



Stroud Parish Council

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

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

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

1.10.16 Apologies for Absence. None.

2.10.16 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None.

3.10.16 Comments from the Public or Press.
None.

4.10.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 6th of September 2016.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of September 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.10.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 28th of September 2016.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 28th of September 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

6.10.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 25th of October 2016.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 25th of October 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

7.10.16 Update from the Highways and Road Safety Sub Committee.

Cllr Burges reported that there had not been any recent changes and that some of the work to be completed by Hampshire County Council was still outstanding. There has also been a further water leak which has resulted in further work on the A272.

8.10.16 To Discuss Ideas for the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting.

In light of the pre planning application to be discussed under item 15 of the agenda **it was resolved** that the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting would focus on planning in the village.

9.10.16 To Approve a Project for the 17/18 Financial Year

Further to the suggestions circulated following the September meeting, **it was resolved** that the project that the Council would focus on implementing in the 2017/2018 financial year would be installing flashing speed signs on the A272 through the village.

10.10.16 To Approve Clerk's Holiday Dates

It was resolved that the Clerk would take 2 weeks holiday from 17th December 2016 to 30th December 2016 inclusive.

11.10.16 Update on the Future of Local Government in Hampshire Workshop

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chairman had attended a workshop held by Hampshire County Council in Winchester on 12th September. It was mainly an update on strategic plans for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. There could be a query on how this would affect Localism.

12.10.16 To Discuss a Request from the Petersfield Town Council

Petersfield Town Council Trustees had contacted the Council to ask if they would like to be represented on the Trustee Board of the John Goodyer/Bishop Laney Trusts as it has been decided that Stroud will be included as a qualifying area of residence. **It was resolved** that Cllr Burges would represent the Council on the Trustee Board.

13.10.16 To Discuss the Proposed BT Payphone Kiosk Removal

The Chairman explained that he had been contacted by a local resident regarding the proposed removal of the payphone kiosk on Ramsdean Road. It has been suggested that the Parish Council adopt the kiosk to be used for the benefit of the village, for example, for exhibitions or a book exchange. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would contact BT to find out whether the electricity could be disconnected at the same time as the phone and if so, the Council would then adopt the kiosk at the cost of £1.

14.10.16 To Discuss Neighbourhood Plans

Following recent advice received from local parishes currently undertaking neighbourhood plans, neighbourhood planning specialists and SDNPA **it was resolved** that the Council would not be undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan at this current time.

15.10.16 Planning Application – SDNP/16/05076/PRE Location: Land south of the Seven Stars, Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield Hampshire **Proposal:** Erection of 20 dwellings (8 affordable) or erection of 26 dwellings (8 affordable) and village hall or erection of 30 dwellings (12 affordable) and village hall.

The Council have recently had an informal meeting with SDNPA regarding neighbourhood plans and planning in the village. **It was resolved** that the Chairman would contact CALA Homes to request that a representative from the Council attend the pre application meeting. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would request an extension to the deadline for comments on this pre application so that the Council could consider their response at an additional extraordinary meeting. Cllr Drew stated EHDC's position is that the application does not meet the current 70/30 affordable housing policy and that any application should have a suitable mix of size of dwellings to meet the needs of local people.

16.10.16 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Drew reported that 2 Remembrance Day wreaths will be laid on behalf of the whole ward, 1 at Froxfield Green and 1 at Steep, and all local residents are welcome to attend. Nominations for the annual Sports Awards are now being accepted and can be for athletes, managers or coaches of any age. Cllr Drew also asked the Council to let him know of any training requirements for Councillors that EHDC could help with.

17.10.16 Report from County Councillor

See attached appendix. Cllr Clarke also supplied a report on current BOATs in the area **and it was resolved** that the Clerk would contact other Parish Councils to ask for advice on how restrictions on BOATs were applied for.

18.10.16 Chairman's Report

No report.

19.10.16 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £12,095.45

Unity Trust Deposit account £6,468.76

Money in:

26/09/2016 EHDC £6,366.58

30/09/2016 Bank interest £1.13

06/10/2016 EHDC £150.00

Total £6,517.71

Money out:

14/09/2016 300170 Mr F Mayell £780.00

19/10/2016 300172 Mr F Mayell £130.00

30/09/2016 Bank charges £18.00

20/09/2016 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £104.05

26/09/2016 Direct Debit Information Commissioner £35.00

07/09/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00

20/09/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £48.07

20/09/2016 BACS Victim Support £50.00

20/09/2016 BACS BDO LLP £120.00

30/09/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £347.72

30/09/2016 BACS HMRC £87.00

05/10/2016 BACS Jonathan Street £90.00

26/10/2016 BACS Meon Cleaning Services £66.00

26/10/2016 BACS HALC Ltd £42.00

31/10/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £372.02

31/10/2016 BACS HMRC £87.00

Total payments made and authorised £2,526.86

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Conclusion of External Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit has now been completed and the Annual Return and report have been published on the website. No further action is required.

20.10.16 Correspondence

a) LGBCE – Electoral Review of Hampshire.

This was noted.

b) David Quick – Stroud Village Big Dig

It was resolved that the Clerk would send the website link to the planning application on to David Quick.

c) HALC – Precept Capping Consultation Response

It was resolved that the Clerk would draft a letter to MP Damian Hinds based on Steven Lugg's previous response and would then circulate this to all Councillors for comment.

d) EHAPTC – 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement Consultation

This was noted.

e) HCC – NHT Public Representative Survey 2016

It was resolved that Cllr Burges would respond to this consultation on the Council's behalf.

21.10.16 Future Agenda Items

Precept.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 17th of January 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.25pm

Signed
Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston