

STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2018

Councillors present: Ady Swift (Chairman), Adrian Lee (Vice Chairman), Ian Hutchinson, Martin Hurst, Debbie Gates and Jonathan Masefield

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

The following issues were raised during the Open Forum:

- The lack of grit bins on the Highpoint Estate

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Robert Deeks.

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 Monday 6th November 2017

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

4. Planning

- a) DC/17/2659/HH - Tally Ho, The Street, Stradishall - (i) Single storey side extension to south elevation (ii) New porch (removal of coal store) to north elevation (iii) replacement chimney stack (iv) alterations to existing annexe building (v) replacement courtyard wall**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

- b) DC/17/2660/LB - Tally Ho, The Street, Stradishall - (i) Single storey side extension to south elevation (ii) New porch (removal of coal store) to north elevation (iii) replacement chimney stack (iv) alterations to existing annexe building (v) replacement courtyard wall**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

5. Police issues

There were no issues to report.

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

There was one outstanding councillor action.

7. 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 - **£10.73**
- HMRC – PAYE - LGA 1972, s111 - **£130.60**

Ian Hutchinson and Jonathan Masefield signed the Schedule of Payments. The Chairman then countersigned it.

- b) Approval of payments authorised between meetings**

No payments were authorised between meetings.

- c) Payments made between meeting but previously authorised**

10/11/17	Fidelity Funds Network	£15.00
30/11/17	J P Kirk - salary	£174.38
10/12/17	Fidelity Funds Network	£15.00
29/12/17	J P Kirk - salary	£174.18

- 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.

8. Highways/rights of way matters/tree or transport issues:

- a) Grit piles**

No grit piles need topping up.

- b) Additional grit bins**

It was resolved that the Ian Hutchinson would be authorised to buy 3 additional grit bins up to a cost of £160.00 + delivery and VAT and that he would invoice the Parish Council.

9. Playing Field issues

a) Latest play inspection report

There were no new findings in addition to issues already raised.

b) Field Protection application

Fields in Trust has acknowledged that it has received the application.

c) Moles on the playing field

It was resolved that the clerk would obtain some more quotes as the first quote it received was too expensive.

d) Parking area for the playing field and other improvements

Councillors agreed that it would be a good idea to provide a parking area and height barrier on the playing field and possibly a path to the church. It was resolved that a site meeting would be held in the spring to look at possible options. It was also resolved that the Council would purchase a marquee to use for events.

e) Quote from JW Tree Surgery to remove the tree along the boundary with 29 St Margaret's Place

JW Tree Surgery has quoted £300 to remove the maple tree between the playing field and the house. The owner has said he would put a hedge in at the back of his garden as a replacement. It was resolved that Ady Swift would speak to the owners and ask if they would be willing to pay 50% of the cost and that the Council would go ahead subject to the feedback from Ady Swift following his meeting with the owners.

10. Borough and County Councillor's report

Mary Evans spoke about the following:

- Energy advice clinics in Clare Library. She is going to find some grants to carry it on until next year as the project was so successful.
- CLASP, a support project which takes people to hospital and medical appointments
- Gemma O'Shea, the locality officer for Stradishall, has moved on. Her replacement is Teresa Farley
- The impact on China's decision not to take plastic for recycling from the UK. Good quality plastic can be recycled for £30 per ton, but poor quality plastics go to the Energy from Waste incinerator at Great Blakenham.
- The planning application for the WSOH has been approved.
- There are plans to build a multi-storey car park in St Andrew's Street.
- Suffolk County Council is carrying out a home/school transport consultation.
- She has set up a meeting at the Rights of Way manager Glyn French on 7th February in Clare.

The following issues were raised:

- The new bollard on Stradishall Crossroads has no reflector strips and is not lit so makes it difficult for vehicles to see the junction
- The trenches on the B1063 on Home Farm corner have sunk more. Mary Evans agreed to look into this.

11. Village issues

a) Setting up a separate group to organise community events

The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea.

b) Ideas for commemorating the Centenary of the Armistice on the Western Front in WW1

The most popular suggestion was for a memorial garden and bench on the playing field and a village dedication event.

c) Broadband and mobile phone signal in Stradishall

Stradishall village has now been upgraded and residents can sign up for fibre broadband through their broadband provider. The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the mobile phone signal in Stradishall. It was resolved that information about broadband and the mobile phone signal would be included in the next newsletter as the coverage varies considerably between providers, with EE offering 4G while the coverage with some other providers is patchy.

12. Dates of Meetings May 2018 – March 2019

- Monday 14th May 2018 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed by the Annual Parish Meeting – please note earlier start time of 7pm
- Monday 2nd July 2018 Meeting
- Monday 3rd September 2018 Meeting
- Monday 5th November 2018 Meeting
- Monday 7th January 2019 Meeting
- Monday 4th March 2019 Meeting

13. Correspondence

- a) Letter from the Countess of Euston re events to commemorate the one-hundred-year anniversary of WW1 in 2018**
The information will be passed on to the village events planning group.

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

Signed (Chairman) Dated