

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 10th June 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Russell Ayling, Helen Ball, Antony Bush, James Hargrave, Karen Lynch, Maureen John, Caroline Stebbing (C), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

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24.06.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>Reminders given:</p> <p>The meeting may be broadcast live and recorded. Any recording may be published on the council's website or may be available for repeated viewings on the Council's Facebook page, therefore anyone speaking at the meeting will be deemed to have given consent to being recorded.</p> <p>Members of the public are reminded that this is a meeting of the Parish Council held in public; it is not a public meeting. Members of the public may address the Council with comments on agenda items including planning applications during the public forum.</p>
24.06.02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>(a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Mandy Allen (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.</p>
24.06.03	<p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>Councillors declared interests in subsequent agenda items as follows:</p> <p>(a) Pecuniary Interests – Helen Ball: item 26.06.11 C (ii) (b) Other registerable interests - None (c) Non-registerable interests – None</p>
24.06.04	<p>Dispensations: None requested</p>
24.06.05	<p>Councillor vacancies:</p> <p>Councillors reviewed an application for co-option. Councillors resolved to co-opt Irene Mucklow to the Parish Council.</p>
24.06.06	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Councillors reviewed and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 13th May 2024.</p>
24.06.07	<p>County & District Councillors</p> <p>Due to pre-election period, Councillors will not be attending the meeting. Councillors noted a brief report from Cllr Linder on Stradbroke specific matters.</p>
24.06.08	<p>Public forum</p> <p>No questions or comments from the public.</p>
24.06.09	<p>Urgent action taken by the Clerk:</p> <p>Clerk has booked a place on a cemetery management training course</p>
24.06.10	<p>Finance:</p> <p><u>Monthly accounts</u></p> <p>(a) Councillors noted the account balances at 31st May 2024. Current £23,798.39 Deposit £128,309.22 Bank statements initialled by Chair as confirmation.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to approve the payments and noted the receipts in month</p>

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	<p>which included the VAT reclaim of £16,823.23. As per the schedule attached to the minutes.</p>
<p>24.06.11</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Applications with updated documents under consideration: DC/23/01254 – Land North of Laxfield Rd (Strawberry Fields) Councillors resolved to uphold the original objection with comments.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the outcome of the following planning applications determined by MSDC: DC/24/01092 – Roger Skinner Ltd: discharge of conditions. Conditions 7 (soft landscaping) & 20 (construction surface water management plan) refused. Conditions 5, (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy), 8 (hard landscaping), 9 (landscape management plan), 10 (details of planting on site boundaries), 11 (construction management plan), 15 (cycle storage), 16 (parking) and 17 (EV charging) all approved. DC/24/00023 & DC/24/00024 – Meadow Cottage, Kersley Hall Lane. Both granted DC/24/01557 – Wits End, 4 Battlesea Green Close. Occupation not in compliance with condition 2 of original planning permission – decision: was lawful. DC/24/00400 – Kumari House, Laxfield Road. GRANTED</p> <p>(c) Other Planning Matters:</p> <p>(i) <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> – formal review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Lynch and the Clerk had separately reviewed the existing plan to see which areas may need to be brought up to date. • In response to a request for an up to date housing target for Stradbroke, Mid Suffolk District Council has stated that a firm figure will be agreed as part of the work for Part 2 of the Joint Local Plan, but in the meantime officers are currently exploring providing indicative housing numbers. • Following discussions with Mid Suffolk Officers, it has become apparent that any changes to the plan, other than grammatical/spelling corrections, will require a formal consultation process – similar to the original plan, but only significant changes would trigger a referendum. It is therefore recommended that a consultant is used in the review process. • Councillors resolved to exclude the public and press for the review of a quote from Navigus, as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed (Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings Act] 1960): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Councillors resolved to appoint Navigus Consulting to assist with the formal review and accepted the quote of £8,330. A grant will be applied for to fund this. ○ Councillors resolved to reconvene the neighbourhood plan steering group who will produce a track changed version of the plan for full Council approval. The Parish Council members of the steering group are Karen Lynch, James Hargrave, Toni Wisbey and the Clerk. <p>(ii) <u>Joint Local Plan</u> Councillors noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the call for sites for Part 2 of BMSDC Joint Local Plan, 6 sites in Stradbroke have been submitted to Mid Suffolk for consideration and are currently being reviewed and assessed by officers. A formal consultation on these sites is not expected until 2025. • A consultation is underway on the Supplementary Planning Documents to support some of the policies in the Joint Local Plan.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A call for sites for sites for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople is underway.
24.06.12	<p>Updates from Council Committees/Working Groups</p> <p>(a) Committees: No committee meetings to report.</p> <p>(b) Working Groups/Councillors with specific responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband – no update • Youth Voice – the TOR for the group will be reviewed and brought back to a future meeting. HB noted that she was still in touch with VOSH and would present any matters raised by them on an ad hoc basis until the TOR is agreed. • Climate change – A project is underway between Suffolk and Norfolk regarding a local nature recovery strategy. A survey is underway and Councillors will be sent a link to it. <p>(c) No Councillor volunteered to undertake the risk assessment for the Fitness Track, therefore the Clerk will continue to undertake.</p>
24.06.13	<p>Updates on Council Projects</p> <p>A. <u>Pedestrian/Highways Safety Project:</u> Councillors noted an update from KL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suffolk County Council has rejected the request for a 20mph speed limit on Queen Street. County Cllr Rout has written to state his disappointment in the decision. This reflects the Parish Council’s decision to place 20mph into phase 2. • Suffolk County Council submitted a CIL bid on 31st May for the pedestrian safety and footway improvements. The footway from Westhall to Grove Farm was removed from the bid as issues with ownership may have held up the bid, all other crossing points were included. Mid Suffolk District Council officers are currently validating the application. • KL updated Councillors on the draft report following the recent survey, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Report shows a high level of engagement from the community and the responses demonstrate that they agree that the issues identified are those that need to be addressed. ○ It confirms that the majority are on board with the interventions included in Phase 1 and 2 but it also indicates that they would like us to look at other issues. ○ Reduced speed limits in village centre – given that the 20mph in Queen Street has been denied, our decision to include any 20mph limits in Phase 2 remain sensible. ○ Reduced speed limit in Pixey Green hamlet – Councillors noted that the remit of the project is to do as much as possible for as many residents as possible and, unfortunately, trying to reduce the speed limit in a hamlet in a 60mph area will not satisfy this criteria. ○ Addressing lack of continuous footpaths, in particular between shops and Wilby Road junction – unlikely that there would be approval for a footway here but, it is possible that approval could be given for a virtual pathway at a low cost. Councillors should decide whether they want to investigate adding this into Phase 1 ○ Addressing parking at both schools – this has already been discussed at length with agreement that it is not possible to address this without causing other problems ○ Implementation of traffic calming measures such as chicanes, cut outs and priority give ways – included in Phase 2. It may be that these could be brought forward if the CIL bid is successful. However, it may be more sensible to wait and

