

# PARISH OF STRADBROKE

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the COMMUNITY CENTRE, STRADBROKE on THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 at 7.30PM

**Present:** 93 members of the public, including 6 members of the Parish Council

**In attendance:** Cllr Julie Flatman (MSDC); Odile Wladon (Clerk to the Parish Council)

**Apologies for absence:** Ellie Wharton, Velda Lummis, Toni Wisbey, Michael Hugman, Kate Axon, Rev. Loxton and Cllr Guy McGregor.

1. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Ellie Wharton, was unable to attend. In the absence of a Vice Chair of the Parish Council, it was agreed by those present that David Turner would chair the meeting.

David Turner welcomed all to the meeting:

*On behalf of the Parish Council it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this year's Annual Parish Meeting, I am very thankful to all of you, as you have been kind enough to spare your valuable time to be here with us this evening.*

*The weather might not be as great this week but on the bright side we've got tea, biscuits, a great venue here and the pub is close too.*

*I think so many of you are here tonight because we share a single common goal – we want to make Stradbroke a better place to live ... for us, our children and our children's children. How we do that, the policies and actions that are taken, are what we need to discuss here tonight.*

*I understand we are all passionate about the village ... and with passion, anger, shouting, name calling can occur, but this is never constructive and is offensive. So, for that reason, I ask everyone here to behave in a respectful manner. As god tells us "treat others as you would like to be treated yourself."*

2. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were unanimously approved and signed.
3. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Reports were received from the following organisations from both within and outside Stradbroke and are appended to the minutes:
  - 4.1 Stradbroke Parish Council
  - 4.2 Cllr Guy McGregor – Suffolk County Council
  - 4.3 Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team
  - 4.4 Stradbroke High School
  - 4.5 Stradbroke CE Primary School
  - 4.6 Stradbroke Charitable Trust and Stradbroke Trust
  - 4.7 Stradbroke Courthouse & Library Trust
  - 4.8 Stradbroke Good Neighbours
  - 4.9 Stradbroke Media
  - 4.10 Stradbroke Monthly
  - 4.11 Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre
  - 4.12 PCC
  - 4.13 Women's Institute
  - 4.14 Stradbroke Cricket Club

- 4.15 Youth Football
  - 4.16 A verbal report was received from the Table Tennis club who appealed for more members to come along to their sessions that will recommence every Wednesday from the beginning of September and run through to March. The cost is £1.50 per adult and £1.00 for children.
  - 4.17 The adult football team will resume, a volunteer to take on the Secretary role was required.
  - 4.18 Cllr Flatman (Mid Suffolk District Councillor) presented her report, a copy is appended to the minutes. Her report was met with amusement regarding the donation towards “responsible weapons training” all concerned were relieved to learn that the weapons themselves are not lethal ones.
5. Matters arising from the reports:
- 4.1 Parish Council – James Hargrave proposed a vote of thanks to Paul Bryant and the Strategic Planning Policy team at Mid Suffolk District Council for their help and support in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. This was supported. Cllr Flatman agreed to pass these on.
  - 4.3 Stradbroke Charitable Trust – Chris Edwards proposed a recommendation to the Parish Council that a plaque be displayed in the surgery thanking the original trustees for their work in securing the surgery in Stradbroke. This was supported.
6. A member of the public was delighted to hear about the activities that take place in Stradbroke, but commented that she was saddened to have received an anonymous letter only signed “concerned residents”. Discussions took place on this subject and the authors of the letter identified themselves. It was agreed that using anonymous correspondence was not the way to communicate concerns. The Parish Council listened to the concerns raised at the meeting and were appreciative of the support received.
7. Concerns were raised about speeding and parking in the village. The Parish Council responded that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan was designed to try and alleviate these issues. Copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents were on display in the hall.
8. The audited Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were available for review.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 and refreshments were served.

**Signed:**

**Chairman**

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2019**