



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 1st of March 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr A Burges, Cllr F Rogers, Cllr D Paul, Cllr O Howe & Cllr C Foulston.

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr V Clarke and District Cllr N Drew

1.10.15 Apologies for Absence. Cllr D McKinney.

2.10.15 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None.

3.10.15 Comments from the Public or Press.

None.

4.10.15 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting on the 19th of January 2016.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th of January 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.10.15. To Agree the May Meeting Date.

Following discussion **it was resolved** that the date of the May meeting would be Tuesday 10th May.

6.10.15 To Agree the Date of the Annual Parish Meeting

Due to availability of speakers and the school hall **it was resolved** that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting would be Monday 11th April.

7.10.15 Update from the Annual Parish Meeting Working Party

Cllr Paul confirmed that the presentations at the Annual Parish Meeting would be from 29th Squadron from RAF Odiham and the Highways and Road Safety Sub Committee. **It was resolved** that leaflets would be drafted and distributed to all houses in the village.

8.10.15 To Approve the Changes to the Grant Application Form

It was resolved that the updated Grant Application form previously circulated would be approved subject to minor changes suggested by Cllr Rogers.

9.10.15 To Discuss the Replacement of the Village Marquee

After discussion **it was resolved** that the current request for the replacement marquee and equipment was too big a project and budget for Stroud as a Parish. As there is still a genuine need in the village for a new marquee and storage unit **it was resolved** that a Working Party would be set up to look into grant funding for these two items on a smaller budget along with SARA and the Village Hall Trustees. Cllr Drew offered a grant towards this when the Parish Council are ready to proceed.

10.10.15 Report from the Sub Committee for the Highways/Road Safety Issue

Cllr Burges reported that members of the sub committee had met with Ian Janes of Hampshire County Council's Highways Department and Cllr Vaughan Clarke at a site visit at Ramsdean Road and the A272 on Friday 26th February. Further updates regarding potential traffic improvements will be provided as soon as they are available.

11.10.15 To Discuss the Grounds Maintenance Contract and Lengthsman Scheme

Stroud Parish Council have been accepted on to the Lengthsman Scheme for a period of 1 year starting in April 2016 with a budget of £1,000. Steep Parish Council will be the lead Parish for the Scheme cluster and will deal with the administration of the Scheme. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council will sign up to this agreement with Steep Parish Council. As the Lengthsman Scheme could potentially overlap with the Grounds Maintenance contract **it was resolved** that the contract would be reviewed before being put out to tender and that the Clerk would circulate to the Councillors a list of work that the Lengthsman can do so that a schedule of work can be drafted.

12.10.15 Clerk's Training Update

It was resolved that the Clerk would attend the Society of Local Council Clerks' Regional Seminar in August.

13.10.15 Clerk's Holiday Dates

It was resolved that the Clerk would take a week of annual leave from 2nd May 2016 to 8th May 2016.

14.10.15 To Discuss the Village Litterpick

Cllr Rogers confirmed that the village litterpick would be taking place on Saturday 19th March at 10.30am and all volunteers were welcome. Various litterpicking equipment is being loaned to the village by the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign but there are no children's tabards or litterpickers available. After discussion **it was resolved** that a few children's tabards and litterpickers would be purchased.

15.10.15 To Approve the Recreation Ground Safety Inspection

After discussion **it was resolved** to retain the services of Nick Adams for the annual recreation ground safety inspection again this year. The price is the same as 2015.

16.10.15 Update on Tree Warden Training

Cllr Foulston confirmed that he and Mrs Judith Wright had attended Tree Warden training at Havant Borough Council in February. Various items including Tree Preservation Orders and ash die back were discussed. Mrs Wright will be keeping a record book of any issues in the village so any information should be passed on to Cllr Foulston or Mrs Wright.

17.10.15 To Discuss Grant Awards – Steep & Stroud Newsletter

After discussion and the suspension of point 17 of the grant awarding policy **it was resolved** that £100 would be awarded to Steep PCC towards the production of the Steep & Stroud newsletter (s137 LGA 1972).

18.10.15 To Discuss a Query Regarding a Parking Area at Willowdale Close

Cllr Burges explained the background to the query regarding Parish Council help with costs for maintaining a parking area. After discussion **it was resolved** that whilst the Parish Council sympathise with the issue and are always happy to receive requests, they cannot contribute to these costs as they are for an individual, or set of individuals, rather than the village as a whole. The Clerk will respond accordingly and also suggest that the developer is contacted.

19.10.15 Planning Application – SDNP/16/00418/HOUS **Location:** 1 Willowdale Close, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PS **Proposal:** Single storey infill extension to front. Cllr Howe declared an interest in this planning application. After discussion between the remaining Councillors **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application.

20.10.15 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Drew reported on the following points:

- The new litter inspector scheme has been very successful to date and Cllr Drew encouraged people to notify them of any particular littering problems.
- The 'Clean for the Queen' scheme is currently taking place.
- There has been a 2% reduction in Council Tax which is hopefully the first of several reductions.
- Nothing has yet been confirmed regarding the Devolution proposals.

21.10.15 Report from County Councillor

See attached appendix.

22.10.15 Chairman's Report

No report.

23.10.15 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £5,901.95
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,464.41

Money in:

None

Total £0.00

Money out:

29/01/2016 BACS HMRC £81.40

29/01/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £332.15

22/02/2016 BACS Mr S Brown £800.00

22/02/2016 BACS Jonathan Street £90.00

29/02/2016 BACS HMRC £81.40

29/02/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £325.67

Total payments authorised £1,710.62

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Internal Audit Date

The Clerk confirmed that the date of the internal audit would be 14th June.

24.10.15 Correspondence

a) SDNPA – Petersfield Neighbourhood Development Plan

This was noted.

b) West Meon Parish Council – HALC Training

This was noted but there was no requirement for Councillors to attend this training at the present time.

c) SDNPA – CIL: Statement of Modifications

This was noted.

25.10.15 Future Agenda Items

- Footpaths
- Recreation Ground equipment improvements

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 10th of May 2016 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.45pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston