

STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th June 2015

Parish councillors present: Mr A Swift (Chairman), Mr A Lee (Vice-chairman) and Mr R Deeks

Also present: County Councillor Mary Evans and 2 members of the public

Open Forum

Concerns were raised about parking near Tally Ho corner which is forcing vehicles onto the wrong side of the road with nowhere to go if a vehicle comes round Tally Ho corner. Mary Evans agreed to ask Highways to come out to assess the problem and see what can be done. The suggestion was made to see if it would be possible to provide parking spaces on the opposite side of the road.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from M Hurst, Mrs D Gates and Miss G Raymond

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

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

3. Report from Councillor Evans

Mary Evans spoke about the following:

- She will ask Highways to look at the parking problems on the turning circle in Cricket Meadow
- Highways have been in touch with the owner of the trees on Stradishall Crossroads again.
- The street light in St Margaret's Place has been erected and UK Power Networks will now need to carry out the electrical work.
- Clare Police Station will close on 14th July. There will be a drop in session every Tuesday at Clare Fire Station between 10am and 12pm.
- The gas works in Clare. Cavendish Road will close from 13th July
- The Highpoint Estate. The Justice Minister has said that he will put some money in if some money can be raised locally. A donation of £5,000 has been made and the residents are organising some fund raising events to raise additional money.
- There is a consultation currently about the future of the fire service.

4. Approval of minutes of meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. The chairman then signed the minutes.

5. Co-option of a new councillor to fill the remaining vacancy

It was resolved that Ian Hutchinson would be co-opted onto the Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form and a Register of Interest Form were passed on for completion.

6. Update on list of actions agreed at the last meeting

There were no outstanding councillor actions.

7. Finance

a) Approval of payments and signing of the Schedule of Payments

It was resolved that the following payments would be approved:

- J P Ince - expenses - LGA 1972, S111 - **£23.39**
- Mrs E Taylor - internal audit fee - LGA 1972, S111 - **£65.00**
- Community Action Suffolk - insurance - LGA 1972, S111. It was resolved that the Council would take out a 3 year undertaking at a cost of **£445.45**
- Adrian Lee Contract Services - grass cutting and maintenance work - Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) - **£576.00**

R Deeks and A Swift signed the Schedule of Payments and A Swift also countersigned it.

b) Approval of the record of online payments made since the last meeting

It was resolved that the record of online payments would be approved. R Deeks then signed it.

c) Checklist of Internal Controls

R Deeks completed the checklist of internal controls.

7. Planning

a) DC/15/1078/FUL - Former village hall (adjacent to Hoults Mansion), The Street, Stradishall - demolition of former village hall and replacement with a single detached dwelling

It was resolved that no objections would be made to the application as the former village hall is in a poor state of repair and this development will improve the site.

8. Highways/rights of way matters/tree or transport issues:**a) The recent speed data. Should the Council pursue the option of Vehicle Activated Signs?**

It was resolved that this item would be postponed until the next meeting.

b) Ownership of land outside 2 St Margaret's Place

Havebury has been looking into a complaint about an overgrown tree in front of 2 St Margaret's Place. Havebury has confirmed that this area is unregistered and it would appear that no one is responsible for the land.

9. Playing field matters**a) Play inspection reports May and June 2015**

No action is required.

There is a problem with pigeon mess on the play equipment. It was resolved that the Council would purchase plastic spikes to position on top of the swings at a cost of £30 + VAT, plus 2 hours labour.

10. Village Review

It was resolved that this item would be postponed until the next meeting.

11. Correspondence**a) Letter from Havebury asking if any councillors would like to join their Performance and Scrutiny Panel**

No councillors were able to volunteer.

b) E-mail from SEBC giving details of the next Parish Conference on Monday 12th October 2015 in Haverhill starting at 6pm - for information only

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55p.m.