



# Stroud Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 5th of September 2017 at 7.30pm

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

**Also Present:** Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO) & 1 member of the public.

**1.07.17 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were noted from Cllr F Rogers, District Cllr N Drew and County Cllr R Oppenheimer.

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

**3.07.17 Comments from the Public or Press.**

A member of the public raised a concern regarding visibility when turning in and out of Ridge Common Lane due to overgrown vegetation. It was agreed that this would be considered under agenda item 16. A query was also raised regarding whether the Parish Council would grant funds to the Steep & Stroud Newsletter and it was confirmed that the Parish Council pays a grant to the Newsletter each year on receipt of a completed grant application form.

**4.07.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.**  
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**5.07.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2017.**  
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**6.07.17 To Discuss a Project for the 18/19 Financial Year.**  
Various ideas for a project for the next financial year were raised. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would look into and then circulate these ideas and ask for any further ideas to be submitted and the final project would then be agreed and signed off at the next meeting.

**7.07.17 Annual Report on Payroll Costs**

The Clerk reported that the payroll costs for 2017/18 were due to be as follows: -

Clerk's net pay - £4,256

HMRC payments - £1,068

Total costs - £5,324

**8.07.17. To Discuss Tree Preservation Orders**

Cllr Foulston reported that the Tree Preservation Order for the land at Ramsdean Road has now been confirmed, subject to modification. Unfortunately the modifications are not in line with recommendations made along with the Council's response to the Ramsdean Road planning application so **it was resolved** that the Clerk would contact EHDC to ask for further

information regarding why these modifications were made and to reiterate the Council's view on the Tree Preservation Order.

#### **9.07.17 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The Clerk confirmed that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been reviewed and there were no changes for this current financial year.

#### **10.07.17 To Discuss a Response to the South Downs National Park Authority Draft Local Plan Consultation**

**It was resolved** that any comments should be submitted to the Clerk by 15<sup>th</sup> September so that the Clerk and Chairman can draft, circulate and then submit a response.

#### **11.07.17 To Discuss the South Downs National Park's September Planning Meeting**

The agenda for the September planning meeting has not yet been circulated but **it was resolved** that the Clerk would check this when it is available and confirm if the Ramsdean Road planning application was due to be discussed. If so then the Chairman would attend on the Council's behalf.

#### **12.07.17 To Approve the Clerk's Training**

**It was resolved** that the Clerk would attend a Data Protection webinar at a cost of £30 plus VAT and the SLCC Regional Training Seminar at a cost of £69 plus VAT.

#### **13.07.17 To Approve the Clerk's Holiday Dates**

**It was resolved** that the Clerk would take annual leave from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 inclusive.

**14.07.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/04030/LDE Location:** Stroud Bridge Farm, 18 Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PH **Proposal:** Certificate of Lawful Development for Existing Use – Domestic Garden

After discussion **it was resolved** that in general the Council had no objection to this application but that Cllr Howe would review the plans again and send final confirmation that there were no issues.

#### **15.07.17 To Approve a Grant Application: Victim Support**

After discussion **it was resolved** that £50 would be granted to Victim Support (s137 LGA 1972).

#### **16.07.17 To Discuss Work for the Lengthsman**

Various suggestions were made and agreed to be forwarded to the Lengthsman. One of the suggestions was clearing the vegetation as mentioned under agenda item 3 so **it was resolved** that the Clerk would contact the landowner concerned to ask for any objections before the Lengthsman commences work.

#### **17.07.17 Report from District Councillor**

No report was available.

#### **18.07.17 Report from County Councillor**

No report was available.

#### **19.07.17 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the most popular wording for the signs at the entrance to the village was 'Stroud Village. Please take heed, watch your speed'. It was agreed that this would be black wording on a white background. It was also discussed that gates at the other end of the village could potentially be considered once the initial gates were complete.

The Chairman also reported that there would be an upcoming presentation on a Fire Museum project and the Vice Chairman will be attending this. Finally the Chairman also reported that he would shortly be moving outside of the village, but still within the local area, and would be happy to remain as Chairman for the current term.

### **20.07.17 Financial Matters**

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

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £8,991.64  
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,471.19

Money in:

19/07/2017 HMRC VAT refund £408.21

Total £408.21

Money out:

19/07/2017 300180 Mr F Mayell £130.00

22/08/2017 300181 Mr F Mayell £130.00

24/07/2017 BACS Ray Street £90.00

24/07/2017 BACS Mythic Beasts £30.00

31/07/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.80

31/07/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £367.34

04/09/2017 BACS SLCC £93.00

04/09/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £354.65

04/09/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.60

04/09/2017 BACS PCC of Steep £10.00

04/09/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00

04/09/2017 BACS Mr C P Jenner MCS £66.00

Total payments made and authorised £1,598.39

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

#### **b) Conclusion of External Audit**

No confirmation has yet been received so this item was postponed to the next meeting.

### **21.07.17 Correspondence**

#### **a) SDNPA – Infrastructure Business Plan**

It was resolved to register an expression of interest to include new bus shelters and also a village information/map board in the 5 year rolling plan.

#### **b) HALC – Invitation to HALC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

This was noted and it was agreed that if anyone would like to attend they would let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

#### **c) HCC – Hampshire Highway Service Contract for Highway Maintenance**

This was noted and it was resolved to add this to the Steep & Stroud Newsletter report.

#### **d) HALC – Broadband Universal Service Obligation Consultation on Design.**

This was noted and it was decided not to reply at this time.

#### **e) Rural Services Network – Growing a Rural Community Survey for Hampshire**

This was noted and it was agreed that this does not apply to Stroud Parish.

#### **f) HCC – National Highway and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey**

This was noted and it was resolved that Cllr Foulston would reply to this survey on the Council's behalf.

**Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.45pm

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

Clerk – E Foulston