



# Stroud Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of Stroud Parish Council held at Stroud Church on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

**Also Present:** Mrs E Foulston (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr Drew & 2 members of the public.

**1.05.18 Apologies for Absence.** Apologies were noted from Cllr M Snow and County Cllr R Oppenheimer.

**2.05.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

Cllr Paul declared an interest in agenda item 15.

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

A member of the public who is on the Friends of Langrish Pool committee attended the meeting to update the Parish Council about keeping the pool at Langrish School open following the Governors' vote not to close the pool. The committee are looking to run the pool as a charity on behalf of the local community and it is understood that they currently have enough funding to keep the pool going. Next steps are to continue looking into funding and how it should be spent, apply to HCC for a lease and look into access arrangements. The committee would be interested in speaking to the developers of the Ramsdean Road development regarding potential access if the planning application is approved. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council will discuss this again at their next meeting and then reply to the committee accordingly. Following this agenda item, one member of the public left the meeting.

**4.05.18 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.**

Subject to one minor amendment, the minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**5.05.18 To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**6.05.18. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2018.**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 previously circulated were agreed and signed.

**7.05.18 To Discuss a Query Regarding the Recreation Ground.**

A member of the public had raised a query with the Parish Council regarding antisocial behaviour at the recreation ground and whether restrictions could be applied to stop this happening. Suggestions made included asking litter enforcement officers from EHDC to attend the recreation ground and also setting rules whereby police could then be asked to

attend if these rules were breached. Following discussion, **it was resolved** to add additional signage to try and prevent antisocial behaviour. A member of the public agreed to send the Clerk examples of the signage currently being used at the Bell Hill Recreation Ground so that the Council could purchase similar items. Cllr Drew confirmed that he would support a grant towards the cost of the new signs. Once they were in place, an article would also be placed in the Steep & Stroud Newsletter to update local residents.

#### **8.05.18 To Discuss the Use of the Recreation Ground by Langrish School.**

Langrish School recently contacted the Clerk regarding using the recreation ground for additional parking during school events. Following discussion **it was resolved** that Langrish School could use the recreation ground for additional parking during events as long as the ground was not muddy and provided a closed notice was put up so that children did not use the recreation ground at those times. The Clerk will also look into insurance implications of the use of the recreation ground for this.

#### **9.05.18 To Discuss a Public Access Defibrillator.**

At an earlier meeting the Parish Council had discussed a public access defibrillator for the village but had further queries regarding this. The further queries have now been resolved so a discussion followed regarding where a defibrillator could potentially be sited. One option would be the telephone box on Ramsdean Road but a preferred option would be at the new village hall if the Ramsdean Road planning application is agreed. **It was resolved** to await the outcome of the planning application before a decision could be taken.

#### **10.05.18 Report on a South Downs National Park Authority Workshop**

Cllr Paul recently attended an SDNPA workshop and provided an update on this. The two main issues discussed at the workshop were the new merger at the A34/M3 junction and also a new pipeline running from Southampton to Gatwick. SDNPA are also trying to roll out more signage welcoming visitors to the National Park. Discussions followed at the workshop regarding guidance on reducing speed on village roads and also the Dark Skies initiative.

#### **11.05.18 To Discuss the Recreation Ground Annual Inspection Report.**

##### **a) To Discuss Works Necessary at the Recreation Ground**

Cllr Snow had provided a report to the Clerk prior to the meeting regarding works necessary at the recreation ground. **It was resolved** to purchase new loose bark chippings and to put together a working party of Councillors to spread the chippings and also to replace the boards around the Thumper Tower area.

##### **b) To Sign Off the Recreation Ground Book**

The Chairman signed off the book confirming Cllr Snow's regular reports on the recreation ground.

#### **12.05.18. 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.

#### **13.05.18 To Discuss the Use of Land Adjacent to the Seven Stars**

Following a concern raised from a member of the public regarding the use of the field adjacent to the Seven Stars for keeping livestock **it was resolved** that a query would be raised with the EHDC Compliance Team regarding the field.

#### **14.05.18 To Discuss the Installation of a New Kissing Gate**

The Clerk confirmed that a grant to install a new kissing gate has now been received from SDNPA. **It was resolved** to purchase the new wooden gate and get quotes for installing this (within the price range agreed with the grant) to ensure this is installed as soon as possible.

