

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Parish of Stroud held at Langrish Primary School on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 at 7.30pm**

**01.18 Present:** Cllr David McKinney (Chairman), Guest Speakers – Viv Hill, Craige Burden and Robert Hall (representatives of CALA Homes), Nick Rook Blackstone (Parish Lengthsman) and County Cllr Russell Oppenheimer.

**Also present:** 26 members of the public including parish councillors. Mrs Elisabeth Foulston (Clerk)

**Apologies:** District Cllr Nick Drew and Cllr O Howe.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and for the good turnout.

**02.18 The approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2017** The minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2017 were agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

### **03.18 Comments from the Public or Press**

A member of the public raised the issue of the proposal by Langrish School to fill in the swimming pool on the school grounds, to be covered over with a hard standing. Hampshire County Council have then agreed to provide the foundations for a new classroom on the swimming pool site. 85% of parents at the school are in favour of saving the pool and a group has been formed called 'Friends of Langrish Pool' ([www.friendsoflangrishpool.org](http://www.friendsoflangrishpool.org)) to take over the management of the pool. The group wanted to make the Parish Council aware of what was happening with the pool and ask for support to save the pool. Cllr Drew has pledged support. The deadline for the school governors to make a decision is 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**04.18 Chairman's Report – Cllr David McKinney** (See attached appendix A).

**05.18 District Councillor's Report** Cllr McKinney read out a short report from District Cllr Drew confirming that once more East Hampshire District Council has not increased council tax charges while at the same time has continued to provide services. Ward border changes have been submitted by the Boundary Commission and unfortunately, despite Cllr Drew's argument against, they have proposed that Stroud leave the Froxfield and Steep ward in 2019. Cllr Drew has requested more litter patrols along the A272 and asked for local residents to share litter hotspots with the Parish Council. He also asked that residents raise any issues with planning submission or compliance enforcement on the SDNPA and EHDC websites as he can only ask for Planning Committee review if this is done. Cllr Drew thanked the Parish Council for the work that they do supporting the Parish.

**06.18 County Councillor's Report** County Cllr Oppenheimer provided his report (see attached appendix B). Cllr Oppenheimer also followed up on the issue of the potential closure of the pool at Langrish School by saying that it was very appropriate that the local community's views were taken into account by the school when they make their decision. A

member of the public queried whether it would be possible to have buses running on a Sunday in this area of the National Park.

#### **07.18 Update from the Parish Lengthsman**

Nick Rook-Blackstone explained that the role of the Lengthsman was one of the oldest jobs in history, which dates back to medieval times. His role includes cleaning equipment, cutting back hedges, clearing drains and maintaining footpaths. The Lengthsman's hours are paid for from an allocated fund by Hampshire County Council. Nick asked all residents to let the Parish Council know if they see any issues around the village that the Lengthsman could help with.

#### **08.18 Update from CALA Homes regarding a development proposal for Ramsdean Road**

The Chairman confirmed that the updated planning application was now available on the SDNPA Planning Portal and encouraged all residents to make their views known via the portal as it is important that this development is completed in the right way and with community support. The Parish Council have done a considerable amount of work on this and have supported the application in the past. They will be discussing the new application and their response to it at their meeting in May.

CALA Homes then provided an update (unfortunately due to IT issues they weren't able to show the visual presentation but were happy to email this to anyone who requested it). They have done a lot of engagement with the community, the Parish Council and with SDNPA and have tried to respond on queries raised and changes suggested. The last application was refused on prematurity as it was submitted prior to the new Local Plan but they have been left confident that that the site would be in the new Local Plan which will be submitted at the end of April. The new application is for 30 units (to include 12 affordable homes) plus a village hall and is a revised solution that takes into account views plus commercial viability. The Design Review Panel were in favour of a strong frontage of houses onto Ramsdean Road and also moving the green space in front of the village hall to the north of the site. There is also now only one point of access to the site instead of two. A question and answer session then followed the update from CALA Homes. Questions from local residents were as follows: -

1. Why are there now 30 houses instead of 26? SDNPA would like to provide as much affordable housing as possible and in order to meet the request for 40% affordable housing on the site, the number of houses were increased accordingly.
2. How has single access helped with parking and what is happening with the parking issue on Ramsdean Road at school drop off and pick up times? There are 70 car parking spaces on the site plus an additional 12 for the village hall. It is thought that having the houses fronting directly onto Ramsdean Road will discourage people from parking there as residents will be using their access at those times. CALA Homes tried to put forward the idea of a layby on Ramsdean Road but this was rejected as the strong frontage was seen as preferable.
3. Has enough consideration been taken regarding the Ramsdean Road junction with the A272 and the traffic issue there? Hampshire County Council's Highways

department have looked at the national model for this issue and deemed the development would not make a sufficient enough impact to make an unsafe situation. The Chairman confirmed that traffic had been a significant part of discussions that have taken place about the development and the Parish Council strongly commented on this in their response to the last application and also spoke directly to SDNPA about it.

4. Is there a mixture of affordable homes? There will be 1 bedroom apartments in a block and 2/3 bed cottages in two separate locations on the site.
5. Are the roads not being adopted and what is the impact of this? The policy is that the roads on the estate will be run by a management company. There would be no restriction on parking, for example, people could park in the village hall and walk to the school (if the owners of the village hall agreed). It would also mean that CALA could use whichever materials they would like to while building the roads and would therefore be able to replace quality materials used with ones of an equal value in the future.
6. When the site is being built will work vehicles be kept off Ramsdean Road? Part of the conditions of the application will be that there will have to be a traffic management plan during the build. CALA Homes will also ensure that deliveries to the site will not take place during school drop off and pick up times.

The Chairman closed the question and answer session by thanking CALA Homes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk-E Foulston