



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 5th of March 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Cllr A Burges, Cllr M Snow, Cllr O Howe & Cllr C Foulston.

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr N Drew (arrived 7.40pm), County Cllr R Oppenheimer and 4 members of the public (including District Cllr R Mocatta who arrived at 7.55pm).

01.10.18 Apologies for Absence. None.

02.10.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

None.

03.10.18 Comments from the Public or Press.

None.

04.10.18 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting on the 8th of January 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of January 2019 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

05.10.18 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on the 12th of February 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th of February 2019 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

06.10.18 Update of the Ramsdean Road Development.

Cllr McKinney confirmed that no update for March had yet been received from CALA Homes but an apology had been received regarding the state of the road. Cllr Snow confirmed that she had taken photos of the debris along Ramsdean and Winchester Roads and the boarding along the pavement and had contacted the site manager regarding this. Confirmation has now been received that CALA Homes has taken responsibility back for cleaning the road from a sub-contractor and an improvement should now be seen. Cllr McKinney is also chasing for a response regarding queries raised on the landscaping review.

The Village Hall Trustees have been meeting with CALA Homes and now have a list of over 100 actions regarding the new village hall which are either completed or in the process of being completed to ensure the hall is fit for purpose. The Trustees have also requested that the Parish Council be the Custodian Trustee for the village hall and after discussion **it was resolved** that the Council would be the Custodian Trustee and hold the title deeds to the hall. Cllr McKinney abstained from this vote due to his role as a Village Hall Trustee.

07.10.18 To Discuss the Annual Parish Meeting.

Due to the upcoming elections and purdah **it was resolved** to change the date of the Annual Parish Meeting to Tuesday 21st May and to ask a local archaeological society and the Petersfield Museum to speak at the meeting.

08.10.18 To Discuss the Parish Council's 25th Anniversary.

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be a noticeboard at the Annual Parish Meeting detailing the achievements of the Parish Council over the last 25 years and that any previous Councillors who had moved away from the village would be contacted if possible and invited to the meeting.

09.10.18 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 this year.

10.10.18 To Discuss the Village Litterpick

A local resident has kindly offered to organise the village litterpick this year so **it was resolved** to discuss dates with the resident and see if this can be tied in with the upcoming Great British Spring Clean being organised by Keep Britain Tidy. Cllr Foulston confirmed that he and Cllr Drew had been in contact regarding the litter in the village and EHDC would also be arranging a litterpick but as yet no date had been confirmed.

11.10.18 To Discuss the Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Snow reported that she had attended a meeting in January regarding the resignation of the current lengthsman, reviewing the current processes and applications for the lengthsman role (see appendix A). After a selection process, 3 applicants were interviewed and one has now been chosen. There has now been a request for a lengthsman co-ordinator from each parish council included in the cluster to improve communication and **it was resolved** that Cllr Snow would take on this role on behalf of the Council and will meet with the new lengthsman when they take over on 1st April.

12.10.18 To Discuss Maintenance of the Noticeboard

The Clerk reported that the noticeboard on Ramsdean Road was in need of maintenance. **It was resolved** that Cllr Burges would review the maintenance needed and report back to the Clerk so quotes for the work could be obtained.

13.10.18 To Discuss the Telephone Kiosk

A local resident has kindly suggested a list of uses for the telephone kiosk on Ramsdean Road which is now owned by the Parish Council. After discussion **it was resolved** that Cllr Burges and Cllr Snow would arrange a time to tidy up the kiosk, remove the BT information from the kiosk and report on updates that can be made to incorporate the suggestions. **It was resolved** that SDNPA would be approached for a grant towards an information board on the local area to be added to the kiosk.

19.10.18 Report from County Councillor

This item was moved from later in the agenda. See attached report (appendix B).

15.10.18 Update on Bus Shelters

This item was moved from later in the agenda.

a) To Sign Off the Bus Shelters Book

The bus shelters book was signed accordingly by the Chairman.

b) To Discuss Replacement of the Bus Shelters

Cllr Burges confirmed that he had received quotations for removing the old roof on the wooden bus shelter before the new replacement could be purchased. **It was resolved** to canvas opinion from local residents on replacing the bus shelters before a final decision was taken. The Clerk will contact Langrish Parish Council as they have recently updated their bus shelters.

c) To Discuss the Changes to the Bus Timetable

A local resident has raised a concern regarding recent changes to the bus timetable to and from Petersfield and has also been speaking to bus users to find out their opinions on the changes and to ask them to contact Stagecoach and Hampshire County Council with their concerns. The changes mean that the buses no longer meet up with onward connections from Petersfield. Cllr Oppenheimer confirmed that he would raise this query and also asked whether a Community Minibus had been considered.

Cllr Oppenheimer left the meeting after this agenda item.

18.10.18 Report from District Councillor

This item was moved from later in the agenda. Cllr Drew welcomed Cllr Robert Mocatta to the meeting and reported on the following points: -

- EHDC will not be increasing their share of council tax rates this year and have also committed £1.5 million for community grants and welfare projects.
- Following a number of sensitive planning applications that have been submitted in the district, Cllr Drew recommended that the Parish Council review whether a Neighbourhood Plan would be useful for the village. This could be done in conjunction with adjacent parishes.

Cllr Drew left the meeting following this agenda item.

14.10.18 Planning Application – SDNP/19/00461/HOUS Location: 70 Winchester Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PW **Proposal:** Construction of replacement garage and storage building, including the demolition of an existing garage.

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application.

Two members of the public left the meeting following this agenda item.

16.10.18 Update on the Recreation Ground

a) To Sign Off the Recreation Ground Book

The recreation ground book was signed accordingly by the Chairman.

b) Update on the Recreation Ground Improvements

Cllr Snow reported that two quotations had been received (the third company contacted for a quote had declined to send one) to replace the safety surfacing underneath the swings and the Thumper Tower. **It was resolved** to defer a decision on this, and also on the new gateway previously discussed, until the May meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor who supplied the oak bench has been contacted regarding repairs to be made to the bench. **It was resolved** that Cllr Howe would arrange the removal of the other broken bench as soon as possible. The picket fencing at the recreation ground and the ash tree were added to the list of items to review when the Council hold the previously arranged site visit following the upcoming election.

17.10.18 To Discuss a Report for the Steep and Stroud Newsletter

The Chairman reported an update has been included in the upcoming newsletter regarding the village hall. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would ask for the information regarding the Annual Parish Meeting to be included in the newsletter.

20.10.18 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a local resident had raised a concern about the 30mph signage through the village and speeding traffic. After discussion **it was resolved** that Cllr Foulston would respond to the resident confirming all of the measures that are currently being taken and have been previously considered to try and reduce the speed of the traffic. The Chairman also reported the dates of the upcoming election and close of nominations and confirmed that nomination packs would be circulated to all current Councillors and anyone else who had expressed an interest in standing and further information would be added to the parish council and village websites.

21.10.18 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £13,021.10
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,492.71

Money in:

Total £0.00

Money out:

16/01/19 Cheque 300186 Hampshire County Council £270.00

31/01/19 BACS Mrs E Foulston £364.43

31/01/19 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60

01/02/19 BACS LexisNexis £110.99

01/02/19 BACS Mrs M Snow £13.95

28/02/19 BACS Mrs E Foulston £334.44

28/02/19 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60

Total payments made and authorised £1,261.01

The Vice Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Internal Audit Date

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit would be taking place on 14th May.

c) Biffa Bin Contract

Cllr Snow declared a pecuniary interest in this item due to her employment at Petersfield Town Council. The Clerk confirmed that the collection costs for the bin at the recreation ground were increasing by £1.90 per collection. After discussion **it was resolved** to contact Steep Parish Council to request further information regarding the bin collection service from Petersfield Town Council that they use. If this service was recommended then **it was resolved** to contact Petersfield Town Council to request use of their service and to end the contract with Biffa following price increases and issues with collections.

22.10.18 Correspondence

a) HALC – Annual Conference

Information regarding the conference had previously been circulated to Councillors. **It was resolved** that if no Councillors could attend then the Clerk would attend if possible.

b) SDNPA – Local Plan: Main Modifications Consultation

This was noted but it was agreed does not affect Stroud or the local area directly.

c) HALC – National Parking Enforcement Survey

It was resolved that Cllr Foulston would respond to this survey on behalf of the Council.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 14th of May 2019 at 7.30pm at Langrish School Hall

Meeting Ended: 9.20pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston