

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held via Video Conference on Monday, 12th October 2020 @ 7.30pm**

Present: Chris Edwards, Jeremy Fox, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Susan Loxton, Velda Lummis, Kamal Ivory, Toni Wisbey.

In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Flatman, Cllr McGregor and 1 member of the public

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20.10.1	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all present that the meeting would be recorded.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Susan Loxton to her first meeting as a councillor.</p>
20.10.2	Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies
20.10.3	Declarations of Interest: There were no interests to note.
20.10.4	Dispensations: No requests were received.
20.10.5	Council Vacancies: Councillors voted to co-opt Brett Baber to join the council.
20.10.6	Minutes: Councillors accepted the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 14 th September 2020.
20.10.7	Public forum: No comments or questions were received.
20.10.8	<p>County Cllr McGregor report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been circulating the Parish Clerk with the latest information from the Suffolk Director of Public Health in respect of COVID19- I hope this is helpful. • I have also sent out the information from SCC as to financial help available to residents in these challenging times. • I do think that the Local Authorities in Suffolk have performed well especially in the support for Care Homes, Financial Support and sourcing PPE. • There is a debate going on out next year's Budget for SCC. It is likely that the Covid 19 will have a big impact. Expenses are obviously up but what will be a serious impact will be the reduction in the amounts collected via the Council Tax. The awarding of Universal Credit will cause particular problems. In the past the Collections Amount always exceeded the predictions at the start of the Budget Process. However, for next year the Collections will be less than in previous year. • Finally, after this half term, the Farelne School Route to Hartismere will come via Stradbroke to pick up the half dozen post 16 students who go to the Sixth Form. • On 21 October SCC will determine the Application to Change the Planning Conditions at Barley Brigg. I have indicated my intention to participate. • Sizewell C has been declined – • Hardship Fund to help those in difficulty. • Kickstart Scheme – Suffolk supporting this. • Made contact with the management at the Deperhaugh – with the intention of improving the quality of the road. <p>District Cllr Flatman report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Suffolk communities to benefit from £227,000 funding boost – housing growth in Mid Suffolk will fund a range of local projects – including railway station improvements, electrical vehicle charging points and new community facilities. • Recognition for Debenham's plan for a bright future – Debenham Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan has been "highly commended" as part of the virtual 2020 Planning Awards held on 9 September.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community invited to feedback on plans for Gateway 14 - Businesses and residents have been invited to feedback on plans for Gateway 14, a proposed missed-use business park outside Stowmarket. Leaflets have been distributed to local households and a dedicated community engagement website has been launched to share draft plans and invite feedback from the local community. • Council committee gives green light for Thurston homes – MSDC recently approved outline planning permission for 210 houses in Thurston – providing “affordable homes” for low income families, cycle and pedestrian improvements, and a new school for the village. • BMSDC welcome £100,000 government funding to tackle rough sleeping/homelessness – BMSDC have been awarded £100,000 through the Next Steps Accommodation Programme. This is to help cover the costs of commercial hotels needed to provide accommodation and support during the colder weather. • MSDC Chairmans’ charities – Cllr Lavinia Hadingham has donated £1,244.78 to Home-Start Mid and West Suffolk, raised during her term as Chairman. Cllr Barry Humphreys MBE has been elected Chairman of MSDC and selected Stowmarket Dementia Action Alliance as his chosen charity. • Mendlesham homes pave way for community benefits – MSDC recently agreed detailed plans for 28 homes in Mendlesham – bringing new footpaths and public open space for the village, and providing low income house-hunters with ‘affordable homes’.
20.10.9	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) Councillors agreed not to comment on the planning application DC/20/04178 – Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration on south west and south east elevations. Mill View, Laxfield Road, Stradbroke IP21 5HY</p> <p>(b) Councillors noted the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council: DC/20/02918 – Chestnut House, Wilby Road IP21 5JP GRANTED DC/20/02966 – Land at Battlesea Green REFUSED</p> <p>(c) Other Planning Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sec of State will not call-in the Shadingfield intensive poultry unit planning application, this will be determined by East Suffolk Council. • Barley Brigg Farm application for heating array - no date set for committee hearing • Barley Brigg Biogas lifting of condition 15 – likely to go to committee 21st October • Thorndon application for poultry units – no date yet received for committee hearing • Following the 10th August meeting, a meeting took place between CE Davidson Ltd and CE/Clerk – CE Davidson reiterated their concerns that the Parish Council was opposing poultry units outside of the parish. The Clerk pointed out these were joint approaches with other councils. CE Davidson stated that Cranswick was looking to increase production to 1.6million birds per year and plans are ready to submit to double the size of the factory on the Eye Airfield site.
20.10.10	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>(a) <u>Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre</u>: An offer of a Teams meeting was rejected by the SSCC as they would prefer a face to face meeting. This will be arranged once the current COVID restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>(b) <u>Health Centre</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following a meeting with the contractor and the practice manager, a timetable for

