



# Stroud Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2015

**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), County Cllr V Clarke (left the meeting at 9.40pm) District Cllr N Drew & 1 member of the public.

**1.07.15 Apologies for Absence.** None.

**2.07.15 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**  
None.

**3.07.15 Comments from the Public or Press.**  
Mrs A Snow commented in relation to agenda item 5.

**4.07.15 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2015.**

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2015 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**5.07.15. To Discuss a Sub-Committee for the Highways/Road Safety Issue.**

The Chairman thanked Mrs Snow for attending the meeting. Mrs Snow has been in contact with both Ian Janes at Highways and also Damian Hinds regarding the speed and safety issues along the A272 in Stroud. It has now been confirmed that the road signs and markings within the village are being looked at in the current financial year. Nothing has yet been confirmed but there should be a plan available in the New Year. As this is such an important issue in the village **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would set up a sub committee comprising of Cllr Burges, Cllr Foulston and Mrs Snow for Highways and Road Safety. **It was also resolved** that the Parish Council would write to Hampshire County Council, the Local Education Authority and Damian Hinds regarding this and would also contact Hall and Wodehouse regarding a potential path that has been requested through the hedge in the Seven Stars car park.

**6.07.15 To Discuss a Working Party for the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk and Chairman have recently contacted members of a few of the organisations within the village to ask whether they would send a representative to a working party meeting to discuss the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting. 1 response has been received so far. **It was resolved** that Cllr Paul would co-ordinate this working party and the Annual Parish Meeting arrangements and the Clerk would send him further details regarding this.

**7.07.15 Report on the Hampshire Association of Council's AGM**

Cllr Rogers provided a report on the recent AGM that she attended along with Cllr Burges. There were five presentations and topics discussed included NALC's customer focus, devolution and other developing issues for local councils.

#### **8.07.15 To Discuss a Replacement Gate for the Village Green**

The landowner of the village green has agreed, in principle, to the stile from the A272 onto the village green being replaced with a kissing gate following a request from a local resident. Cllr Drew and Cllr Clarke both agreed to grant funding for this project. **It was resolved** that the costs would be obtained on a gate of the Parish Council's choosing and the Clerk would submit the grant forms accordingly.

#### **9.07.15 To Approve Recreation Ground Improvements**

After discussion **it was resolved** to accept quotations received for removal of the willow tunnel, replacing the broken slabs under the benches, replacing the seats and chain sets on the swings and installing the new bench. These were all recommendations made in the last Annual Inspection report. Cllr Drew offered a grant of £496 to cover some of these costs. The Clerk has also met with John Coney from Hampshire Playing Fields Association regarding improvements to the access to the recreation ground and replacing the goalposts and is now looking into costs for these.

#### **10.07.15 To Discuss Work to be Completed on the Bus Shelters**

A quote has been received for £500 labour plus materials for repainting 2 of the bus shelters in the village. A grant of £250 has been received from Cllr Clarke for this but at this time no other grant funding is available. **It was resolved** that the Parish Council would cover the shortfall in costs from reserved funds under the Parish Councils Act 1957 s.1.

#### **11.07.15 To Approve Clerk's Holiday Dates**

**It was resolved** that the Clerk would take her final 2 weeks' holiday for the current holiday year between 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.

#### **12.07.15 To Approve Grant Awards – Churchyard Maintenance**

This was deferred to the next meeting and **it was resolved** that the Clerk will ask Steep PCC to complete the correct grant application form.

#### **13.07.15 Planning Application – SDNP/15/04260/HOUS and SDNP/15/05272/HOUS**

**Location:** South Cottage, 5B North Stroud Lane, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PP **Proposal:** Single storey side and rear extension, conversion of roof space to provide accommodation with dormers.

Following discussion **it was resolved** that no objection would be made to this planning application.

#### **14.07.15 Planning Application – SDNP/15/04422/HOUS Location: 58 Winchester Road, Stroud, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3PL Proposal: Detached garage**

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application subject to Cllr Burges reviewing that it was not to be used as extra accommodation in which case conditions could be requested.

#### **15.07.15 To Discuss a Proposed Development at Ramsdean Road**

The Chairman explained that following a letter that the Parish Council sent to landowners at Ramsdean Road regarding their development proposal, a reply had now been received. The Chairman has also recently attended a meeting with Action Hants and a consultant who does a lot of work on Locality and with Community Right to Build Orders/Neighbourhood Development Orders. The Parish Council are keen that any Plan or Order is achievable and desirable to all. After considerable discussion **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would reply to the landowners to confirm that they are looking for alternative ways of neighbourhood planning in the village and will be working towards a master plan. The Clerk will also contact the consultant for further information regarding a future presentation to the Parish Council.

### **16.07.15 Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Drew reported on the following: -

- A litterpick on the A3 is happening this month and again in February
- The zero tolerance policy on litter is being expanded and more officers will be working on this
- The devolution issue is still being reviewed by Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- Rural Leaders Grant and Apprenticeship grants are still available – anyone in the community is encouraged to contact Cllr Drew
- Sports Awards 2016 – nominations are welcome from the local area

### **17.07.15 Report from County Councillor**

See attached appendix.

### **18.07.15 Chairman's Report**

No report.

### **19.07.15 Financial Matters**

#### **a) Finance Report**

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £9,526.66  
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,462.78

Money in:

16/09/2015 Hampshire County Council £282.50

24/09/2015 EHDC £6,397.68

30/09/2015 Bank interest £1.50

30/09/2015 Bank interest £1.63

01/10/2015 Hampshire County Council £250.00

Total £6,933.31

Money out:

02/09/2015 300103 Frank Mayell £111.00

02/09/2015 300104 Mrs E Foulston £150.00

02/09/2015 300105 Frank Mayell £711.00

21/09/2015 300151 Chris Budd Plant Hire £678.00

22/09/2015 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £91.42

25/09/2015 Direct Debit Information Commissioner £35.00

30/09/2015 BACS HMRC £81.40

30/09/2015 BACS Mrs E Foulston £377.58

30/10/2015 BACS HMRC £81.40

30/10/2015 BACS Mrs E Foulston £361.78

Cheques to be signed:

02/11/2015 300152 Frank Mayell £111.00

Total payments authorised £2,789.58

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

#### **b) Change of sort code – new Direct Debit forms**

Following a recent change of bank sort code, new Direct Debit forms were required for Biffa and the Information Commissioner. The Chairman signed these accordingly.

### **20.07.15 Correspondence**

#### **a) EHDC – Devolution Newsletters**

This was noted.

#### **b) HALC – Annual Review 2014-2015**

This was noted.

#### **c) Zurich Insurance – Insurance Premium Tax**

This was noted.

#### **d) EHDC – Home Improvement Fund**

This was noted and **it was resolved** to put the information on the website.

**e) NALC – National Improvement Strategy Survey**

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would reply to this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**f) EHAPTC – Further Information regarding Farnborough Airport**

This was noted and it was resolved that no further comments were necessary at this time.

**g) SDNPA – Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan**

This was noted.

**h) EHDC – East Hampshire Energy**

This was noted.

**i) NALC – Elections for Members of the Smaller Councils' Committee**

This was noted and no Councillors opted to stand for election.

**j) EHDC – Sports Awards 2016**

This was noted and it was resolved that the information would be put on the website.

**k) HCC – Draft Walking Strategy**

It was resolved that Cllr Foulston would reply to this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**21.07.15 Future Agenda Items**

None.

**Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 9.55pm

Signed

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk – E Foulston