



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 7th of March 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr V Clarke and 1 member of the public.

1.16.16 Apologies for Absence. District Cllr N Drew.

2.16.16 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None.

3.16.16 Comments from the Public or Press. None.

4.16.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th of January 2017.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th of January 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.16.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 31st of January 2017.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 31st of January 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

6.16.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 15th of February 2017.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 15th of February 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

7.16.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 28th of February 2017.

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

8.16.16 Introduction to PCSO John Payne.

John Payne, who has been PCSO for the local area since April 2015, came along to the meeting to meet the Parish Council and explain his role. John works out of Bordon and the police response team work out of Alton but they do patrol the area as much as possible. The PCSO role is to work with vulnerable people, safeguarding, deal with crime prevention, speak to community groups and schools and help to investigate crime. The current priority is non-dwelling burglaries of which there have been 7 in the Froxfield and Steep area this year. John provided recent statistics on speeding on the A272 which showed that in the last year there have been 488 speeding tickets issued in Langrish and Stroud. John encouraged local residents to call 101 to report any issues and also to sign up for 'Hampshire Alerts' for further information on local crime.

9.16.16 To Discuss a Report for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter.

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would write a report for the Steep & Stroud newsletter about this meeting. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would also draft wording for the newsletter, for the Chairman to review, about the recent extraordinary meeting concerning the planning application on Ramsdean Road.

10.16.16 To Agree the May Meeting Date.

It was resolved that the May meeting would be held on Tuesday 9th May and that the Clerk would contact Langrish School to book the hall for that date.

11.16.16 To Discuss the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th April 2017 and **it was resolved** that the main topic on the agenda will be the potential development on Ramsdean Road. The Clerk will ask CALA Homes to confirm what should be on the agenda and how the information will be presented.

12.16.16 To Discuss Tree Preservation Orders.

It was discussed that East Hampshire District Council have made two Tree Preservation Orders in the village, one for two trees on land east of the Seven Stars and one for two groups of trees on land south of the Seven Stars. They are both provisional orders for a period of 6 months. The Chairman thanked Cllr Foulston for his help in securing one of the Orders.

13.16.16 To Approve the Recreation Ground Safety Inspection.

It was resolved to retain the services of Nick Adams for the annual recreation ground safety inspection this year. The price has increased by 50p per item inspected.

14.16.16 To Approve Clerk's Holiday Dates.

It was resolved that the Clerk will take a week of annual leave from 24th to 30th April 2017.

15.16.16 To Discuss the Village Litterpick

Cllr Rogers confirmed that the 2017 village litterpick will be taking place at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd April using the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign equipment and all volunteers were welcome. It will be advertised on posters around the village and also on the website.

16.16.16 To Discuss the Lengthsman Scheme

It was resolved that Stroud Parish Council's involvement in the Parish Lengthsman scheme will continue for another year following an invitation from the lead Council.

17.16.16 To Discuss Grant Awards – Steep & Stroud Newsletter

After discussion and the suspension of point 17 of the grant awarding policy **it was resolved** that £100 would be awarded to Steep PCC towards the production of the Steep & Stroud newsletter (s137 LGA 1972).

18.16.16 Recreation Ground

a) Biffa Bin Contract

After discussion **it was resolved** to continue to use Biffa for the next 12 months.

19.16.16 To Discuss the Installation of Flashing Speed Signs

County Cllr Clarke has kindly agreed to support the Parish Council with this project. Cllr Burges signed the necessary forms to request the signs from Hampshire County Council and **it was resolved** that the Clerk would submit these.

20.16.16 Report from District Councillor

None.

21.16.16 Report from County Councillor

See attached appendix. At the end of his report Cllr Clarke confirmed that he would be stepping down from his County Councillor role and this would be his last meeting with Stroud Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Clarke for all of his support over the last 8 years and wished him well for the future.

22.16.16 Chairman's Report.

None.

23.16.16 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £7,992.28
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,469.58

Money in:

None

Total £0.00

Money out:

27/01/2017 300171 SLCC Enterprises £250.00

24/01/2017 BACS N J Bridger £232.20

31/01/2017 BACS HMRC £87.00

31/01/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £374.12

20/02/2017 BACS HALC Ltd £264.00

27/02/2017 BACS SLCC Enterprises £300.00

27/02/2017 BACS PCC of Steep £15.00

28/02/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £392.37

28/02/2017 BACS HMRC £86.80

Total payments made and authorised £2,001.49

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Internal Audit Date

The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit has been booked for 14th June.

c) Change to Web Services Payment

The Clerk reported that in the future the payments for running the website would be paid to R Street instead of J Street. There will be no changes to the service provided.

24.16.16 Correspondence

a) Hampshire Constabulary – The State of Rural Services 2016 Report

This was noted.

b) EHDC – Consultancy on a Revised Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment

This was noted and **it was resolved** that Cllr Howe would respond on the Council's behalf.

c) SDNPA – Community Infrastructure Levy

This was noted.

d) HALC – Housing and Planning Reform

This was noted and **it was resolved** that Cllr Burges would review this.

e) Hampshire Contabulary – A272 Vehicle Related Nuisance Questionnaire

It was resolved that this would be circulated to all Councillors to complete.

25.16.16 Future Agenda Items

An upcoming planning application, a working party for the recreation ground, a summary of the village litterpick and an update on a Rights of Way course.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 9th of May 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.50pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston