

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Stradbroke Parish Council
held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 11th September 2023, starting at 7.30pm**

Present: Mandy Allen, Russell Ayling, Helen Ball (part), Antony Bush, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Susan Loxton, Karen Lynch, Caroline Stebbing, Toni Wisbey.

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), County Cllr Richard Rout (part), District Cllr Anders Linder (part), and 8 members of the public.

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23.09.01	<p>Chairman's welcome Reminders given: The meeting was broadcast live and recorded. Any recording 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. Members of the public were reminded that this was a meeting of the Parish Council held in public, it is not a public meeting. Members of the public were able to address the Council with comments on agenda items including planning applications during the public forum.</p>
23.09.02	<p>Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence.</p>
23.09.03	<p>Declarations of Interests Councillors declared interests in subsequent agenda items as follows: (a) Pecuniary Interests - none (b) Other registerable interests - none (c) Non-registerable interests – none</p>
23.09.04	<p>Dispensations: No requests were received.</p>
23.09.05	<p>Councillor vacancies: There were no applications for co-option for Councillors to consider.</p>
23.09.06	<p>Minutes Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 14th August 2023.</p>
23.09.07	<p>County & District Councillors District Councillor Linder: MSDC have opposed the Norwich/Tilbury pylon project affecting the district. EV charging points are being installed in the district. Fennings Farm – chasing up answers to questions. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Linder for his statement made to committee regarding the application. New Street parking – no update is trying to find further information. County Councillor Rout: Has taken over Stradbroke whilst Cllr Gould is unavailable. Suffolk County Council has also objected to the Norwich/Tilbury pylon project. Budget for the coming year will be tight. Outturn for current year is showing a significant over spend, 75% on people services, such as SEND transports, children in care and adult social care. Difficulty with green infrastructure as not sufficient power in lampposts for EV charging. Questions were raised regarding the ETRO in Eye. Cllr Rout would look at this afresh, looking at knock effects for other areas and why it was introduced originally alongside how this has been funded..</p>

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23.09.08	<p>Public forum</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signage on playing field needs to be more clear and obvious. 2. Question regarding when road sweeper is due to visit as kerb edges very full and rain causes this to block the drains. <i>Clerk to inform Mid Suffolk District Council</i>
23.09.09	<p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) There were no planning applications to review. (b) Councillors noted the outcome of the following planning applications determined by MSDC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/21/06824 – Land at Fennings Farm, Pixey Green. GRANTED DC/23/03304 - Willow Cottage, Pixey Green. GRANTED (c) Other planning matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillors noted actions taken under the scheme of delegation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DC/23/03745 – Tarquin Barn, Neaves Lane. Objection submitted. DC/23/01254 – Land north of Laxfield Road. Further comments submitted. b. Councillors considered whether a representation should be made concerning an application in Methwold for 20 IPUS as this could have an impact on the number of HGVs using roads in Stradbroke whilst travelling from Denham mill and agreed that the Clerk should submit comments.
23.09.10	<p>Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Monthly accounts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councillors noted account balances at 31st August 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current account £18,922.15 Deposit account £86,321.02 ii. Councillors approved the payments to be made in month as per the schedule appended to the minutes. iii. Councillors noted the receipts received during August 2023 B. Councillors agreed to increase the donation to Good Neighbours from the budgeted £150 to £200. C. Councillors agreed to work with Essex & Suffolk Water to find a suitable site for housing an antenna for collecting smart meter readings. This is likely to be near the Tennis Courts on the Wilby Road site.
23.09.11	<p>Clerk's report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Community Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder was given that the AGM for the Community Centre will be held on Tuesday, 12th September from 7.30pm. (b) Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See report appended to minutes – Councillors agreed that a public meeting should be held to help promote solutions and seek views of residents. The help of a consultant will continue to be investigated. • Wording for a preliminary submission to the consultation on the ETRO in Eye was agreed and will be submitted to Suffolk Highways. • There was no update from MSDC on parking at New Street Close. (c) Cemetery - A meeting with a pest controller has yet to be arranged. (d) All Saints Green development – no update on the revised s.106 (e) Community Land Trust – no update this month. (f) Tree Survey – quotes for the works identified are being obtained. Works to remove ivy

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	<p>at the Churchyard and Cemetery have been completed.</p> <p>(g) Bus route – there was no update on the reintroduction of Route 482</p> <p>(h) Community Shed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreement with E.On is ending on 17/9/23, a new 2 year agreement has been signed with British Gas Lite. • The annual fees from users are due. • Councillors agreed that as SAS no longer satisfy the criteria for use of the building, notice will be given for them to remove their items or liaise with remaining users to see if they want to take on the items.
23.09.12	<p>Health Centre</p> <p>(a) Solar panel work is complete. Supplier is working with NHS to connect the system to the wifi to allow remote monitoring.</p> <p>(b) Councillors agreed that the CIL bid contribution to be reclaimed. Rest of project to be paused and MSDC advised that balance not required.</p> <p>(c) Faulty water heater has been replaced.</p> <p>(d) A date for the car park works has yet to be agreed.</p>
23.09.13	<p>Committees and Working Groups – Councillors received the following updates</p> <p>(a) Committees: no meetings this month</p> <p>(b) Working Groups:</p> <p>(i) Broadband – no update.</p> <p>(ii) Youth Council – deferred till new academic term (September 2023).</p> <p>(iii) Community Asset – the ACV request has been submitted, Councillors noted a letter received from the Bowls Club which was received after the paperwork was submitted.</p> <p>(iv) Climate Change – no update.</p>
23.09.14	<p>Policies & Procedures for approval: None this month</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>HB left at this point</i></p>
23.09.15	<p>Defibrillator and CPR training:</p> <p><u>Defibrillator:</u> Councillors agreed that investigations should take place on a potential location and costs for an additional defibrillator.</p> <p><u>Training:</u> A notice will be placed in the Stradbroke Monthly requesting anyone interested in training to contact the Clerk. Once an idea of the numbers is clear, training can be booked. Councillors also discussed the possibility of funding First Aid training at the high school for pupils.</p>
23.09.16	<p>Signage at Playing Field</p> <p>Councillors agreed to add the additional words “and fitness track” to the signs which state “no dogs on grassed areas”.</p>
23.09.17	<p>Risk Assessments</p> <p>(a) Annual RoSPA inspection received – a schedule of works required is being prepared.</p> <p>(b) Councillors reported areas of concern as follows:</p> <p>(i) Westhall play park - none</p> <p>(ii) Community Centre play park - none</p> <p>(iii) Fitness Track - none</p> <p>(iv) Permissive Path - none</p> <p>(v) Cemetery - none</p>

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23.09.18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter regarding tree at Churchyard – Clerk to visit and take tree report to see if the tree in question is mentioned. • Cancelling of bus route 319 – Councillors noted that the route has been reinstated. • State of the bund at Skinners and straw in Queens Street – MSDC will be contacted about street sweeper and Skinners will be advised about the weed situation. • Water constraints and planning applications – Councillors noted a letter sent to Mid Suffolk about the matter, this will be kept on file and reviewed when major planning applications are reviewed. • Request for golf practice nets – this will be an agenda item. • Letter from bowls club was noted (see minute ref 23.09.13 (b) (iii)) • A request for the Parish Council to place an anonymous notice in the monthly was reviewed and it was agreed that there was not enough information and that the Parish Council could not submit anonymously. No further action. <p>(b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated - SALC bulletins</p>
23.09.19	<p>Date of the next meeting: 9th October 2023.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: _____

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