



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 8th of January 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr N Drew and 1 member of the public.

1.08.18 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were noted from Cllr D McKinney and County Cllr R Oppenheimer.

2.08.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Howe declared an interest in agenda item 8.

3.08.18 Comments from the Public or Press.

None.

4.08.18 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 6th of November 2018.

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of November 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.08.18 To Discuss a Request from EHDC Regarding a Road Name for the Ramsdean Road Development.

The Parish Council has been given the opportunity by CALA Homes and EHDC to name the road within the new development on Ramsdean Road. Various names have been suggested by local residents and following discussion **it was resolved** that a shortlist of names would be drawn up and a public ballot for local residents would then take place in two weeks time.

6.08.18 To Approve the Budget for 2019-20.

After discussion **it was resolved** that the budget of £11,925 would be adopted for the year 2019-20. This was a decrease of 0.14% on the previous year. The details of the budget are as follows: -

General administration - £8,010.00

Maintenance costs - £2,710.00

S.137 payments and other grants - £350.00

Subscriptions - £355.00

Other costs - £500.00

Total expenditure - £11,925.00

07.08.18 To Set the Precept for 2019-20.

After discussing the budget **it was resolved** to set the precept at £11,925 for the year 2019-20 with the sum of £5,962.50 being received in April and September.

8.08.18 Planning Application – SDNP/18/06389/FUL Location: New Buildings Farm, Winchester Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PB **Proposal:** Change of use of two agricultural buildings to B1(c) Light Industrial (Unit 11) and B8 Storage and distribution use (Unit 8) for occupation by existing businesses currently operating from units within New Buildings Farm.

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

9.08.18 Planning Application – SDNP/18/06195/HOUS Location: 1B Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield, GU32 3PJ **Proposal:** Ground floor extension, first floor extension and car port.

After discussion **it was resolved** that in principle there would be no objection to this application, however, a concern would be raised with SDNPA regarding the reduction in single storey dwellings in the village as it was felt that this may not be in line with the Village Design Statement.

10.08.18 To Discuss Rights of Way Vegetation Priority Cutting Lists

After discussion **it was resolved** to ask Hampshire County Council to add footpath 703 (alongside the A3) to the vegetation priority cutting list for 2019.

11.08.18 To Approve Insurance Costs for the Ramsdean Road Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk confirmed that the kiosk was covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy for public liability insurance but there would be an additional cost for loss or damage and a £250 excess payment. After discussion **it was resolved** to add the kiosk to the insurance policy for loss or damage. **It was also resolved** to ask the company that currently clean the bus shelters to also add cleaning of the kiosk to their schedule of works. Local residents will be asked for suggestions of how to make use of the kiosk for the village. Cllr Drew confirmed that he would be happy to support a grant for a noticeboard to be added to the kiosk giving information about the village and its history.

12.08.18 To Discuss the Parish Council's 25th Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of the formation of the Parish Council is coming up in April 2019. **It was resolved** to have a display board at the Annual Parish Meeting showing the achievements of the Parish Council through the last 25 years. A networking session with previous Councillors and founding members was also discussed along with potential awards for previous Councillors.

13.08.18 To Approve Costs for Updated Reference Books

After discussion **it was resolved** to purchase the new 11th edition of Charles Arnold Baker on Local Councils Administration reference book.

14.08.18 Update on National Takeover Day

Cllr Burges provided a report on National Takeover Day that Cllr Burges and Cllr Snow attended at EHDC's offices in November along with pupils from Langrish Primary School. They were given a tour of the offices and the Councillors then answered questions from the pupils on a Parish Councillor's role. It was felt that this was an interesting, informative event that promoted parish work.

15.08.18 Update on an SDNPA Parish Workshop and the Partnership Management Plan

Cllr Burges provided a report on a recent SDNPA Parish Workshop that he attended. SDNPA are asking for volunteers to work on projects for the Partnership Management Plan and are also asking for suggestions for projects for the plan. There are grants available for these projects. **It was resolved** that Cllr Howe would review the management plan and

comment if appropriate as there are projects ongoing in the village regarding monitoring at risk species which could be applicable for the plan.

16.08.18 Update on Hampshire ALC AGM

Cllr Snow provided a report on the Hampshire Association of Local Council's AGM that she attended recently. (See attached appendix A).

