



Stroud Parish Council

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

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

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO) & County Cllr R Oppenheimer.

1.08.17 Apologies for Absence. None.

2.08.17 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Howe declared an interest in agenda item 6.

3.08.17 Comments from the Public or Press.

None.

4.08.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 5th of September 2017.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th of September 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.08.17 Update on SDNPA Workshop

Cllr Paul provided an update on a recent workshop he had attended. Comments on the Draft Local Plan are due to be submitted by 21st November.

6.08.17 Update on National Fire Museum Presentation

Cllr Burges provided an update on a recent presentation he had attended. Currently this project is quite a long way off, even from an initial planning application, although Stroud is the preferred site.

7.08.17 Update on a Tree Preservation Order

Further to a discussion regarding the TPO on land at Ramsdean Road at the last meeting, Cllr Foulston reported that, following further queries raised, EHDC had confirmed that the TPO was amended at confirmation and was made more specific. Unfortunately the remaining shrubs and small trees were not considered of sufficient quality to continue to be protected. **It was resolved** that the Council would keep a check on the hedgerow for any obvious destruction.

8.08.17 To Approve Costs for Speedwatch

This item was postponed to the next meeting as final costs are currently still awaited. Cllr Howe distributed examples of the signs for the gates at the entrance to the village and **it was resolved** that the signs would be made to be as large as possible on the smaller gate with the same size on the bigger gate and the writing would be blue wording on a white background. **It was also resolved** that a payment of up to £50 would be made towards the signs.

9.08.17 To Discuss Ideas for the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved that the Lengthsman would be asked to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllrs will also send any other ideas for speakers to the Clerk.

10.08.17 To Approve a Project for the 18/19 Financial Year

Ideas suggested at the last meeting were circulated to all Councillors and, following discussion, **it was resolved** that the project approved for the next financial year would be looking into replacing the 3 bus shelters in the village. The Clerk will obtain quotes for this. County Cllr Oppenheimer confirmed that he would forward information regarding grants that could be applied for.

11.08.17 To Approve the Clerk's Holiday Dates

It was resolved that the Clerk would take annual leave from 25th to 31st December 2017 inclusive.

12.08.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/03767/FUL Location: The New Mint House, Bedford Road, Petersfield GU32 3AL **Proposal:** Change of use from B2 General Industrial to B1 Office Use.

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application. The site is outside of the village boundary. A general concern regarding parked cars on Bedford Road was raised.

13.08.17 Update on the Recreation Ground

The current Grounds Maintenance contract is coming to an end and the current contractor does not want to renew this. **It was resolved** that the contract would be put out to tender and a couple of suggestions for contractors were made. The Clerk reported that a concern had been raised from a member of the public about grounds maintenance taking place while children were in the recreation ground and **it was resolved** that the contract would be reviewed to include wording regarding closing the recreation ground during works and using the necessary safety equipment.

14.08.17 Update on a Query Regarding the Speed Limit on the A272

At the last meeting, during a discussion on a project for the next financial year, a query was raised regarding whether it would be possible to reduce the speed limit on the stretch of the A272 from the A3 roundabout into the village. Cllr Foulston confirmed that this query was forwarded to Hampshire County Council who responded to say that as part of the recent reduction in the County Council's traffic management service, priority for measures such as lower speed limits is primarily given to sites where there are existing accident problems and this stretch of road is not one of those sites.

15.08.17 Update on the Ramsdean Road Planning Application

The Chairman reported that there had been no further update on the application since it was refused by South Downs National Park Authority. The minutes from the meeting where the application was refused have been circulated to all Councillors. The Councillors agreed that the Chairman would continue to take the lead on any future developments with the application and would be talking with Tim Slaney of SDNPA about engaging with the Parish Council moving forward.

16.08.17 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 Speedwatch, signage for the village entrance gates, the Ramsdean Road development, bus shelters and the Annual Parish Meeting.

17.08.17 Report from District Councillor

No report was available. Cllr Drew had queried outside of the meeting whether it would be possible for the Parish Council meetings to be moved to a Monday but unfortunately this is not possible for the current Councillors or Clerk.

18.08.17 Report from County Councillor

See attached report (appendix A). Cllr Oppenheimer also reported that a South Downs National Park Trust (a charity to support the National Park) has recently been set up and is looking for volunteers.

19.08.17 Chairman's Report

None.

20.08.17 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £12,994.23

Unity Trust Deposit account £6,472.01

Money in:

26/09/2017 EHDC Precept £6,272.50

30/09/2017 Bank interest £0.82

Total £6,273.32

Money out:

21/09/2017 300182 Mr F Mayell £780.00

24/10/2017 300183 Mr F Mayell £130.00

18/09/2017 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £111.85

26/09/2017 Direct Debit Information Commissioner £35.00

28/09/2017 BACS BDO LLP £120.00

28/09/2017 BACS SLCC Enterprises £36.00

28/09/2017 BACS Victim Support £50.00

29/09/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £374.41

29/09/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.60

30/09/2017 Bank Service Charge £18.00

01/11/2017 BACS SLCC Enterprises £82.80

01/11/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.60

01/11/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £354.65

Total payments made and authorised £2,269.91

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Conclusion of External Audit

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit has now been completed and the Annual Return and notice have been published on the website. No further action is required. The Council accepted the report and thanked the Clerk for her work on this.

c) Bank account changes

The renaming of the Deposit Account by Unity Trust Bank was noted.

21.08.17 Correspondence

a) East Hants District Council – Great Services for Less

This was noted.

b) Petersfield Museum – Stroud & the Petersfield Museum

This was noted and it was agreed that this would be added to the report for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter.

c) East Hants District Council – East Hants Sports Awards

This was noted.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 16th of January 2018 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.50pm

Signed
Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston