



# Stroud Parish Council

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr D McKinney, Cllr, A Burges, Cllr M Snow & Cllr C Foulston.

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

**1.9.18 Apologies for Absence.** Cllr O Howe.

**2.9.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** None.

**3.9.18 Comments from the Public or Press.**

None.

**4.9.18 To Discuss the Ramsdean Road Development and Village Hall.**

**a) General Update**

Cllr McKinney confirmed that the most recent monthly update from CALA Homes has been circulated and added to the Parish Council and village websites. Cllr McKinney is also in contact with CALA Homes regarding some outstanding queries including issues raised regarding mud on the roads around the development.

**b) CIL Investments**

Mr Mark Davies from CCLA came along to the meeting to talk to the Council about potential investment of CIL monies. Mr Davies explained that CCLA is a fund manager that deals with local council, PCC and community organisation funds. They currently have approximately 36,000 clients and were established in 1958. Mr Davies talked about two funds that could be used – a property fund and cash deposit fund – and explained the differences between the two. The Chairman thanked Mr Davies for attending the meeting and Mr Davies then left the meeting following this agenda item.

**5.9.18 To Discuss and Approve Costs for Improvements at the Recreation Ground.**

**a) Replacement of Bark Chippings with Safety Surfacing**

After discussion **it was resolved** to replace the bark chippings under the Thumper Tower with safety surfacing instead of topping up the bark chippings as resolved at the July meeting. **It was also resolved** to replace the old safety surfacing under the swings which is lifting. The Clerk will get three quotations for the above, to be reviewed at the next meeting.

**b) Actions Arising from the Recreation Ground Inspection Report**

Cllr Snow had put together a list of actions arising from the last inspection report. After discussion **it was resolved** to take the following actions as soon as possible: -

- Remove the two broken benches next to the bin and remove the concrete underneath the benches
- Repair the bench next to the oak tree
- To revisit updating the goalpost
- To glue down the safety surfacing under the swings until the replacement surfacing referred to above can be purchased.

Any other items will be reviewed in May following the elections. All Councillors will have a site visit at the recreation ground at that time.

**c) Asset Maintenance Schedule**

Cllr Snow had also put together an asset maintenance schedule to set up regular maintenance for all of the equipment at the recreation ground. **It was resolved** to add the asset maintenance to the Grounds Maintenance contract before it goes out to tender.

**d) Grounds Maintenance Contract**

The updated Grounds Maintenance contract was reviewed and it was agreed to advertise this for tender on the website, noticeboard and to be sent out to any interested party as soon as possible.

**e) Gateway Improvement Plans**

Further quotations are awaited for this. Cllr Snow also confirmed that the hedges should be lowered for full sightlines into the recreation ground as part of this work.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Snow for all of her ongoing hard work with this.

**6.9.18 To Discuss the Resignation of a Councillor**

It was noted the Cllr Paul had resigned as a Parish Councillor since the last meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Paul for all of his support and hard work.

**7.9.18 Planning Application – SDNP/19/00991/HOUS Location: Solent, Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PJ Proposal: First floor extension and external improvements**

The Chairman confirmed that a site visit had taken place at this property. After discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this planning application but the following issues would be raised: -

- A reduction in single storey dwellings in the village may not be in line with the Village Design Statement
- A large skylight on the plans should be checked to ensure it does not contravene Dark Skies policies.

**8.9.19 To Approve a Grant Application: 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 172). Cllr Drew confirmed that at the time he could not give the Newsletter a grant but that he would be supportive of a grant for this from May onwards. **It was resolved** that if the Newsletter’s application to the District Councillor was not successful at that time then a further grant from the Parish Council would be considered.

**9.9.19 Correspondence**

**a) SDNPA – South Downs Local Access Forum**

This was noted and **it was resolved** that the Clerk would sign up for regular updates from this forum.

**Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2019 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.35pm

Signed

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk – E Foulston