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	<p>see the effect of the interventions in phase 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better management of HGV traffic ie reducing numbers, reviewing access – unfortunately not possible but it is hoped there will be some effect of the ETRO cancellation when it happens. ○ Better road maintenance ie potholes, sinking utility channels – the responsibility of Highways, all the Parish Council can do is support residents with their requests. ○ A meeting with Highways is awaited – mid June was the earliest suggested but nothing heard from them yet. Hopefully, progress can be made on interventions such as SIDS and new and improved road signage around the village which do not require extension design or consultation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councillors discussed the possibility of a virtual footway from Wilby Road to the shops on Church Street. It was agreed that a full proposal with mock up and photos of other examples would be brought to a future meeting, if SCC agree that the area meets the criteria for one. ● KL noted that residents raised a number of areas during the drop-in session for the survey. These included: pavement parking / businesses putting signage on the highway/ non-use of private driveways/hedges over hanging footways/dog in play parks and playing field/dog mess not cleared up. The Chair will start to highlight these in the Stradbroke Monthly. <p>B. <u>Electrical kiosk – playing field</u> Councillors noted that: No quotes are yet available for review, investigations are underway as to what would be the best option moving forward. It is hoped that some of the work can be carried out by volunteers as a community project.</p>
24.06.14	<p>Policies and Council protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Councillors reviewed the submitted protocol for the Policy Review. ● Amendments were agreed, these were supported by the proposer and seconder: RA/HB. ● Councillors resolved to agree the amended version.
24.06.15	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>(a) Tabled: Suffolk County Council - Highways have contacted land owners re overgrown footpaths. Mid Suffolk – advised that the consultation on the pylon project has been extended and circulated their response. Eye ETRO – an email from a resident of Eye was noted, the Clerk will respond that the Council hasn't seen the document they refer to. WI – Centenary: agenda item for next meeting. Resident email - regarding dog mess was noted. CTEA – letter received will be held on file Email regarding lithium batteries and bill to Parliament – no longer relevant.</p> <p>(b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated - SALC bulletins</p>
24.06.16	<p>Date of next meeting: 8th July 2024</p>

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Signed: _____

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