**Stratton Strawless Parish Council**

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

**on 13th February 2023 at Burroughs Hall**

**Present:** Public:

Cllr Drake (Chairman), Cllr Drake, Cllr Farrow, Cllr Roper, Cllr Howard and Cllr Dann 1

Kate Leggett (Clerk)

**112 (001) Apologies**

District Councillor Neesom

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

None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2023 were **AGREED** and signed

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

None for this meeting

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

**District:**

Broadland District Council and South Norfolk Council are looking to move into the new Horizon building in April/May.

There is a council tax freeze this year.

**County:**

Cllr Roper updated members on the village gateway signs. Unfortunately the verge is too narrow at the Buxton end of the village, so a painted sign on the road will be put in place, but gateway signs can go up by the bridge as you come into the main part of the village.

Cllr Roper reported on the closure to Maytonwood Recycling Centre. He reported that NCC are looking to save money and the decision was made to shut this centre. Petitions are up and running, one being via Change.org and the other will be on leaflets put through people’s doors.

Cllr Roper stated that a 5% increase on Council Tax had been approved.

**117 (006) To receive Police report**

None for this meeting.

**118 (007) To receive clerks report.**

1. The Clerk gave an update on the signage for fly tipping along Serpentine Lane. This has been approved and will hopefully go up shortly. Information regarding the food waste bins was also passed along to members.
2. Clerk informed those present of the election process for May.

**119 (008) Public Participation**

None for this meeting

**120 (009) To discuss and agree any action regarding ongoing issues**

1. Noted that Induct have had another extension to their planning application.
2. Clerk to provide response to the Greater Norwich Local Plan’s call for extra travellers sites along Shortthorn Rd.
3. Transparency Code. The Clerk took those present through the code and members **RESOLVED to accept. All in favour.**

**121 (010) SAM data**

Cllr Howard took those present through the latest figures. It was noted that there seemed to be a reduction in the overall speed of vehicles along Shortthorn Rd. Cllr Howard stated that he would move the camera over the next couple of weeks.

**122 (011) Planning**

None for this meeting.

**123 (012) Finance**

1. The clerk took those present through the banking position. The new Unity account is now open and ready to receive transactions. All Councillors had received their authorisation log in details.
2. Approval of payment schedules and bank reconciliation. **Approved and signed.**

**124 (013) AOB**

Cllr Howard stated that he would do a litter pick down Serpentine Lane as there was a lot of litter down there.

Cllr Howard has reported two large pot holes along Shortthorn Road.

Recycling Bins: Cllr Drake had spoken to Sandra Waller about the removal of the recycling bins and she was happy for them to be removed. The panelling will then be removed. It was suggested that a sign informing people that the bins are going to be removed should be put up. **Clerk to speak to contractor about the removal of the bins.**

Cllr Drake will organise £40 for Mrs Chamberlin following her resignation, thanking her for all her efforts over her years on the council. **All agreed.**

The Clerk asked members about internal auditors and they were happy to retain the services of Mrs Hunt, if she has availability. Clerk to action.

**125 (014) Next agenda**

Induct

**126 (015) Date and time of next meeting.**

Next meeting to be held on 13th March 2023 in Borroughs Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Drake passed his apologies to the Clerk. Cllr Howard to chair the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 8.15pm**