

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 13th January 2025 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Mandy Allen, Russell Ayling, Lawrence Champion (part), Edward Chew, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Caroline Stebbing (c), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), District Cllr Linder, County Cllr Lloyd and 7 members of the public

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25.01.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all to the first meeting of 2025.</p> <p>Reminders were given as follows:</p> <p>The meeting would 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 were 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>
25.01.02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>(a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Karen Lynch and Irene Mucklow.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.</p>
25.01.03	<p>Declarations of Interests: There were no interests declared.</p>
25.01.04	<p>Dispensations: There were request for dispensations.</p>
25.01.05	<p>Councillor vacancies:</p> <p>Councillors reviewed an application for co-option and resolved to co-opt Lawrence Champion. The acceptance of office form being signed immediately, Lawrence Champion joined the meeting at this point.</p>
25.01.06	<p>Minutes: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held 9th December 2024</p>
25.01.07	<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</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 – RA has written to the primary school and is awaiting a response.• Climate Change – no update for this meeting.• SALC – at a recent meeting, updates were given on 6 National Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP).• Bus transport – Toni Wisbey will be speaking with Suffolk on Board about the possibility of Suffolk restoring the 482 in some format. Thanks were expressed to Toni for her perseverance and hard work in this area. <p>(d) Training – there were no updates for this meeting.</p> <p>(e) Urgent action taken by the Clerk: the applicant for Grove Farm rang and asked how the company could address the Parish Council's concerns about the development. The Clerk repeated the Council's concerns about the potential high cost of the</p>

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	service/maintenance charges that could come from unadoptable roads, large open spaces and surface water drainage.
25.01.08	<p>District & County Councillors: The majority of the discussion was on the recent decision of Suffolk County Council to apply to join the Devolution Priority Programme and that this may cancel the County elections due in May 2025. It was agreed that this could be a focus of the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>Stradbroke specific information: Mid Suffolk District Council has made £60k available from the Active Travel Fund to Suffolk County Council highways department to take forward improvements to crossing points in the village. This work must be completed by end of March 2025 to comply with the fund's regulations.</p>
25.01.09	<p>Public forum A member asked for an update on when/if the settlement boundary would be moved as part of the Neighbourhood Plan review process – as they have been advised by Mid Suffolk that this would be a way for them to overcome the difficulties they are experiencing completing their development. <i>A response was given at agenda item 25.01.13</i></p>
25.01.10	<p>Planning Councillors noted the following planning matters: DC/24/05246 – s.73 to remove LEAP and add car park. Land south of New Street. Clerk responded to this application under delegated authority. Joint Local Plan – Mid Suffolk have announced that they have been advised that previous over delivery of housing cannot be carried forward and counted towards the Government's new housing targets. The Joint Local Plan will now be reviewed and a timetable for the work will be issued in March. DC/23/01254 – Land North of Laxfield Road will be reviewed by Mid Suffolk's planning committee on 15th January. Clerk is unable to attend the meeting due to the short notice but will submit a statement concerning the development, highlighting concerns raised by Strategic Housing on the sizes of the bedrooms, in particular that they do not appear to meet the national space standards. DC/24/05024 – Watermeadow Lodge, Neaves Lane. S.73 application to change access and track surface material. Not responded to as deadline before January meeting. Applications determined by Mid Suffolk: DC/24/04176 – Mulberry Lodge, Laxfield Road GRANTED</p>
25.01.11	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Monthly accounts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councillors noted account balances at 31st December 2024. Current: £19,655.76 Deposit: £144,780.26 Chair to initialled the bank statements Councillors noted that £5,000 had been transferred to the current account. ii. Councillors resolved to approve the payments as per the appended to the minutes. iii. Councillors noted the receipts received during December 2024. <p>(b) Councillors reviewed the 3rd qrt accounts against budget. (c) Councillors resolved to approve the precept figure for 2025/26 @ £46,491. (d) Councillors resolved to appoint Trevor Brown as internal auditor.</p>

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25.01.12	<p>Updates on Council Projects</p> <p>(a) Pedestrian/Highways Safety Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40mph buffer zones – traffic surveys will be carried out by the end of January 2025. • SIDs – all equipment has been received, awaiting agreement from highways on locations for posts. A revised proposed location on New Street will be submitted to Suffolk Highways for approval. Two possible locations for Laxfield Road have been identified but confirmation is still awaited. • Signs at Neaves Lane/Laxfield Road junction have been repositioned and are now visible. • All other areas – awaiting information on costings from highways. It was noted that this may be held up by the Active Travel Fund money meaning that some of the areas will not need to be paid for out of the budgeted CIL funds. <p>(b) Electrical kiosk at playing field, Wilby Road – not the time of the year to do groundworks. Survey with a CAT scanner will take place to identify where cables are. Trench will be dug shortly.</p> <p>(c) Neighbourhood Plan review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Site Allocation Procedure is tabled for review. • Agreement has been received that site assessment work will be funded by Locality and that LUC will undertake the work. All sites submitted to Mid Suffolk in the recent call for sites will be assessed together with the site discussed at the December meeting off Mill Road (behind Primary School). All landowners have been contacted about their plans for development. • A first draft of recommended changes has been reviewed – currently there is a recommendation from LUC that the plan period is extended to 2042, therefore the plan would run from 2025 to 2042. The steering group are reviewing this proposal in light of the decision by Mid Suffolk to review the Joint Local Plan due to the Government changes to the NPPF which will increase the annual housing requirement and that previous over delivery will not count to future requirements. Mid Suffolk’s plan is likely to run to 2044 and the Steering Group will look at the possibility of extending the Neighbourhood Plan period to 2044. • A review of the Settlement Boundary will take place as part of the formal review process. • If additional sites are required, then a public consultation on the vision and objectives together with the proposed sites will take place later in the year.
25.01.13	<p>Policies and Procedures:</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan – Draft Site Allocation Procedure: Councillors resolved to accept the draft procedure to present to public for consultation if additional sites are proposed to be included in the updated plan.</p>
25.01.14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Wilby Road car park – Councillors reviewed the correspondence received from the Community Centre regarding public lighting in the car park and agreed that this should be added to the PIIP, Councillors noted that a location could be difficult to identify and connection to electricity will be expensive.</p> <p>(b) Councillors will review the consultation on Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England and will submit comments individually if necessary.</p>

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	<p>(c) Councillors noted that a White Paper has been published on the gov.uk website concerning Devolution and that an extraordinary meeting held on 9th January, Suffolk County voted to apply to join devolution priority pathway and to ask Government to cancel County Council elections in May.</p> <p>(d) Tabled: Councillors noted and agreed actions for correspondence tabled at the meeting as follows: Wingfield Parish Council – email regarding wind turbine, KL responded that this will not be discussed until a formal application is submitted. No further action recommended. Tennis Club – email requesting information on funding possibilities for resurfacing and whether the club could come and address the Councillors regarding Parish Council support. Councillors agreed that this is added to the PIIP and that the Clerk will pass on other funding opportunities. Emails from members of the public: 1. Follow up re doo poo bin on New Street – Clerk has responded that no decision will be reached until new council year. No further action recommended. 2. Dog poo – New Street. What do Councillors suggest the response should be? 3. Neighbourhood Plan review – settlement boundary query. No further action required as dealt with in other agenda items.</p> <p>(e) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated – SALC bulletins</p>
25.01.15	Next meeting: Monday, 10th February 2025

Meeting closed at: 8.55pm

Signed: _____

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