



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Steep Village Hall on Tuesday 7th of January 2014 at 7.30pm. **Draft minutes subject to confirmation**

Present: Cllr D McKinney, Cllr A Burges, Cllr C Snow Cllr J Mitchell & Cllr J Edbrooke.

Also Present: County Cllr V Clarke & District Cllr N Drew, Mrs M Snow (Clerk & RFO) & 5 members of the public.

1.06.14 Apologies: Cllr F Rogers.

2.06.14 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests: Cllr Snow - agenda item 6, reason - personal connection to the clerk.

3.06.14 Comments from the public or press. None.

4.06.14 Minutes.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th of November 2013 circulated were agreed and signed. Matters arising from these minutes are as follows: District Cllr Drew reported to the Council that the wedding events company can erect non-permanent structures for 28 days a year without the need for planning consent. If the neighbours experience any noise pollution from these events then they are to contact Environmental services at EHDC who will investigate any reports (www.easthants.gov.uk or 01730 266551). Cllr Drew has contacted the residents of Ramsdean Road who have raised concerns regarding the wedding events. An entertainments licence would be required and has been applied for by the company concerned. The clerk is to draft a response to Mrs Rowden's letter and send to Cllr Drew.

5.06.14 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Development Committee update from the committee meeting held on Tuesday the 10th of December 2013.

The Chairman reported that after discussions with SDNPA Planning Officers they would be willing to consider some kind of mix of open market and affordable housing development on the site at Ramsdean road. The permission would possibly be granted on the understanding that this is to be a unique site to Stroud and not to be repeated throughout the National Park. This would be in accordance with planning policy including policy in place for Rural Exception Sites. With this in mind four focus groups were set up to investigate the following areas: Village Hall, Community Assets, School & Traffic and Affordable & Open market Housing. Community engagement and formal discussion with the landowner and their agents would then follow.

6.06.14 Clerks Hours/Overtime. (The clerk left the room for this item)

It was resolved that the clerks hours would be increased to 11 hours per week with immediate effect. The clerk is to keep a record of the hours worked each week and the hours are to be reviewed again in June 2014. The increase was due to the extra work required for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Development committee as this had doubled the meetings. Also due to a natural increase in the clerks day to day work load as the role evolves. The increase was proposed by Cllr Burges and seconded by Cllr Mitchell.

7.06.14 Budget 2014-15.

After a lengthy discussion **it was resolved** that the attached budget of £11,723 would be adopted for the year 2014-15.

8.06.14 Setting the precept 2014-15.

After discussing the budget, **it was resolved** to set the precept at £11,723 for the year 2014-15 with the sum of £5861.50 being received in April and October.

9.06.14 The Parish Council's 20th Anniversary.

After discussion **it was resolved** to dedicate a bench on the Recreation Ground to the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would arrange an informal meeting of all the Parish, District & County Councillors, clerks and residents who have been involved with the Parish Council in the last 20 years.

10.06.14 WW1 Centenary.

It was agreed that Cllr Snow would contact Langrish Parish Chairman to discuss their planned events as Stroud were included as part of the Langrish and Ramsdean PCC Parish during the war and the names of the fallen service men are displayed in Langrish Church. Cllr Burges is to contact Mrs Hanson at Langrish School to discuss the possibility of the school children planting poppy seeds on the Recreation Ground.

11.06.14 Grants Award Applications

a) Steep PCC- Steep & Stroud Parish Magazine

The grant application forms were not completed but **it was resolved** to pay £200 once the forms had been received. This was proposed by Cllr Snow and seconded by Cllr Edbrooke.

b) Steep PCC – Churchyard Maintenance.

The grant application form had not been completed and no amount was requested.

12.06.14 Annual Parish Meeting.

It was resolved to invite Mr Heron of Vortal properties Ltd to present the proposals for development of the site in Ramsdean Road. It was also agreed to publicise details of the budget and reasons for the increase in precept. **It was resolved** that the meeting would be held on Tuesday the 1st of April at 7.30pm but this is to be confirmed while the clerk checks the availability of the Langrish school hall.

