**Stratton Strawless Parish Council**

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

**on 11th April 2023 at Burroughs Hall**

**Present:** Public:

Cllr Drake (Chairman), Cllr Farrow, Cllr Roper, Cllr Howard and Cllr Dann 3

Kate Leggett (Clerk)

**001 (001) Apologies**

Cllr Leestefan Drake and District Councillor Neesom

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

None

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

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2023 were **AGREED** and signed

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

Cllr Roper reported that the village gateway signs were on order.

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

**County:**

Cllr Roper updated members on the bid for a speed reduction on the A140. It was reported that the bid had been successful but more discussions were needed to ascertain if the £10,000 fund was enough to cover the reduction costs.

There is a planning meeting on the 19th April where the Induct application for full planning consent will be discussed. Cllr Roper has already said he will attend and speak. A discussion took place around involving the press. **Resolved to contact the press, proposed Cllr Drake, seconded Cllr Howard, all in favour. Clerk to put an article together.**

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

None for this meeting.

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

1. The Clerk gave an update on the removal of the recycling bins on Parish Road. These are to be taken away at the end of April. It was thought prudent to put up “no fly tipping” posters around and direct the public to the recycling centre on the NDR.

**008 (008) Public Participation**

Resident made comments about the Induct planning application for full consent, and a lengthy discussion took place about its unsuitability for the Mansom Plantation site. It was resolved that Cllr Drake and Cllr Howard would attend the planning meeting on the 19th along with Cllr Roper, in his County Councillor capacity.

Resident mentioned that the style into the woods, along the Public Right of Way on Shortthorn Road is damaged. **Cllr Drake to speak to landowner.**

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

1. Induct – already discussed in item 8
2. Church grass cutting. A gentleman from the PCC made a statement on behalf of the church and a discussion took place. **Resolved to accept quote for the sum of £500 for 2 cuts per month in the summer months. Anything above and beyond this is to be paid for by the church. Proposed Cllr Dann, seconded Cllr Drake. All in favour. Clerk to inform contractor and church treasurer.**
3. AGAR exemption certificate. **Resolved to accept, all in favour.**
4. Appointment of internal auditor. **Resolved to appoint Sarah Hunt, all in favour.**

**010 (010) SAM data**

Cllr Howard had produced a document with the numbers of cars using Shortthorn Road and speeds were noted. Generally there seems to have been a reduction in HGV and articulated lorries but the verges are being damaged by big tractors and trailers.

**011 (011) Planning**

For information only, application 2021/2025 has been refused permission.

**012 (012) Finance**

1. The clerk took those present through the banking position. Yet another letter has been received from Barclays and the on-going issues of trying to change the signatories.
2. Approval of payment schedules and bank reconciliation for February and March 2023. **Approved and signed.**

**013 (013) AOB**

Cllr Dann mentioned the reading room trust, which in the past has donated money to the church and the village. Cllr Dann is a trustee and will be stepping down. The PC has to have a representative on the trust and Cllr Dann will put something together for information.

Cllr Howard asked if we had a Defib in the village and he was informed that there is one at Stratton Strawless Hall.

Diane Farrow has been approached to join the council and this is to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

The clerk reported that four current members who had put themselves forward for election had been re-elected in an uncontested election. Elected members are Cllr Levi Drake, Cllr Martin Howard, Cllr Wayne Farrow and Cllr Leestefan Drake.

**014 (014) Next agenda**

Induct

AGAR

Casual vacancy

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

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 9th 2023 in Borroughs Hall at 7.30pm. Please note change of day due to Bank Holiday on the 8th.

**Meeting closed at 8.35pm**