



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 11th of July 2017 at 7.30pm

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

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

1.05.17 Apologies for Absence. Apologies were noted from Cllr A Burges.

2.05.17 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Howe declared an interest in agenda items 15 and 16 and would therefore not take part in these discussions.

3.05.17 Comments from the Public or Press.

None.

4.05.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th of May 2017.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th of May 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.05.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 23rd of May 2017.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 23rd of May 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

6.05.17 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 6th of June 2017.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 6th of June 2017 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

7.05.17 To Discuss the Picket Fences on the A272.

The Council would like to thank local resident Glenn Hodgson-Hutton for providing the materials for, building and installing the new picket fences at the entrance to the village on the A272. Councillors McKinney, Howe and Foulston also helped with the installation. **It was resolved** to ask the lengthsman to plant some flowers at the base of each gate and a £50 budget was agreed for this. The Council are also seeking volunteers from the Parish to maintain these flowerbeds on an ongoing basis. A discussion followed regarding possible wording for a sign on each fence and **it was resolved** that suggestions should be sent to the Clerk within the next few days and Cllr Howe would then arrange for the sign to be made.

8.05.17. To Approve Clerk's Training

It was resolved to pay for the Clerk to attend an Officers Update training course at HALC.

9.05.17 To Approve the Financial Risk Assessment and Statement for Internal Control for the Year 2017/18

It was resolved that the Financial Risk Assessment and Statement of Internal Control were adopted and signed.

10.05.17 Report on a Meeting with South Downs National Park Authority

Cllr McKinney reported that he and District Councillor Nick Drew had attended a meeting with Tim Slaney (Head of Planning) at South Downs National Park Authority regarding the planning application submitted by CALA Homes on Ramsdean Road. The application is likely to go before the planning team in August. It was a positive meeting and South Downs are keen to work with the Parish Council regarding any development. The Draft Local Plan consultation is due to start in September and any development should meet all policies in the Plan. **It was resolved** to discuss a response to the Draft Local Plan consultation in the September meeting.

11.05.17 To Discuss Tree Preservation Orders

Cllr Foulston reported that the Tree Preservation Order on the land east of the Seven Stars has now been confirmed without modification by East Hampshire District Council.

12.05.17 To Discuss the Recreation Ground Annual Inspection Report

Cllr Foulston reported that the annual inspection report had been received and there were only 2 medium risks reported. These were the erosion of the footpath at the entrance to the recreation ground and one of the benches that needs repairing and re-concreting to the ground. **It was resolved** to ask the Lengthsman to make the repairs to the bench and to get quotes on replacing the entrance gate and provide a more durable surface to the footpath into the recreation ground. In the interim period the ground will be made level with some spare plantings.

13.05.17 To Approve the Clerk's SLCC Membership Renewal

It was resolved that the Council would pay for the Clerk's annual membership renewal for the Society of Local Council Clerks.

14.05.17 To Discuss Community Speedwatch

The Clerk confirmed that Steep Parish Council had been approached to ask whether they would like to share the costs of a Speedwatch scheme and this will be discussed at an upcoming Steep Parish Council meeting. There have been 4 or 5 volunteers for the Speedwatch scheme so far but **it was resolved** to advertise this again in the Steep and Stroud Newsletter to try and find at least another 5 volunteers.

15.05.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/02714/FUL Location: New Buildings Farm, Winchester Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PB **Proposal:** Change of use of part of a timber framed building from an agricultural use to B8 storage and distribution use for use as builders store.

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application but that it would be highlighted that another building on the farm had recently been granted a change of use to a nursery and it should be ensured that no children would have access to the builders store or vehicles driving to and from it.

16.05.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/02778/HOUS Location: The Bungalow, 7 North Stroud Lane, Stroud, Petersfield, Hampshire GU32 3PP **Proposal:** Raise height of rear roof, pitched and flat roofed dormer projections to sides and rear addition.

After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application.

17.05.17 Planning Application – SDNP/17/03006/HOUS Location: 32 Winchester Road, Petersfield GU32 3PA **Proposal:** Replacement Garage

After discussion **it was resolved** that in principle there would be no objection to this application but the following comments would be made: -

1. The visual impact of the building materials used should be reduced or softened
2. There should be confirmation that the garage would be for private vehicles only and not for commercial use.

18.05.17 Report from District Councillor

No report was available.

19.05.17 Report from County Councillor

See appendix A.

20.05.17 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that a few of the trees planted at the Millennium have Ash Dieback and will need replacing. County Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to grant the Council £500 towards replacing these trees. Cllr Howe and Cllr Foulston will look into which replacement trees would be best used and will then speak to the landowner about when would be the best time to do this. The Chairman also reported that Cllr Burges has stepped down from his role as a Trustee for the John Goodyer's Charity and Cllr Paul agreed to take his place.

21.05.17 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £10,181.82
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,471.19

Money in:

30/06/2017 Bank interest £0.81

Total £0.81

Money out:

24/05/2017 300178 Mr F Mayell £130.00

27/06/2017 300179 Mr F Mayell £130.00

19/06/2017 Direct Debit Biffa £111.85

18/05/2017 BACS Mr CP Jenner MCS £66.00

18/05/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £69.99

18/05/2017 BACS Hampshire Playing Fields Assoc. £40.00

18/05/2017 BACS GetMapping plc £33.60

26/05/2017 BACS PCC of Steep £30.00

26/05/2017 BACS Mythic Beasts Ltd £71.00

31/05/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.60

31/05/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £354.65

31/05/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £89.99

31/05/2017 BACS HALC Ltd £181.00

06/06/2017 BACS PCC of Steep £25.00

06/06/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00

06/06/2017 BACS Came & Company £280.00

26/06/2017 BACS PCC of Steep £15.00

26/06/2017 BACS N W Adams £55.80

26/06/2017 BACS Do The Numbers Ltd £185.00

26/06/2017 BACS Lindsay Clark Bros £116.57

30/06/2017 BACS Mrs E Foulston £375.57

30/06/2017 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £88.60

30/06/2017 Bank Charge £18.00

Total payments made and authorised £2,706.22

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Internal Audit Report

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit had been completed and signed off with only a couple of recommendations for the coming financial year.

22.05.17 To Discuss a Report for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would submit a report to the Newsletter with the main points from this meeting.

23.05.17 Correspondence

a) Fiona Rowden – Old Dairy Farm Nursery

It was noted that this new business could bring more employment into the village. The Council would like to wish Fiona all the best for this new venture and suggested that further information about the job opportunities could be added to the Steep & Stroud Newsletter and the village website.

b) LGBCE – Electoral Review of East Hampshire: Warding Arrangements

It was resolved to circulate this consultation to all Councillors for their views and the Clerk would then draft a reply.

c) EHDC – East Hampshire Cycling and Walking Strategy

It was resolved that Cllr Rogers would complete this questionnaire on the Council's behalf.

d) Liss Parish Council – Car Parking Arrangements

This was noted.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 5th of September 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 9.00pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston