

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held at the Court House, Stradbroke
on Monday, 11th October 2021 starting @ 7.30pm**

Present: Mandy Allen, Russell Ayling, Helen Ball, Antony Bush, James Hargrave, Kamal Ivory, Maureen John, Velda Lummis, Susan Loxton, Toni Wisbey

In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Gould and 4 members of the public

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21.10.1	<p>Chairman's welcome A reminder was given that the meeting would be streamed live on the Council's Facebook page. The video of the meeting would be available for repeated viewings on the Facebook page, anyone speaking at the meeting was deemed to have given consent to being recorded.</p>
21.10.2	<p>Apologies for Absence: (a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Helen Long (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies.</p>
21.10.3	<p>Declarations of Interests: (a) There were no Councillor Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests declared (b) There were no Councillor Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items declared</p>
21.10.4	<p>Dispensations: No requests were received.</p>
21.10.5	<p>Council Vacancies: Councillors noted that no applications for co-option have been received.</p>
21.10.6	<p>Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 13th September 2021.</p>
21.10.7	<p>County & District Councillors reports: Cllr Flatman submitted apologies; her report had been previously circulated. Cllr Gould highlighted the following from his report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues have been found with some aspects of SEND services. A review is underway • Healing Woods – Eye has been accepted as a designated site. If the parish council think there is a site in Stradbroke that would be suitable, they can let Cllr Gould know. • There is work underway to look at converting all street lights to be more energy efficient. • A meeting took place at MSDC to discuss a proposal from the developer of Grove Farm and the Community Land Trust concerning the future of a ransom strip owned by MSDC on Shelton Hill. • Councillors asked questions of Cllr Gould concerning the SEND report and flooding issues in Stradbroke. Cllr Gould will seek full responses to these. <p>Questions: Question 1: What is the timeline between the finalising of an Educational Health Plan and its implementation? Question 2: There are 6000 SEND needs pupils and 2000 places, what happens to the 4000? Question 3: By 2024 there will only be 870 additional places at a time when the roll of primary and</p>

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	<p>secondary schools is rising and rising. Does the 870 places bring the Council to where it is now and whether there it is making a significant difference?</p> <p>Question 4: Children in our community who are being placed inappropriately in SEND provision and that alternative provision is being sought. The timescale for the alternative provision are elongated and some elements of that process are turn around. What is the escalation process for parents who find themselves in that position?</p> <p>Question 5: It was noted that Suffolk is below the national average on money received per pupil and is that included, or is that a separate matter.</p> <p>Question 6: Flooding concerns were raised on behalf of residents and correspondence will be sent on.</p>
21.10.8	Public forum: No comments/questions were received from the public at this meeting.
21.10.9	<p>Planning:</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed and approved a response to the following planning applications: DC/21/05424 – Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: reduction of 1no. oak tree in rear garden (T1) to a manageable size, and lopping overhanging branches of a second tree (T2) within a neighbour’s property. Corner Cottage, Church Street IP21 5HS SUPPORT DC/21/05022 – Planning application, construction of a 40m x 20m manege. Oakfields, Battlesea Green IP21 5NE Comments to be submitted regarding Policy STRAD12 – Light Pollution. DC/21/05141 – Listed Building Consent: Replacement and part repair of sash windows on south east elevation and replacement of window on north east elevation. Hubbards, Queen Street, IP21 5HG SUPPORT</p> <p>(b) Councillors to note the outcome of planning decisions reached by MSDC: DC/21/03586 – Land adj The Cottages, Pixey Green IP21 5NH REFUSED, correspondence has been received suggesting the applicant is considering appealing the decision. DC/21/04538 – Land rear of the Beeches, Meadow Way IP21 5JW APPROVED as an annexe to the existing buildings. DC/20/20252 – Castle Hill Farm, Thorndon IP23 7JT APPEAL DISMISSED DC/21/04627 – White House, Rattlerow Hill IP21 5HR APPROVED</p> <p>(c) Other Planning Matters Councillors received an update on Joint Local Plan hearings</p>
21.10.10	<p>Monthly Finance reports:</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted Account Balances at 30th September 2021 – as per the schedule appended to the minutes in the minute book.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the payments made early October to fulfil contractual obligations and approved the payments set out in the schedule appended to the minutes in the minute book.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the receipts received in the September 2021 including the 2nd ½ of the annual precept.</p>
21.10.11	<p>Land Registration</p> <p>(a) Following a request from the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre seeking formal</p>

