cllr Roper gave an update for both District and County.

**District:**

BDC accommodation review is pending. A preferred site had been leaked, that being the former Aviva building on Broadland Business Park.

A report is pending following the issues around customer service at BDC and South Norfolk. Many people had reported experiencing difficulties in getting hold of staff members and this is being investigated.

County:

Cllr Roper reported that the bollards at the end of Shortthorn Road and the A140 were imminent.

The road surface of the junction of Parish Road and Hainford Road is being done again following a patch up. The surface is still terrible and this time the road will be skimmed before being relayed, hopefully allowing for a more permanent fix.

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Flooding outside Loki House on Shortthorn Road: Recently some drain and ditch work had been carried out on this section of road due to frequent flooding issues. It is hoped that this has cured the problem.

Clerk to forward emails regarding flooding on the corner of Shortthorn Road and A140 junction to Cllr Roper.

**072 (006) To receive police report.**

None received.

**073 (007) To receive Clerks report.**

1. Correspondence:
2. Pandemic Commemorative Plaque. The Clerk reported that she had received an email about a community plaque from the Lord Lieutenant’s office. It was thought that the deadline may have been missed but Clerk to investigate further. Cllr Roper added that there had not been a universal take up of the plaque and that there may still be time to apply for one.
3. Parish Magazine. The clerk informed councillors that there had been a change of costs of printing parish minutes, from £64 per annum to £80. The new cost was AGREED. A new format for Parish Council news was also discussed. This is to take the form of a precis of the meeting instead of full minutes, reducing printing costs for both the council and the magazine. It was thought that some parishioners might still like to see full minutes and they can be directed to the website and parish notice boards. It was AGREED that a precis would be provided by the clerk to the magazine editor, and this was to be reviewed in 6 months.
4. Laptop. A new parish laptop has now been purchased and is up and running.
5. Flooding as reported to Highways. The clerk stated that she had reported the concerns of a parishioner regarding flooding on the Shortthorn Road/A140 junction as stated in item (005) above.

**074 (008) To adjourn for Public Participation**

* It was mentioned that some items on the Parish website are missing. The clerk will ensure that this is rectified by the end of the week.
* Mr Howard Cardis who is representing Mr Giles of Woodlands Farm made himself known to the council. It was thought that the Council and his client have a mutual interest in working towards getting a speed reduction for the A140 between Hainford and Hevingham. It was AGREED that Mr Cardis and the council can liaise to ensure an accurate message is sent to Highways when discussing the speed and safety of the A140. Cllr Roper stated that it would be useful to offer traffic solutions.
* Much discussion took place regarding the removal of trees and hedges on Shortthorn Road. It was stated by the clerk that all necessary protocols and procedures had been followed by the landowners and this matter is now out of the hands of the Parish Council. Further details of the coppice and regeneration licence that has been sought by the landowner will be available on the Forestry Commission website in due course and links will be made available on the Parish website for people to be able to comment.

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**075 (009) To discuss any action regarding outstanding issues.**

1. Co-option of new councillors. The clerk reported that no notice for an election had been received by Broadland election services, so Council is now free to co-opt new members.
2. Road safety within the parish. Much discussion took place around road safety and speeding within the parish. It was agreed that the speed of 30mph should try to be obtained for Shortthorn Road given the change to the number of dwellings, the lack of a footpath and children’s safety whilst waiting for school buses. Further to this a 50mph limit request for the main Cromer Road, given the lack of footpaths and bus stops. It was AGREED that the clerk would try and obtain a copy of the criteria for a speed reduction from Highways. Cllr Roper stated, the road safety funding opportunity, which will come into force in the next financial year, had set aside about £10,000 via the Parish partnership scheme. The the legal cost of changing a speed limit is about £5000 and therefore Council should be mindful of this. Parishioners would be given the chance to comment on any changes to road speed with a Highways review.

The clerk will also investigate reinstating the Community Speed Watch, as 6 volunteers had been found.

1. Bus shelter cleaning Risk Assessment. The Clerk stated that she would undertake this action.
2. Budget. Councillors to let the clerk know of any budgetary requirements for the next financial year.

**076 (010) SAM data**

Cllr Howard took Council through the latest SAM data for Parish Road. It was noted that a high speed of 55mph had been recorded in one instance. It was AGREED to leave the SAM machine on Parish Road for another month.

**077 (011) Planning**

**20211792** – Clark’s Warehousing, Pinewood Farm, Shortthorn Road. New site access to existing warehousing unit. **NOT SUPPORTED.**

**20211842** – Four Oaks, Shortthorn Road. New single storey dwelling with detached double garage. **NOT SUPPORTED** on the grounds that it was thought not to be an ideal location and might set a president for future developments to the rear of existing properties.

**20210725** – Thompson Sawmills, Shortthorn Road. Revised application to change position of staff accommodation No.1 and the formation of a new staff car park. **NO OBJECTION**.

**078 (012) Finance**

1. The accounts were presented and APROVED

Balance brought forward: £6,036.10

1. A discussion around the non-acceptance of cheque took place. **AGREED** that the clerk would investigate other options for Banking with a view to perhaps changing banks to facilitate ease of financial management.

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**079 (013) Any Other Business**

None

**080 (014) Agenda items for next meeting.**

* Budget
* Road safety

**081 (015) Date of next meeting.**

Date of the next full council meeting will be 10th January 2022 @ 7.30pm.

**Sign: Date:**