**15.05.18 Planning Application – SDNP/18/03134/HOUS Location:** 4 Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PJ **Proposal:** Single storey rear extension

Cllr Paul left the room for this agenda item. Following discussion **it was resolved** that there would be no objection to this application but to note that the Council were aware that there could be a boundary issue regarding this application.

**16.05.18 Planning Application – SDNP/18/01777/FUL Location:** Land South of the Seven Stars, Ramsdean Road, Stroud, Petersfield, Hampshire **Proposal:** Erection of 30 dwellings and village hall together with car parking, open space and landscaping following demolition of existing buildings.

Following discussion regarding CALA Homes' reply to the Council's response to the planning application and recent updates made to the application, **it was resolved** that the Clerk would contact HCC to see if any further review could be undertaken regarding Highways' response to the application. The Clerk will also contact SDNPA to ask whether restrictions can be placed on extensions to any of the houses on the development in the future. **It was resolved** that the Chairman will attend the Planning Committee meeting to speak on the Council's behalf and to raise concerns regarding the linear design of the development, inadequate parking arrangements at the village hall and the driveways directly fronting Ramsdean Road.

Further discussion followed regarding the village hall and **it was resolved** that, if the planning application was approved, the land and building would be transferred to the Village Hall Trustees and not the Parish Council.

**17.05.18 Planning Application – SDNP/18/02751/CND Location:** Stroud House Care Home, Rothercombe Lane, Stroud, Petersfield GU32 3PQ **Proposal:** Variation of Condition 1 on planning consent SDNP/15/00860/FUL

Following discussion **it was resolved** that as this was a change to an application that the Council had already responded to, the Council would reiterate their original response and concerns.

#### **18.05.18 Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Drew reported there has been an increase in the number of flights in the area and the flights are also lower. If residents have any concerns then these should be shared with MP Damian Hinds. Cllr Drew is supportive of the Friends of Langrish Pool committee and is very interested in the parish views. Stoner Road in Steep is due to be closed for a period of time in late August. EHDC have recently taken over the review of double yellow line road markings from HCC. Cllr Drew also confirmed that he is keen to support the parish with any grants that he can.

#### **19.05.18 Report from County Councillor**

None available.

#### **20.05.18 Chairman's Report**

None available.

#### **21.05.18 Financial Matters**

##### **a) Finance Report**

Balance in accounts: Unity Trust Current account £13,261.23

Unity Trust Deposit account £6,480.81

Money in:

11/06/18 HMRC VAT Refund £265.74

30/06/18 Bank interest £3.23

19/07/18 SDNPA £527.00

Total £795.97

Money out:

25/06/18 Direct Debit Biffa Waste Services £125.42  
30/06/18 Service Charge £18.00  
15/05/18 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60  
15/05/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £334.44  
04/06/18 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60  
04/06/18 BACS Hants Playing Field Assoc £40.00  
04/06/18 BACS Mr CP Jenner (MCS) £66.00  
04/06/18 BACS HALC Ltd £182.00  
04/06/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £365.44  
04/06/18 BACS Came & Company £285.60  
04/06/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00  
04/06/18 BACS GetMapping plc £18.00  
03/07/18 BACS Do The Numbers Ltd £190.00  
03/07/18 BACS HMRC Cumbernauld £83.60  
03/07/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £334.44  
03/07/18 BACS Mrs E Foulston £150.00  
Total payments made and authorised £2,510.14

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 year. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work on this.

**22.05.18 To Discuss a Report for the Steep & Stroud Newsletter**

**It was resolved** that Cllr Paul would submit a report to the Newsletter requesting more volunteers for the village SpeedWatch scheme.

**23.05.18 Correspondence**

**a) HCC – Consultation on Transformation to 2019 Programme**

**It was resolved** that the Cllr Burges would respond to this consultation on behalf of the Council.

**b) SDNPA – Local Heritage List**

**It was resolved** to ask SDNPA whether the Roman Villa should be included on this list.

**c) HALC – Fly Tipping Survey**

**It was resolved** to add this to the report for the newsletter.

**Date of the next meeting** will be Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 at 7.30pm at Langrish School Hall

Meeting Ended: 9.35pm

Signed

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

Clerk – E Foulston