21.08.18 Report from District Councillor

This item was moved from later in the agenda. Cllr Drew apologised for his absence from the previous couple of meetings and reported on the following points: -

- Other Parish Councils have been having one to one meetings with planning officers to raise any issues. This facility is available if it is felt that Parish Council's views are not being considered.
- Litter issues in the local area are continuing. This can be reported and patrols will come out to review the situation.
- If leaves on the road in rural areas are an issue this should also be reported to EHDC. Records of the roads this affects will also be kept for future reference.
- Other local councils have recently been monitoring success of their traffic calming measures. Cllr Drew is happy to support a grant towards this.
- The ward boundary change will shortly be taking place (following the May elections).

Cllr Drew left the meeting following this agenda item.

17.08.18 To Discuss Costs for a Defibrillator for the Village

The cost for installing a defibrillator at the new village hall is approximately £2,500 plus VAT. The developer, CALA Homes, has agreed to pay £600 towards this and will supply the electrical point. After discussion **it was resolved** that the Parish Council would apply, on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees, to Hampshire County Council for a grant for the difference in costs. If the full grant is refused then the Parish Council will consider paying an additional grant for the defibrillator.

18.08.18 Update on Bus Shelters

a) To Sign Off the Bus Shelters Book

The book to confirm that the bus shelters are being checked on a regular basis will be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting. Cllr Burges confirmed that he had viewed some new bus shelters and quotes were currently awaited for removing and replacing all 3 bus shelters in the village. Cllr Burges is arranging a site visit for this.

19.08.18 Update on the Recreation Ground

a) To Sign Off the Recreation Ground Book

The recreation ground book was signed accordingly by the Vice Chairman. Cllr Snow confirmed that an agenda item would be added for the next meeting to discuss general improvements at the recreation ground

b) To Consider and Approve Plans for the Redevelopment of the Recreation Ground Gateway

Cllr Snow reported that there are issues with water flooding into the entrance of the recreation ground. Cllr Snow had drawn up a couple of designs for redeveloping the entrance and had received quotes for these. **It was resolved** that the Council would write to the landowner to request permission to go ahead with the redevelopment. Cllr Howe will also source further quotes in the meantime. The Clerk will research grants towards the cost of this.

20.08.18 To Discuss a Report for the Steep and Stroud Newsletter

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would submit a report to the newsletter covering naming the road in the new development, the reduction in the precept, suggestions for the telephone kiosk and the proposed installation of the defibrillator.

22.08.18 Report from County Councillor

See attached report (appendix B). The report was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Paul left the meeting following this agenda item.

23.08.18 Chairman's Report

No report.

24.08.18 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £14,282.11

Unity Trust Deposit account £6,492.71

Money in:

31/12/18 Bank interest £6.54

Money out:

24/12/18 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £125.42

31/12/18 Service Charge £18.00

09/11/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00

09/11/18 BACS SLCC Enterprises Ltd £90.00

21/11/18 BACS HALC Ltd £48.00

22/11/18 BACS Centrewire Ltd £295.20

30/11/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £353.34

30/11/18 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60

31/12/18 BACS Mr C P Jenner (MCS) £66.00

31/12/18 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60

31/12/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £334.44

Total payments made and authorised £1,647.60

The Vice Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Half Yearly Accounts Sign Off

The Vice Chairman confirmed these have been reviewed and signed outside of the meeting.

c) Internal Auditor

After discussion **it was resolved** that Eleanor Greene would be asked to undertake the internal audit again this year.

25.08.18 Correspondence

a) Hampshire Constabulary – OPCC Cyber Crime Survey

It was resolved that Cllr McKinney would respond to this survey on behalf of the Council.

b) Lasham Gliding Society

This was noted.

c) EHDC – Charity Walk for Peace 2019

This was noted.

d) Police & Crime Commissioner – Police Budget Consultation Survey

It was resolved that Cllr McKinney would respond to this survey on behalf of the Council.

e) HCC – Town & Parish Council Spring Workshop

It was resolved that Cllr Foulston would review the full agenda when it is published and would attend the meeting if necessary.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 5th of March 2019 at 7.30pm at Langrish School Hall

Meeting Ended: 9.25pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston