



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 6th of March 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr R Oppenheimer and 4 members of the public (3 members of the public left at 8.15pm).

1.10.17 Apologies for Absence. District Cllr Drew.

2.10.17 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Howe declared an interest in agenda item 12.

3.10.17 Comments from the Public or Press.

A member of the public attended the meeting to update the Council regarding the issue of traffic along the A272. A road traffic accident occurred during the week beginning 5th February and, further to this, the member of public was also nearly hit by a car at the 5 way junction (at the entrance to the Seven Stars) during school run time and despite trying to report this to the police was unable to get through. It was queried whether the entrance to the Seven Stars could be moved to remove the dangerous junction and also whether there had been any further feedback from Hampshire County Council following the changes to the road markings. Cllr Oppenheimer confirmed he would speak to Ian Janes at Highways to get a further update. Langrish School will also be sending a letter to parents to remind them about considerate use of the entrance/exit to the Seven Stars.

4.10.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 16th of January 2018.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th of January 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.10.17 Update from CALA Homes Regarding Ramsdean Road

Representatives from CALA Homes attended the meeting to provide an update on the recently updated planning application for Ramsdean Road. They confirmed that the previous application had been refused back in September mainly on prematurity and also landscape issues. CALA Homes have since lodged a pre application and have also had a meeting with SDNPA and also with the Design Review Panel. Following this, they will now be submitting an updated application at the end of this month. The main changes are that there are now 30 houses (4 more affordable houses than before) instead of 26, there is a now strong frontage to Ramsdean Road, the development is much more of a linear structure and the village hall and open space have been moved next to the grounds of the Seven Stars. The Chairman reiterated the concerns of local residents regarding the traffic and parking issues on Ramsdean Road especially as the suggested layby has been removed from the new application. Langrish School are promoting car sharing to people travelling to and from the school.

Discussion followed regarding the potential for a footpath from the Seven Stars, through the development and on to the school and also whether Highways would consider restricting access to parking on Ramsdean Road at certain times. CALA Homes confirmed that they are fully aware of the concerns and will look into all queries raised.

6.10.17 To Discuss the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on 17th April. **It was resolved** to ask the Lengthsman to provide an update on his role followed by a presentation from CALA Homes regarding the recently updated Ramsdean Road planning application. The Chairman suggested approaching SARA to discuss providing refreshments for the meeting. The Councillors all agreed to help with delivering leaflets to all local residents to advertise the meeting.

7.10.17 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.

8.10.17 To Discuss the Village Litterpick

Jo Burges has kindly offered to organise the litterpick for the village this year following Cllr Rogers' resignation from the Council. It is expected that the litterpick will take place in April and will be advertised locally in the run up to the date.

9.10.17 To Approve Costs for Speedwatch

Steep Parish Council had confirmed that the costs of purchasing the Speedwatch equipment would be £1,995 excluding VAT. After discussion **it was resolved** that the Council would contribute 50% towards the cost of the equipment and would share it with Steep Parish Council. Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to support an application for a grant towards the costs (up to a maximum of £1,000) and suggested that the Parish Council should apply for this in June.

10.10.17 To Discuss a Defibrillator for the Village

After discussion **it was resolved** that the Parish Council was in principle very supportive of a defibrillator for the village but had some further questions regarding the scheme which the Clerk would research for them.

11.10.17 To Discuss the Parish Lengthsman Scheme

After discussion **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would continue as part of the Lengthsman scheme for another year. Various upcoming jobs for the Lengthsman were discussed including fixing a stile on North Stroud Lane and cleaning the entrance gates to the village on the A272. Cllr Howe confirmed that the signs for the entrance gates were being reprinted so that the lettering was clearer.

12.10.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/06492/FUL Location: Coombes Forestry, New Buildings Farm, Winchester Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PB **Proposal:** Detached office/amenities building.

Cllr Howe left the room for this agenda item. Following discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application.

13.10.17 To Discuss a Request for Support from Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool.

A request has been received from Petersfield Open Air Swimming Pool Trustees for a grant for £250 to support the running of the pool. After discussion **it was resolved** to ask the Trustees to apply via the Parish Council's grant application process and also to ask whether any grant would be acknowledged in some way at the pool.

14.10.17 To Discuss a Casual Vacancy.

Following the resignation of Cllr Rogers, EHDC have now confirmed that a new member can be co-opted onto the Council. Following discussion, **it was resolved** that Mrs Michelle Snow would be co-opted as the newest member of the Council. Mrs Snow would sign the acceptance of office form following this meeting.

15.10.17 To Approve Costs for a New Parish Council Laptop

After discussion regarding the Parish Council laptop and the difficulties that the Clerk is having in completing work because of the age and memory on the laptop **it was resolved** that the Council would approve costs for a new laptop up to a maximum of £600. Cllr Foulston will seek advice on the best laptop to get.

16.10.17 To Discuss a Report for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter

Cllr Paul will be providing a report on this meeting to the Steep & Stroud Newsletter and will include information regarding the Annual Parish Meeting and the Litterpick.

17.10.17 Report from District Councillor

None

18.10.17 Report from County Councillor

See attached report (appendix A).

19.10.17 Chairman's Report

None.

20.10.17 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £10,230.94
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,474.39

Money in:

Total £0.00

Money out:

01/02/2018 300185 Hampshire County Council £210.00

30/01/2018 BACS PCC of Steep £100.00

30/01/2018 BACS Mr C P Jenner £66.00

31/01/2018 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £80.60

31/01/2018 BACS Mrs E Foulston £346.78

20/02/2018 BACS Puffin Plastics £168.00

28/02/2018 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £80.60

28/02/2018 BACS Mrs E Foulston £322.35

Total payments made and authorised £1,374.33

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Internal Audit Date

It was noted that the internal audit for 17/18 would take place on Tuesday 22nd May.

c) Website costs

It was resolved to pay the costs of £180 for the year for maintenance of the website.

d) Biffa Bin contract

After discussion regarding the annual price increase **it was resolved** to continue to use Biffa to empty the bin in the recreation ground for another year.

21.10.17 Correspondence

a) Hampshire County Council – Major Road Network Consultation

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would respond to this consultation on behalf of the Council.

b) Hampshire County Council – Letter from the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel

This was noted but was not relevant to the parish at this time.

c) Hampshire County Council – Local Government Ethical Standards

It was resolved that the Chairman would respond to this consultation on behalf of the Council.

d) HALC – HALC 2018 Annual Conference

This was noted but no Councillor could attend at this time.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 15th of May 2018 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 9.15pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston