

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held at the Court House, Stradbroke
on Monday, 13th January 2020 @ 7.30pm**

Present: Pam Cane, Don Darling, Jeremy Fox, James Hargrave, Kamal Ivory, Maureen John, Velda Lummis, Dennis Merritt, Gillian Rennie-Dunkerley, Peter Smith, Toni Wisbey.

In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr McGregor, Cllr Flatman and 8 members of the public.

		Action
20.01.1	Chairman's welcome The Chairman welcomed all and reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded.	
20.01.2 (1) (2)	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Stuart Gemmill and Chris Edwards Councillors voted to accept the apologies for absence.	
20.01.3 (1) (2)	Declarations of Interest Councillors' noted there were no Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests. Councillors' noted the following Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items: Velda Lummis 20.01.8 – DC/19/05751	
20.01.4	Dispensations No requests for dispensations were received.	
20.01.5	Minutes Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 9 th December 2019.	
20.01.6	District Councillor Report: a) Grants for Housing Adaptions – increased by £10k. b) Budget for 2020/21 is being considered c) Council Tax fraud will be a priority for the coming year. d) Next phase in development of Needham Mkt centre and café agreed. County Councillor Report: a) Councillors were asked to submit comments regarding HGV routes directly to SCC. b) Methodology of changing policy for schools transport is being reviewed. c) The future of Children Centres is under review. d) The Locality Grant will be paid shortly. e) The loss of 10 step-down beds at Hartismere Place will be brought to the attention of the Health Scrutiny Committee.	
20.01.7	Public forum: A member of the public raised two matters: 1. The proposal to charge a levy for the use of the fitness track. 2. The street cleaning regime did not appear to be being adhered to. The Chair responded to point 1 as follows:	

	<p><i>The discussions at the December 2019 did not include reference to a levy being charged for the use of the track. Cllrs voted to include money in next year's budget to start to reserve funds for the repair of the track. Mention was made at the meeting of a previous suggestion that any organisation that benefits financially from the track (ie the Leisure Centre) may be contacted and asked if they would consider contributing to any repairs.</i></p> <p>The Clerk responded to point 2 as follows: <i>The timings of the work had changed recently and the Clerk stated that the timetable on the noticeboard had not been updated. The Clerk will investigate the matter further.</i></p>	
<p>20.01.8 (1)</p>	<p>Planning Councillors reviewed the following applications: DC/19/05751 – Erection of a detached single storey dwelling following removal of outbuildings. Veldon, Wilby Road, IP21 5JN SUPPORTED VL left the room for this application. DC/19/05830 – Erection of extension to rear of factory and creation of parking spaces. Roger Skinner Ltd, Queen Street, IP21 5HL SUPPORTED DC/19/05968 – Reconsultation: Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved – access to be considered) Erection of 1no. dwelling & garage. Land Adjacent to West Winds, Doctors Lane, Stradbroke (formerly Land at Farriers Close, Stradbroke). REFUSED due to highways concerns and the application contravening the Neighbourhood Plan Policy STRAD16.</p> <p>(2) Councillors to note that the outcome of planning applications determined since the last meeting: DC/19/04921 & 04920 – Byeways, Drs Lane IP21 5HU Granted 10/12/19 DC/19/05223- Cherry Tree Cottage, New Street IP21 5JG Granted 13/1/20</p>	
20.01.9	<p>Precept 2020/21 Councillors approved the precept figure for 2020/21 @ £35,107. The Precept form was signed by the Chairman, Pam Cane, Toni Wisbey and the Clerk for submission to MSDC.</p>	
20.01.10	<p>Reports from Committees, working parties and representatives: Councillors to note any updates presented at the meeting.</p> <p>(1) Finance Committee Councillors noted the next meeting is scheduled for 27/1/20 @ 7pm.</p> <p>(2) Planning Committee No update at this meeting.</p> <p>(3) Maintenance Working Party Members have spent a lot of time over the last 3 weeks sorting out ditches between the Health Centre and Playing field. The ditches were cleared of rubbish and then dug out with a digger and are now flowing more freely. Thanks were expressed to Nick Stones who provided a map of the drainage system in the village. Thanks were expressed to all those that undertook the work including Don Darling and Peter Smith.</p> <p>(4) Parish Plan Councillors noted that all groups/organisations will be invited to review PIIP. The APM will be revamped to allow groups to advertise their work at an open</p>	

	<p>“market place” forum. The feedback from the APM will form the basis of the plan. APM will be held on 30/4/20.</p> <p>(5) Community Centre Report There will be a Celidh on 15/2/20</p> <p>(6) Footpath Warden DM stated that he had received complaints regarding the state of the footpath near the High School. SCC will be contacted.</p>	
20.01.11	<p>Finance</p> <p>(1) Councillors noted Account Balances at 31st December 2019: Current Account - £8,877.49 Deposit Account - £43,435.19</p> <p>(2) Councillors approved cheques for signature or BACS payment for online authorisation as per the schedule appended to the minutes.</p> <p>(3) Councillors noted the receipts received in the month and the estimated reserved fund balances taking into account committed funds as per the schedule appended to the minutes.</p>	
20.01.12	<p>General Power of Competence</p> <p>(1) Councillors noted that Stradbroke Parish Council meets the eligibility criteria as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) all councillors hold office as a result of being declared elected (as opposed to being appointed or co-opted); b) the clerk is suitably qualified (holding the Certificate in Local Council Administration -CILCA); and c) the clerk has completed the relevant training in the exercise of the power. <p>(2) Councillors voted to adopt the General Power of Competence as the power of first resort.</p>	
20.01.13	<p>Policies for Review and Approval</p> <p>There are no policies to review this month.</p>	
20.01.14	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>(1) Health Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ditch was once again overwhelmed by the volume of rain and it was pumped out. b) The Maintenance Working Group had spent time clearing ditches in the area to allow the ditch at the health centre to drain properly. A digger was used to clear the ditches behind the tennis courts and members of the Maintenance Working Group rodded the pipes in the ditches both behind the tennis courts and at the health centre site. There are still some pipes that are blocked. The Clerk has identified that the piped ditch alongside the community centre play park and beside and behind the fire station is the responsibility of SCC and they have been written to and asked to clear the blockages. c) Another company is being sought to quote for the work on the water heaters. d) Both the external and internal automatic doors have had to be fixed. e) Quotes have been received for an energy survey of the building; these are on hold pending information from MSDC who may be able to carry out 	

	<p>the survey.</p> <p>f) KI raised a comment on the water that gathers at the entrance to the car park. DD suggested that a gully drain would solve this issue best.</p> <p>(2) Community Shed No update this month.</p> <p>(3) Training Clerk will book to attend audit preparation and GDPR training offered by SALC</p> <p>(4) General a) A notice will be placed in the Stradbroke Monthly following complaints regarding dog fouling, and in particular fouling not be cleared up at the cemetery, Ash Plough and grass verges. A notice is already on the PC website. b) Mole hills are appearing on the playing field for the first time on the inside of the track – Councillors agreed that the moles need to be removed but requested that this is carried out humanely. c) DD will look at the noticeboard opposite Wilby Road junction.</p> <p>(5) Information The recent code of complaint was resolved with an apology made to the Clerk.</p>	DD
20.01.15	<p>Highways Councillors agreed a date for an open meeting to discuss the Highways options and PIIP as 18th February 2020, 1-4pm then 7-9pm in the Courthouse.</p>	
20.01.16	Floral Displays To be removed from agenda.	
20.01.17	<p>Risk Assessments Councillors noted issues raised concerning: a) Community Centre play park - moles b) Westhall play park. The multi-unit climbing frame has been repaired. c) Fitness Track d) Permissive Path e) Cemetery</p>	
20.01.18	<p>Correspondence: (1) Councillors to review tabled correspondence MSDC – Town and Parish Liaison meeting date MSDC – Spring Clean Suffolk 2020 MSDC – survey re website Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association – re grant Passmore – re fitness track Sue Ives – re HGV routes and planning applications (2) Correspondence previously emailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALC Planning Survey (closes 21st January 2020) • SALC Area Forum notes 	
20.01.19	<p>Date of the next meeting: 10th February 2020 Councillors noted that matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting should be submitted to the Clerk by 31st January 2020.</p>	

Record of voting:

Item	Proposer	Seconder	For	Against	Abstain	Casting
20.01.2 - Apologies	PC	TW	11	0	0	
20.01.5 - Minutes	JF	PC	11	0	0	
20.01.8 - DC/19/05751	PS	PC	10	0	0	
20.01.8 - DC/19/05830	PC	PS	11	0	0	
20.01.8 - DC/19/05968	TW	KI	8	1	2	
20.01.9 - Precept 2020/21	PC	TW	11	0	0	
20.01.11(3) - Payments	JH	JF	10	0	1	
20.01.12 (2) - GPC	JH	MJ	8	2	1	

Meeting closed at: 9.20pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

10th February 2020