

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 10th February 2025 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Russell Ayling (part), Lawrence Champion, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Irene Mucklow, Caroline Stebbing (c), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), District Cllr Linder, County Cllr Lloyd and 5 members of the public

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25.02.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>Reminders were given as follows:</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>
25.02.02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>(a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Edward Chew, Karen Lynch and Mandy Allen.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.</p>
25.02.03	<p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests made in subsequent agenda items.</p>
25.02.04	<p>Dispensations: There were no requests for dispensations.</p>
25.02.05	<p>Councillor vacancies: Councillors noted no applications for co-option have been received.</p>
25.02.06	<p>Minutes: Councillors resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held 13th January 2025.</p>
25.02.07	<p>Updates from Councillors/Committees/Clerk</p> <p>(a) Updates from Committees:</p> <p>There have been no committee meetings since the last full Council meeting. Councillors resolved to co-opt Lawrence Champion to the Finance & Premises Committee.</p> <p>(b) Task & Finish Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadband – no update for this meeting. <p>(c) Councillors with specific responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Voice – no update for this meeting• Climate Change – no update for this meeting• SALC – no update for this meeting.• Bus transport – Some information printed this month in the Stradbroke Monthly was incorrect, an update will be submitted for the next edition. <p>(d) Training – to receive any updates on training booked or attended.</p> <p>Clerk and Chair attended the town and parish council liaison meeting. 2 x areas discussed – devolution and changes to housing target.</p> <p>(e) Urgent action taken by the Clerk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commercial conveyancer at Gudgeons Prentice is able to represent the Council in the land swap with Lovell. Cost to be confirmed, once contact is made with Lovell.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gudgeons Prentice are currently preparing a statement of truths for the Clerk to sign to allow the registration of the tennis courts to finally be completed. The matter outstanding was the ownership of land shown as a pond in the maps used in the 1953 and 1972 conveyances – the pond no longer exists and the area forms the rear of gardens at Woodfields and the land which forms the path between Woodfields and the playing field and the area beside it.
25.02.08	<p>District & County Councillors:</p> <p>Both Councillors highlighted key areas in their previously submitted reports. Cllr Linder advised that he and 3 of his colleagues are sitting as independent councillors. He noted that he does not agree with the decision to postpone the County Council elections due in May 2025</p> <p>Questions/comments were raised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will all Council leaders in Suffolk be invited to join discussions on business case for Devolution / Local Government Reform? Cllr Lloyd has not had any update on this. What is happening with the Suffolk Libraries contract? Cllr Lloyd had no further update. It has been announced that official procurement process has ended, is there any update? Cllr Lloyd will follow up. Cllr Lloyd has heard mention that do anything negative to the Libraries is not politically advantageous – therefore assumes there will be a positive outcome. SEND – noted there was a top up to the Government funding, but given the recent grading of inadequate was that funding enough? Cllr Lloyd noted his Council colleague did agree that this may not be enough. What cost saving efficiencies will be made? Cllr Lloyd said there would be £17m of new savings, but not clear where these will be made and will follow this up. Has Suffolk County Council employed a consultant to help with the business case? Cllr Lloyd will look at this. It was noted that the Government’s letter regarding Devolution was addressed to the Leaders of all Councils in Suffolk assuming they will all work together. Changes seem to be being moved forward without any proper consultation to take account of the views of the public. Should elections for unitary councils take place in May 2026 – then the full cost of Town and Parish Council elections in 2027 will need to be picked up each council, instead of shared with the District Council presently happens. Any decisions which may impact the precepts of Town and Parish Council should be taken with the Councils not done to the Councils.
25.02.09	<p>Public forum: There were no comments or questions from the public.</p>
25.02.10	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Councillors resolved the following responses to recent planning consultations:</p> <p>DC/24/05385 – Listed building consent – replacement of ground floor front elevation sash window. Hubbard, Queen Street. Submit comments that the Council had no objections to the application, but as this is a listed building that any recommendations submitted by the Heritage Officer should be fully taken into account.</p> <p>DC/25/00494 - Section 73 - Variation of Condition 19 (Odour Management Plan) of Planning Permission DC/21/06824 - Erection of 6no. poultry houses with associated admin blocks, feed bins and ancillary development. Fennings Farm, Pixey Green. Councillors agreed to submit comments to keep the community liaison element in condition 19 – as this was requested by District Councillors requested this at the time</p>