13.06.14 HALC Clerk and Councillor Training.

It was resolved that the clerk could attend the Minute Taking training course to be held on the 29th of January and provided by HALC at the cost of £30. The clerk advised the Councillors to view the new training course programme for 2014 on the HALC website.

14.06.13 Report from District Councillor

- Cllr Drew reported that there should be no impact on the grant awards available to Parish Council's for the next financial year more details are available in the Community Forum Meeting Minutes dated 07.01.2014.
- Cllr Drew has awarded a grant to Steep PCC towards the production of the Steep and Stroud Parish Magazine.
- EHDC has now interviewed and recruited 9 local business men and woman from the community for the non-executive board to assist and advice East Hampshire District Council on business matters. Cllr Drew is heading a committee who are recruiting volunteers from the business community for a new non-executive committee to advise the Council on business strategy.
- EHDC Councillors can now apply for Pensions should they wish.
- Cllr Drew reported that the Joint Core Strategy has now passed inspection and it should be a further 9 months before the JCS will be formally adopted by EHDC.

15.06.13 Report from County Councillor (See appendix a) In addition to this report Cllr Clarke added that he had a meeting with Mr Tim Hancock of Holmwood regarding flooding issues along his drive from the school playground.

16.06.13 Councillors Reports

a) Tree Warden- Cllr Edbrooke will be carrying out an inspection this weekend.

b) Parish Plan- Cllr McKinney reported that he had spoken to resident Mr Paul Ciniglo and Ajay Singal regarding sustainable energy and funding from Citie Bank the three are due to meet early 2014. .

c) Communications – Cllr Mitchell explains that the Steep & Stroud Magazine now has more Stroud articles in. A bi-monthly report is inserted using the minutes as a guide. A new Stroud History Group has formed with at least 12 members and the next meeting is likely to be at the Stroud Roman Villa on Sunday march the 9th but this is to be confirmed.

d) Recreation Ground – Cllr Burges has reported that he has tried to contact Mr Nick Winscom regarding the inscription on the oak Bench on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Snow is to follow this up. Cllr Snow reported that the bin requires emptying but the clerk has had trouble in contacting English Heritage so all other litter collection companies are going to be looked into for a reliable service. The Thumper Tower is still well used and an inspection will be carried out shortly.

e) Bus Shelter - Bus shelter 1 (Winchester Road West) was in good condition. Bus shelter 2. (The Seven Stars Pub) required some rubbish being cleared away. Bus shelter 3. (Finchmead Lane) required old posters being removed from the outside of the shelter.

f) Footpaths- No report.

17.06.13 Chairman's Report – The Chairman advised the Council that there was an accident along the A272 Winchester Road by Kiln Copse due to the flood across the road resulting in a head on accident. Cllr Clarke noted this to report back to the Highways department at Hampshire County Council.

18.06.14 Financial Matters

a) Financial Report:

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £1113.07

Unity Trust Deposit Account £7751.17

Included in this amount is the Repairs and Replacement fund £5000.00 and Election Funds £500.00. Council running costs £2251.17.

Money In: 31/12/2013 Current Acc Interest £1.42

31/12/2013 Depositi Account Interest £1.17

Total In: £2.59

Money Out:

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed if applicable:

07/01/2014 300049 Mrs M Snow Office Expenses Jul –Dec £168.24

07/01/2014 300050 Mrs M Snow Salary Dec 13 & Jan 14 £450.00

Total £ 618.24

19.06.14 Correspondence

a) HCC Minerals & Waste Plan Adoption

b) EHDC Joint Core Strategy Modifications

c) SDNPA Management Plan Final

d) PMSA Consultation Results

All of the above to be discussed at the next meeting

20.06.14 Future Agenda Items.

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

Meeting Ended: 9.50pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – M Snow