

## STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Councillors present: Ady Swift (Chairman), Adrian Lee, Ian Hutchinson and Robert Deeks**

**Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk) and four members of the public**

**Open Forum**

- a) One residents asked for an update on the outcome of the village survey. The clerk agreed to email the results to him.
- b) Another resident asked for an update on the purchase of the playing field. This is ongoing.

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence**

Martin Hurst and Jonathan Masefield sent their apologies.

**2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

**3. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and the planning meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November were correct. The chairman then signed them. Two amendments were made to the minutes of the planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016. The first objection was removed as clerk confirmed that Parvin was on the maps albeit in very small print. The clerk was also asked to correct the sentence *'The Parish Council would also like it to be noted that all of the boundary trees have been removed from the site which means that the proposed development will have a much greater impact on neighbouring properties'* to *'some of the boundary trees.'* The amended minutes were approved.

**4. County Councillor's Report**

Mary Evans spoke about the following:

- Locality funding for the playing field. The form was emailed to the clerk on 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- Outstanding highways issues. She agreed to look into them and report back. A question was asked about the grip cutting, which is not very effective.

**5. Borough Councillor's report**

No report was received as Jeremy Farthing did not attend the meeting.

**6. Police issues**

There were no police issues to report.

**7. Update on list of actions agreed at the last meeting**

There were no outstanding councillor actions. Adrian Lee has repaired the cricket pavilion window.

**8. Finance**

**a) Approval of any payments and signing of Schedule of Payments**

It was resolved that the following payments would be approved:

- J P Kirk - expenses – LGA 1972, s111 – **£10.90**
- HMRC – PAYE - LGA 1972, s111 - **£129.40**

Robert Deeks and Ian Hutchinson signed the Schedule of Payments. The Chairman then countersigned it.

**b) Regular payments made between meetings**

The following regular payments were made between meetings:

10/11/16	131/8f	Fidelity Funds Network	D/D	£15.00
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30/11/16	139/8f	J P Kirk salary	Online	£172.43
12/12/16	131/8f	Fidelity Funds Network	D/D	£15.00
30/12/16	139/8f	J P Kirk salary	Online	£172.63

- c) **Approval of any payments authorised between meetings**  
No payments were authorised between meetings.
- d) **Approval of the record of online payments made since the last meeting**  
It was resolved that the record of online payments would be approved. Ian Hutchinson then signed it.
- e) **Signatory to complete the checklist of Internal Controls**  
Ian Hutchinson completed and signed the checklist of internal controls.
- f) **Final budget 2017/18 and budget report**  
It was resolved that the budget would be approved.
- g) **Parish Estimates Form**  
It was resolved that the Parish Estimates Form would be approved and that the precept increase would be 2.08% which equates to £0.81 per annum per band D household. The parish council element for a band D household will be £39.71 per annum an increase from £38.90.
9. **Planning**
- a) **DC/16/2805/HH - The Old Cottage, Edmunds Hill, Stradishall, Two storey side extension**  
It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.
- b) **DC/16/2406/FUL - Yew Tree Farm, Farley Green, Stradishall**  
This application has been referred to Development Control on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
10. **Highways/Rights of Way issues/tree/transport issues**  
Ady Swift has reported the broken bollard at Stradishall Crossroads
11. **Playing Field matters**
- a) **Playing field inspection reports and update on the rot on the multiplay**  
The following findings were highlighted in the report:
- *‘There is some strimmer damage apparent on the posts, this can penetrate the preservative applied to the timber and accelerate the rotting process.’* Adrian Lee confirmed that he had checked the posts. The damage at this stage is superficial. It was resolved that the Council would continue to monitor the posts for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required.
  - Rot at ground level in support legs. Adrian Lee confirmed that he had checked the posts. It was resolved that the Council would continue to monitor for any deterioration (rot) and replace as required.
  - There are some loose posts on one piece of equipment. This was down to the clay soil drying out over the summer.
- b) **Update on the possible purchase of the playing field**  
See above
- c) **Proposal by John Harding to purchase the playing field with a view to developing it**  
This item was discussed but no decision reached as those councillors present felt that the decision should be made when all the councillors are present because of the potential impact on the village.
12. **Village issues**
- a) **Analysis of the village questionnaire and possible action plan**  
It was resolved that this item would be postponed until the next meeting.
13. **Correspondence**
- a) **Invitation to the first Parish and Town Council forum in Barrow**  
Councillors were asked to let the clerk know if they wish to attend.

**b) Letter from Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore asking for support for his Fairer Share for Suffolk Campaign**

The letter has been uploaded onto the website to help inform as many residents as possible as the closing date for responses is before the next newsletter comes out.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.**

Signed ..... (Chairman) Dated .....