



Stroud Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Langrish School Hall on Tuesday 17th of January 2017 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO) and District Cllr N Drew (arrived at agenda item 9).

1.12.16 Apologies for Absence. Cllr A Burges and Cllr F Rogers.

2.12.16 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
None.

3.12.16 Comments from the Public or Press.
None.

4.12.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 1st of November 2016.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st of November 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

5.12.16 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 17th of November 2016.

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 17th of November 2016 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

6.12.16 To Approve the Budget for 2017-18.

After discussion **it was resolved** that the budget of £12,545 would be adopted for the year 2017-18. This was a decrease of 1.48% on the previous year. The details of the budget are as follows: -

General administration - £8,072.00

Maintenance costs - £2,710.00

S.137 payments and other grants - £400.00

Subscriptions - £363.00

Other costs - £1,000.00

Total expenditure - £12,545.00

7.12.16 To Set the Precept for 2017-18.

After discussing the budget **it was resolved** to set the precept at £12,545 for the year 2017-18 with the sum of £6,272.50 being received in April and September.

8.12.16 To Approve Councillor's Training.

It was resolved that Cllr McKinney and Cllr Paul would attend a Negotiate a Better Planning Outcome training course in Winchester on 25th January at a cost of £110 plus VAT per person.

9.12.16 To Discuss an Affordable Housing Sub Committee.

After discussion **it was resolved** to arrange an extraordinary meeting for further discussion with CALA Homes following the recent pre-application meeting with SDNPA. **It was resolved** that following that extraordinary meeting a potential sub committee would be discussed at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting.

10.12.16 Update from the Highways & Road Safety Sub Committee.

The Clerk confirmed that the initial forms necessary to start the project to install flashing speed signs in the village had started to be completed. **It was resolved** to contact County Cllr Clarke to ask for his support for the project which is necessary for completion of the forms. Cllr Drew asked for further information to be sent to him so that he could look into potential grants.

11.12.16 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Drew reported that the next Petersfield and surrounding villages Community Forum was due to take place on Tuesday 24th January. There have also been no applications from Stroud for the upcoming East Hampshire Sports Awards and Cllr Drew is keen for applications to be put forward from the village. **It was resolved** to ask Cllr Burges whether anyone from Langrish School would like to apply.

12.12.16 Report from County Councillor.

No report available.

13.12.16 Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported that, moving forward, the Parish Council had been asked to supply a short article for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter each month with updates and information from Council meetings. It was agreed that Cllr Paul would write the update for the March meeting and then an agenda item would be added for all future meetings to agree who would write the update for that meeting.

14.12.16 Financial Matters

a) Finance Report

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £9,993.77
Unity Trust Deposit account £6,469.58

Money in:

31/12/2016 Bank interest £0.82

Total £0.82

Money out:

02/11/2016 300173 Steep PCC £10.00

09/11/2016 300174 Steep PCC £15.00

16/11/2016 300175 Mr F Mayell £130.00

07/12/2016 300176 Steep PCC £15.00

31/12/2016 Bank charges £18.00

19/12/2016 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £104.05

30/11/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £359.31

30/11/2016 BACS Meon Cleaning Services £66.00

30/11/2016 BACS HMRC £86.80

09/12/2016 BACS Centrewire £376.80

09/12/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00

19/12/2016 BACS R M Winscom Ltd £180.00

30/12/2016 BACS Mrs E Foulston £347.72

30/12/2016 BACS HMRC £87.00

11/01/2017 BACS Meon Cleaning Services £66.00

11/01/2017 BACS Jonathan Street £90.00

Total payments made and authorised £2,101.68

The Chairman signed the bank statements for the period.

b) Half Yearly Accounts Sign Off

Cllr Burges had reviewed and signed off the half yearly accounts outside of the meeting.

c) Internal Auditor

After discussion **it was resolved** to ask Eleanor Greene to complete the internal audit for 2016/17.

15.12.16 Correspondence

a) HALC – Councillor Commission Interim Report.

This was noted and **it was resolved** that the final report would be circulated when it is sent to the Clerk.

b) EHAPTC – Councils for Devolution

It was resolved that the Clerk would draft a response and send it to the Chairman for review.

c) HALC – Invitation to a Board Away Day and Open Forum

This was noted.

d) HALC – Publication Offer

This was noted and **it was resolved** not to purchase the publication.

e) SDNPA - Liss Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

It was resolved that the Council would not be responding to this consultation.

f) EHDC – Council Tax Levels and Referendum Principles

It was resolved that the Clerk would send a response to EHDC confirming that the Council's precept had decreased again this year.

g) Hampshire Constabulary – Rural Communities Matter Conference

This was noted.

h) Police & Crime Commissioner – Consultation on Police Funding

It was resolved that Cllr Paul would respond to this consultation on the Council's behalf.

16.12.16 Future Agenda Items

An upcoming planning application and further discussion with CALA Homes.

Date of the next meeting will be Tuesday the 7th of March 2017 at 7.30pm in Langrish School Hall.

Meeting Ended: 8.15pm

Signed

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Clerk – E Foulston