**Stratton Strawless Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting of Stratton Strawless Parish Council**

**on 14th November 2022 at Burroughs Hall**

**Present:** Public:

Cllr Chamberlin, Cllr Drake (Chairman), Cllr Farrow, Cllr Dann 3

Kate Leggett (Clerk)

**072 (001) Apologies**

Cllr Howard and district councillor Neesom

**073 (002) Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th October were **AGREED** and signed

**075 (004) Matters Arising from previous meeting not on the agenda**

None.

**076 (005) District/County reports**

District

In Cllr Neesom’s absence, Cllr Roper gave a brief report.

* The Broadland/South Norfolk building move is underway with SNDC having moved temporarily into Thorpe Lodge. It is thought that the move to the new Horizon building will take place in late January 2023.
* There is a grant available for community groups that are struggling with the rising cost of fuel prices. The “Keep It Going” grant is available from BDC.

County

* Following a meeting with Highways, Cllr Roper confirmed that the speed reduction of the A140 is at the top of the priorities list. There was a potential issue for Stratton Strawless as we would need to prove the average speed would fall within the guidelines, so we may get a 50mph, instead of a 40mph. **Clerk to email police speed camera results to Cllr Roper.**
* The “slow” signs are to be repainted on parish Road and Cllr Roper is investigating the village gateway signs. He is also pursuing the patchwork to the road surface on the Hainford Road junction as this remains problematic.
* There have been reports of a possible high council tax rise of 10% but it was reported that if this was the case that a referendum would be needed.

**077 (006) Co-option of new parish councillors**

1. Cllr Drake proposed Dan Roper, seconded by Cllr Chamberlin – all in favour. **RESOLVED to appoint Dan Roper to the council.**
2. Cllr Farrow proposed Leestefan Drake, seconded by Cllr Chamberlin – all in favour. **RESOLVED to appoint Leestefan Drake to the Council.**

Councillors took their seats.

**078 (007) Police report**

None for this meeting.

**078 (008) Clerks report**

1. Update on the speed reduction campaign. It had been reported that some of the speed campaign signs had gone missing again so Cllr Drake was going to put up some more but higher up, so they can’t easily be removed.

**079 (009) Public Participation**

None for this meeting.

**080 (010) To discuss and agree any action regarding outstanding issues.**

1. Induct – Cllrs Drake and Chamberlin had been to a meeting with Christopher Rickman, the planning officer in charge of the Induct application. It had been quite a useful meeting. There followed a discussion about the application. Notes in appendix.

**Clerk to write to Mr Rickman and ask for an Environmental Impact Assessment on the site.**

**081 (011) SAM data**

Cllr Howard had provided this month’s data.

Cllr Howard will also attend the next NWL meeting at the end of the month.

**082 (012) Planning**

2022/1702 – The Old Rectory, Church Road, NR10 5LN – single story extension. NO OBJECTIONS.

**083 (013) Finance**

1. Accounts were agreed and signed.
2. Banking issues. The clerk updated those present on the current and on-going banking issues. The new Unity account was in the process of being applied for.
3. The clerk circulated budget proposal information. This item is to be for the December meeting with a single Budget agenda item.

**068 (014) AOB**

There have been some concerning reports about Loki House on Shortthorn Road. Children have been seen on the roof and out of the grounds of the property. General anti-social behaviour, and foul language to other residents of Shortthorn Road has been reported to the clerk. It was also reported that staff were rude toward residents and resident left details for manager to contact them with no reply and staff stood smoking whilst watching clients on the roof.

**Clerk to forward letter sent to Children’s Services to Cllr Roper.** (Copy below)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you about concerns over Loki House in Stratton Strawless. We have received complaints from other residents of the village about frequent anti-social behaviour, foul language, police incidents, fires and damage to other people’s property by residents of Loki House.

There is extreme concern over the safety as children are often seen climbing on the roof of the Loki House, walking alone along road that is unlit and with no footpath, and running out into traffic. There have been numerous emergency service incidents (I’m told at least one per week) and other village residents are very worried as incidents seem to be escalating in seriousness and becoming more frequent.

Attempts have been made to talk to the manager of the home but nobody returns calls and there is a very real possibility that one of the children is going to get seriously hurt, or worse, unless something is done.

Please can you advise what is going to be done to address these issues.

Kind regards

**070 (015) Next agenda**

Budget setting

**071 (016) Date and time of next meeting.**

Next meeting to be held on 12th December 2022 in Borroughs Hall at 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.35pm**