



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Steep Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd of September 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr A Burges, Cllr C Snow (arrived at 8.15pm), Cllr F Rogers & Cllr D Paul.

Also Present: Mrs M Snow (Clerk & RFO)

1.05.14 Apologies: Cllr D McKinney & Cllr J Edbrooke.

2.05.14 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: None

3.05.14 Comments from the public or press. None in attendance.

4.05.14 Minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st of July 2014 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.05.14 Minutes from the extraordinary meeting

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting held on the 10th of July 2014 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

6.05.14. Resignation of Clerk/recruitment of new clerk.

The clerk has handed her notice to the vice-chairman, Cllr Burges. It was agreed that an advert for her replacement should be put in the Steep and Stroud Parish Magazine and on the village and Parish Council website and the village noticeboard. Also with an advert being sent to HALC for their website.

7.05.14 Renewal of the website domain name.

It was resolved that the website domain name of www.stroud-pc.gov.uk should be renewed at the cost of £25.00 +VAT (total cost £30.00) payable to Mythic Beasts Ltd.

8.05.14 Recreation ground repairs. It was resolved to accept the quote of £334.00 provided by Mr Frank Mayell the current GM Contractor for the repairs to the recreation ground which are listed below:

- Replace rotten bench slats on all benches & varnish. Rub down old wooden bench slats and re-varnish. Repaint benches in green. Repair patio base. 8 hours £144.00
- Sand down metal frame of the swings and repaint in green. 3 hours £54.00
- Sand down goal posts and repaint in white. 2 hours £36.00
- The cost of the materials has been estimated at around £100 to be provided by Mr Mayell.

9.05.14 New Councillor Training

It was resolved to pay the cost of £30 for Cllr Paul to attend 'The Knowledge' and 'Core skills' course provided by HALC. The next course is held on the 17th of September.

10.05.14 Report from District Councillor – No report received.

11.05.14 Report from County Councillor – No report received.

12.05.14 Councillors Reports.

a) Tree Warden – Not in attendance

b) Parish Plan – Not in attendance

c) Recreation Ground – Cllr Snow updated the council on the repairs to be carried out to the recreation ground see minute 8.05.14. Cllr Snow also asked the councillors to consider moving the goal posts so that the grass area could be repaired. It was noted that the willow tunnel needed some attention as it was becoming very over grown. The clerk is to contact

c) Recreation Ground Cont...

Mr Lionel Fanshawe who is responsible for the tunnel. It was resolved to contact Biffa regarding the recreation ground bin collections as all other possible options the clerk had tried have been unsuccessful. The clerk has purchased two new key locking padlocks for the recreation ground gate after the latch and padlock were stolen in July. The locks have three keys one of which the clerk has, one for Mr Frank Mayell and the last for Cllr Snow. Cllr Snow also reported that more wood chips are now required around the Thumper Tower, the clerk is to contact Springvale landscapes to get a quote. The steering wheel has now been refitted to the Thumper Tower. The WW1 Commemorative bench is progressing, more details will be available at the next meeting.

d) Bus Shelters – Cllr Burges has checked the bus shelter bins which have been emptied. The bus shelters at the end of North Stroud Lane and the Seven Stars are in a satisfactory condition but the bus shelter at the end of Finchmead Lane requires bushes being trimmed back by the village green landowner.

e) Footpaths – Nothing to report.

13.05.14 Chairman's Report – No report

14.05.14 Financial Matters

a) Financial Report:

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £4566.68
Unity Trust Savings account £6454.69

Money In: None

Money Out: 01/08/2014 Electronic Payment Clerks wages £411.25
01/09/2014 Electronic Payment Clerks wages £411.25

Total £822.50

The following electronic payments were authorised and cheques signed:

02/09/14 300063 Mr Frank Mayell (GMC July) £111.00
02/09/14 300064 Mr Frank Mayell (GMC August) £711.00
Total £822.00
Total Payments: £1644.50

15.05.14 Correspondence

- a) **Litter Email** These were emailed out to the Councillors prior to the meeting, no action required.
- b) **Mr Matthews Email** An email has been received from Mr Matthews the owner of the Village Green. Explaining that he has cut back some of the trees and bushes around the Bus Shelter. He also explained that HCC is responsible some of the fencing due to the installation of the footpath. The clerk is to contact HCC to ask them to confirm that they are responsible and that they maintain the fence line. The clerk will report back to the Council when further information is available.
- c) **EHDC Noise Letter** – After a wedding was held in a field at the end of North Stroud Lane on the 11th/12th of July 14, the Parish Council received complaints about the noise and so wrote to the landowner and EHDC. The Parish Council has received a response which stated 2 complaint calls were made to 101 and one complaint was received by EHDC. The District Council made attempts to find out who caused the noise but discovered it was a private party on private land so no further action could be taken.
- d) **SLCC Renewal** – **It was resolved** to renew the clerk's subscription to the Society of Local Council clerks (SLCC) the renewal cost is £101.00. The membership is transferable between clerks so the membership will be passed onto the incoming clerk.

16.05.14 Future Agenda Items. – Cycle path & Affordable Housing.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 4th of November 2014 at 7.30pm in Steep Village Hall.

Meeting Ended: 9.10pm

Signed
Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – M Snow