

Stratton Strawless Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
14th February 2022 at Burroughes Hall

Present:

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Cllr C. Chamberlin
Cllr W. Farrow
Cllr T. Dann
Cllr M. Howard
Mrs Kate Leggett (Clerk)
Cllr D. Roper (County)
Cllr J. Neesom (District)

096 (001) Apologies

Apologies from Cllr G. Chamberlin

097 (002) Declarations of interest and Dispensations

None

098 (003) Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on the 10th January 2022 were **AGREED** and signed.

099 (004) Matters arising from previous meeting not on the agenda

None.

100 (005) To receive report from District and County Councillors

District:

BDC are doing a public consultation regarding Council Tax.

BDC will be starting local food waste collection from the next financial year

With regards to the Customer Service issues that were being investigated there were still some stats that hadn't been fed back but overall things are looking more settled.

There had been a proposal by the Green Party Councillors to prompt a climate emergency, however, although admitting that there was still lots that could be done for the sake of the environment, council decided not to announce a climate emergency.

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Highways officer Ben Rayner has left his post and any issues should be reported to the Aylsham depot.

Cllr Roper explained that he has a small pot of money available for any additional parish signage, should we need it. It was thought that additional Caution Deer signs might be in order on the main A140.

Given the recent news article about the Western Link being denied support by Norwich City Council, Cllr Roper gave assurances that the project is still on track but additional environmental observations must be made.

The NDR is to undergo a £200,000 maintenance programme for signs, curbs and roundabout damage.

Norfolk County Council are also doing a consultation on Council Tax.

101 (006) To receive police report.

Council welcome PC Lucas Ward from the Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team. PC Ward reported that the main issues in the parish continue to be speeding and road safety. Discussions took place about how to combat speeding throughout the village and PC Ward offered the police's own speed monitoring box that can be placed at the roadside to measure traffic speed, type and frequency.

Recently there have been numerous accidents involving deer on the main A140.

In terms of crime figures, there has been an incident of arson, where bins were set on fire, and PC Ward commented that one dwelling will affect the crime figures for the village.

102 (007) To receive Clerks report.

a) Correspondence:

i) Details of an unauthorised resident at Heathside Nurseries has been reported to Broadland and we await their response.

b) The clerk is in the process of completing the bus shelter cleaning risk assessment and a discussion took place about who cleans it and how often. The clerk was directed to contact Hevingham PC clerk as they use the same person. It was also thought that a discussion with the cleaner was in order.

It was agreed that the clerk is to investigate the cost of using a contractor to do this task to mitigate the need for our own risk assessments.

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103 (008) To adjourn for Public Participation

- A member of the public asked PC Ward about the speeding of vehicles along Shortthorn Road. PC Ward will look at the SAM data that council can provide and get an officer to do speed checks at the relevant times.
- A member of the public also queried the planting of trees along the stretch of Shortthorn Road that had seen trees removed. It was explained that new trees have been planted at the rear of that field, along the edge of the existing tree line.

104 (009) To discuss any action regarding outstanding issues.

- a) Co-option of new councillors. Cllr Farrow reported that Mr Levi Drake was interested in returning to council. **Clerk to make contact ahead of the next meeting.**

105 (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 on 4 times in the month.

The SAM camera has now been placed on Shortthorn Road.

106 (011) Planning

20212098 – Pine Lodge, Shortthorn Road – Proposed change of dwelling from C3a residential to C3b residential care home. **NOT SUPPORTED on grounds of road safety and vehicle numbers**

20212195 – The Wilderness, Bracken Farm, Shortthorn Road – Agricultural storage building. Presented for information only as comments window has closed.

20212199 – Hall Farm, Parish Road – change of use of farmyard for storage of caravans. **SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE with the condition that BDC assess a suitable number of caravans to be stored.**

107 (012) Finance

- a) The accounts were presented and **APPROVED**

Balance brought forward: £5,378.70

- b) Clerk is still waiting for information on Unity Bank.

108 (013) Any Other Business

- a) December meetings. It was **AGREED** to reintroduce the December meeting to enable precept setting and planning applications to be discussed in a timely manner.
- b) It has been noted that Induct were still on site. Clerk to inform BDC and seek their advice.

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- c) The clerk informed those present that NCC rangers are going to be in the village the week beginning 7/2/22 to investigate highway maintenance needs. These can be reported to the rangers in advance by email highways@norfolk.gov.uk and using RANGERS/STRATTON STRAWLESS in the subject line.
- d) It has been reported that there has been a number of bonfires in the Edwin Way area of Shortthorn Road. These are not ordinary wood fires but thick, black and foul smelling. **It was AGREED to put the BDC link for environment issues on the Parish Council website.**
- e) Cllr Howard suggested asking Cllr Roper for assistance with the cost of the Caution Deer signs on the A140. Any dirty signs can be reported to the Rangers as stated in item C.

109 (014) Agenda items for next meeting.

- Co-option of new Councillor
- Update for Unity banking
- Wilderness access and visibility
- Induct

110 (015) Date of next meeting.

Date of the next full council meeting will be 14th February 2022 @ 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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