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	<p>confirmation of the boundaries and responsibilities for the land to be transferred, the matter was investigated using online mapping.</p> <p>(b) The outcome of the investigation is included in a report circulated to Councillors, Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre and the Tennis Club. This reports shows that at least a third of the tennis courts and surrounding area will remain in the ownership of the Parish Council once the ownership of the land obtained in the 1972 swap is transferred.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the new information contained in the report and the 2 outcomes suggested to the Trustees of the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre charity.</p> <p>(d) Councillors noted that no further action can be taken until the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre confirm whether they wish to continue with the transfer.</p>
21.10.12	<p>PIIP</p> <p>(a) Councillors reviewed and approved the revised PIIP and implementation plan.</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted that a CIL payment of £6,318.31 will shortly be paid to the Parish Council.</p> <p>(c) Councillors reviewed the priority projects and asked the Clerk to obtain estimates for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bowls Club pavilion ii. Cricket Club update to nets and practice facility iii. Cemetery accessibility and chapel iv. Health Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure the quotes for the flooring are still valid • To obtain estimates for internal decoration • To obtain estimates for works to improve the access
21.10.13	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>(a) Health Centre:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The draft lease has been submitted to the NHSE and District Valuer for review and approval. ii. Further works are being investigated with regards to a possible blocked internal drain. <p>(b) Zip wire The items needed are on order and awaiting delivery.</p>
21.10.14	<p>Updates and reports from Committees, Representatives and Working Parties:</p> <p>(a) Committees: a Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 18th October 2021.</p> <p>(b) Community Centre representatives:</p> <p>Update given by TW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion to a CIO Nothing has yet been heard from the Charity Commission regarding the proposed CIO as sent by the Chairman. On this issue, negative, erroneous and unsubstantiated opinions about a trustee were expressed by the Vice Chair and Chair and minuted without due allowance for reply/revision, or reference to policy or procedure. • SSCC Extension The majority of SSCC trustees have not yet seen any revised plans of the proposed extension. RT and Chairman are awaiting bids from 2 quantity surveyors. It was minuted that it was important all trustees should be fully briefed before any public presentation. (The October open event for the public was eventually cancelled). <p>Resignation: TW resigned as one of the PC's nominated Trustees. Her full statement can be found as an appendix to the minutes.</p>

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	<p>(c) Working Groups:</p> <p>i. Highways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a meeting took place with Suffolk Highways to discuss the traffic lights/works on the Horham Road. Improvements to the barriers were made and the lights will be inspected to ensure they are correctly operating. Risk assessments will be undertaken to see whether the area can be made safe and the lights removed ahead of a permanent bank work being undertaken. A copy of any risk assessment was requested before the lights are removed. • ANPR – Suffolk County Council were contacted and advised that an application form must be completed and submitted for review, at that point the Council will advise if Stradbroke is a suitable location. A form has been completed and been countersigned by Cllr Gould, this form and the locations of the posts have been submitted to the team who will now look at the application. • A rota for the TVAS signs was forwarded to the Speed Watch co-ordinator. The first speed watch has taken place; those vehicles identified as speeding have been reported. <p>ii. Broadband – the threshold has been reached for County Broadband to start the next phase of the scheme which is the design stage.</p> <p>iii. Youth Council – help to improve the Council’s social media presence, in particular in the areas which are most used by younger residents will be investigated. RA/OW will visit the High School to see if this can be progressed with any pupils at the school as this could link with personal development and the promotion of democracy.</p> <p>iv. Community Asset – a meeting has yet to be arranged.</p> <p>v. Climate Change - the Groundworks project has been widely advertised. Councillors approved £350 towards the cost of printing information leaflets should grant funding not be available.</p>
21.10.15	<p>Solar Car Port – Wilby Road A meeting took place with potential end users, no report was available for this meeting.</p>
21.10.16	<p>Grit Bins Councillors noted that to date one volunteer has come forward; a further request was made in the October edition of the Stradbroke Monthly.</p>
21.10.17	<p>Platinum Jubilee:</p> <p>(a) The meeting to discuss the invitation from the Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre to work with them has not yet taken place. Councillors considered the request and agreed that HB/RA/JH would meet with Julia Nowell, Don Darling and Jane Merritt to discuss the invitation and find out what event(s) the SSCC are proposing.</p> <p>(b) Green Canopy – Councillors to consider this once the land promised as part of the S106 for land at New Street has been obtained.</p> <p>(c) Jubilee Beacon – Councillors voted not to proceed with</p> <p>(d) Councillors to decide if they wish to investigate either the beacon or green canopy further.</p>
21.10.18	<p>Risk Assessments: Councillors to report any areas of concern with the following:</p> <p>i. Westhall play park – litter has been an issue. No Dog signs will be ordered shortly.</p> <p>ii. Community Centre play park – no issues</p> <p>iii. Fitness Track – some low hanging branches.</p> <p>iv. Permissive Path – no issues</p>

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21.10.19	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tabled: Councillors noted correspondence tabled at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Stradbroke & District Bowls Club:</u> Thank you for the grant funding which enable them to prepare the green. • BMSDC Local Energy Showcase 2021: 21st and 22nd October at Wherstead Park. <p>Use of car park at Wilby Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like to put burger van in stradbroke as many people ask to us because they have to travel miles to get food would you give me a permission to put my burger van in community center car park from 3 pm to 9 pm I'm ready to pay rent is well any corner off the car park will do for me. • Following the success of Poppies & Daisies and the pizza side of the operation, we are starting 'The Suffolk Wild Flour Pizza Bar'. Our newly converted vintage horse box enables us to travel to various local villages and offer people our Neapolitan style wood fired pizzas, as well as attending local events and fairs. We would really love the chance to offer our services to all our loyal customers in Stradbroke, with this in mind, we wondered if it would be at all possible to use the community hall car park as a regular spot to trade. We would ideally be looking for 3 evenings a month. <p>Councillors reviewed the correspondence and agreed that the car park could not be used for this purpose but both operators could park up on the street as overs do.</p> <p>(b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated: SALC weekly bulletins</p>
21.10.20	Date of the next meeting: 8th November 2021.

Meeting closed at: 9.27pm

Signed: _____

Date:

Reasons for Resignation as PC Representative on SSCC

I am resigning as PC representative to the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre because I am resigning as a trustee of the board. This will create an opportunity on the PC for anyone interested in the role.

I have three main reasons for my resignation.

Over the past 3 years, and particularly recently, I have tried to explain at SSCC meetings that some actions of the Committee have been unconstitutional or against the Charity Commission's advice. For example, trustees are not always allowed appropriately detailed discussion—or even in some cases any consultation—before important decisions are made, some directly concerning village groups. Also, our proposed change of status to a CIO application was not seen by most trustees in its final version, before being sent to the Charity Commission by a small group. I have been criticised for my comments, though I am only trying to promote best practice. I do not feel I can be an effective trustee in such circumstances.

Secondly and related to the above, it has become wearisomely predictable to personally experience the bullying practices of a few people on the Committee. This has been brought to the Community Centre Chairman's notice in the past, but the behaviour still persists. I will be suggesting the Sports and Community Chairman takes advice from CAS regarding a written anti-bullying policy to be agreed for trustees' protection. Public bullying of one trustee can be intimidating for other trustees who may otherwise wish to disagree with decisions. However, if bullying is not challenged, it becomes a control tactic which rots the organisation and perpetuates the control of the bully. I am resigning, therefore, not in defeat of bullying, but to highlight the practice by protest.

Finally, I am very concerned by the unprofessional lack of protocol at present regarding one of the financial arrangements allowed for trustees of the Community Centre. In brief, there are no criteria or structures in place on this particular matter. So I do not wish to be associated with this. Therefore, I no longer wish to be involved with the SSCC, especially while a small group of people on the Committee continue to push through decision making which I consider undemocratic, unwise and against the spirit and expectations of its constitution and charity purposes for the village.

Toni Wisbey