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	<p>the planning application was determined.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the outcome of planning decisions reached by Mid Suffolk District Council:</p> <p>DC/24/05024 – Land East of Neaves Lane: surface treatment GRANTED</p> <p>DC/25/00278 – Oak View, Wilby Road: non material amendment GRANTED</p> <p>DC/24/05408 – Roger Skinner Ltd: Condition 7 landscaping DISCHARGED</p> <p>(c) Other planning matters</p> <p>Update on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Land North of Laxfield Road (DC/23/01254) Reserved matters accepted in principle – subject to the developer submitting details on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Parking space adjacent to plot 14. • Siting of on-site parking spaces, serving plot 24 • Confirmation of NDSS conformity of open market units • Level of part M4(2) provision ii. Grove Farm (DC/21/04377) A revised flood risk assessment was submitted, it was noted that this included reference to the use of a combined sewer for surface water drainage linked to “Abbotswood Road” and that this does not exist on site. There may be a further consultation on this application prior to the officer determining it. iii. Bullocks Hill Farm (DC/23/00474) Mid Suffolk is treating the application as finally disposed of due to lack of requested additional evidence being submitted by the applicant.
25.02.11	<p>Finance: Monthly accounts</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted the account balances at 31st January 2025 as: Current: £13,166.70 Deposit: £141,646.93 The Chair initialled the bank statements</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to approve the payments as per the schedule appended to the minutes.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the receipts received during January 2025 as shown in the schedule appended to the minutes.</p>
25.02.12	<p>Updates on Council Projects</p> <p>(a) Pedestrian/Highways Safety Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors resolved to agree sites for the 3 x SIDs recently purchased, to be located on Queens Street, New Street and Laxfield Road. Councillors noted that the lead time on installing the poles is 14 weeks. • The traffic/speed surveys for the 40mph buffer zones have been undertaken. Information on the next steps is awaited. • £60,000 has been made available from the Active Travel Fund to allow Suffolk Highways to undertake some of the works required to improve the pedestrian crossings. An update on when the works will be undertaken is awaited. • Once confirmation of the works to the pedestrian crossing points is received, then the intervention on improving the Queen Street / Church Street junction will be taken forward. • Suffolk Highways has advised that the crossing point across Church Street to the Spar cannot be moved closer to the junction with Queen Street. • Suffolk Highways safety team have said that a virtual footway on New Street from

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	<p>where the pavements to Wilby Road is not possible.</p> <p>(b) Electrical kiosk at playing field, Wilby Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials to enable ground works to be undertaken have been purchased. • Electrical cabling and data equipment will be purchased once ground works are complete. <p>(c) Neighbourhood Plan review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An indicative housing target is still awaited. • Information received for sites from owners or their agents has been forwarded to LUC for the assessments to take place. • The steering group will meet to commence the process of updating the current plan to reflect changes since its adoption in 2019 and recommendations from LUC. <p>Russell Ayling left the meeting at this point.</p>
25.02.13	Policies and Procedures: There are none to review for this meeting.
25.02.14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tennis Club – Councillors resolved to work with the Tennis Club and Gudgeons Prentice to prepare a new lease and register it with Land Registry – estimated cost of £1500 to be shared between Parish Council and Tennis Club. Councillors further resolved to delegate to the Finance & Premises Committee the initial work on the lease liaising with the Tennis Club, with the final version to be agreed at full Council meeting.</p> <p>(b) Tabled: Councillors resolved the following actions for correspondence tabled at the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Footpath and bus service – All Saints Green. Clerk has responded. No further action required. ii. Dog Fouling. Clerk responded and advised note in Monthly – letter published and front cover carried a poster. Comment re additional bin to be kept on file with other request. No further action required at present. iii. Community Centre – works leading to closure of car parking spaces. Notice placed on Parish Council Facebook page. No further action required. iv. River Waveney Trust – Councillors agreed to sign up to the newsletter. v. MSDC – email from Property Team. Clerk to advise them to check the lease. vi. Call received about litter at pedestrian entrance to high school. Clerk advised that previous discussion with the school had taken place and they agreed to look at relocating the litter bin further into their property – unclear if this was done. MOP spoke to school and they said as there was no evidence that the litter came from the pupils there was nothing they could do – parents would object if pupils asked to clear the litter. Clerk advised that street cleaning rota could be extended to litter pick once a week at this location, Councillors agreed this action. <p>(c) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated – SALC bulletins and updates.</p>
25.02.15	Next meeting: Monday, 10 th March 2025

Meeting closed at: 9pm

Signed: _____

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