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	<p>the urgent works is being drawn up; this will enable the replacement of the water heaters and taps. All other work will be deferred until access to the surgery can be agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor will submit recommendations on how to improve the drainage at the front of the building. • A valuation has been arranged to establish a fair market rent to include in the new lease. <p>(c) <u>Energy Audit</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information is awaited on the district heat network based on ground source heat pumps. • Contact is awaited from the company regarding information on the solar PV at the car park at Wilby Road. <p>(d) <u>Land Registration:</u> No further updates have been received since the last meeting.</p> <p>(e) <u>Tree works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work at the health centre and Church is underway. Guidance from UK Power Networks is awaited to enable the work at the health centre to be complete. • No start date has been received for the work at the tennis courts. • Cemetery – urgent works needed at top corner near cremation section, Councillors approved for the Clerk to liaise with a local tree surgeon. <p>(f) <u>Community shed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.On have booked an appointment to install a smart meter at the end of October. • A meeting of the shed user group has yet to take place. • SAS have submitted a user agreement; this appears to be instead of the SSCC as the Council has not yet reached a decision on their application. A decision on this matter was deferred pending a User Group meeting and will be included as an agenda item at the next meeting. • It was recommended that the User Group work together to clear some of the broken chairs and other broken and redundant equipment etc in the shed to allow room for items that need to be stored. <p>(g) <u>Quiet Lanes:</u> Councillors agreed not to pursue this matter at the moment.</p> <p>(h) <u>Electric charging points:</u> An update is awaited from SCC, last update received indicated SCC' s delivery partners would be in contact.</p> <p>(i) <u>Exercise equipment – fitness track:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROSPA inspection is booked for w/c 12th October. • Information is awaited from MSDC as to whether S106 monies could be used to purchase new equipment. <p>(j) <u>Remembrance Sunday:</u> Following government guidance, the wreath laying this year will be by invitation to one member of each organisation that usually lays a wreath (primary school may send an adult to accompany the child representative). Everyone else is asked to share in the Act of Remembrance by observing a 2 minute silence on their doorstep at 11am.</p> <p>(k) <u>Councillor email accounts:</u> Councillors approved the funding official parish council email accounts for all</p>

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20.10.11	<p>Monthly Finance report</p> <p>(a) Councillors noted Account Balances at 30th September 2020: Current Account - £31,427.68 Deposit Account - £54,002.56</p> <p>(b) Councillors approved BACS payments for online authorisation as per the schedule appended to the minutes in the minute book.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the receipts received in the month which included the 2nd instalment of the precept.</p> <p>(d) Councillors reviewed the half year accounts and noted there were virements in the 2nd quarter.</p> <p>(e) Councillors noted the comments from the <u>external audit report</u>: Due to the corruption of the document approved at the PC meeting, the AGAR was retyped and an error was made on the submission version of the report, a revised page was submitted. There were no other audit points raised by PKF Littlejohn. Councillors noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has also been published.</p>
20.10.12	<p>Reports from Committees and Representatives:</p> <p>No committee meetings have taken place since the last full Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>(a) <u>Community Centre representative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KI was unable to attend but was welcomed to the committee, she will be asked about becoming a Trustee at the next meeting in November. • SSCC prefer to hold a face to face meeting. Meeting will take place when this is possible. • Public consultations on the plans for the possible extension of the club room are scheduled to take place 10am to 2pm on 17th & 10am to noon on 18th October. COVID rules for public gatherings will be adhered to. Enquiries will be made to determine if this can be made available on line as well. <p>(b) <u>Working Groups</u>: to receive any updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Lorry watchers were out over the last week one hour each day through the week. It was noted that there is an HGV or Tractor and trailer going through the village every 2-4 minutes. Nothing new will be gleaned from continuing this on an ongoing basis. It is important to now get Highways/SCC put some monitoring to confirm the current traffic movements. Significantly high percentage of vehicles is HGV or large tractor and trailers. Thanks were expressed to all who have taken part. Having the data is useful and will be shared with a Consultant who has been tasked by SCC to review the request from Eye to increase the area of their current lorry ban. Speed watch – have enough people, all equipment just waiting for police to do training. Thanks to Jeremy for leading on this. • Broadband 1st meeting of broadband working group. KI/TW/JH and Clerk present with a number of residents. Antony Bush has been working on this and presented options. Councillors reviewed the outcome of the broadband survey and a report will be published in the Stradbroke Monthly. A third party company may be able to supply fibre to the premises in Stradbroke and a representative of the company will be invited to address the next Working Goup meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Council Young people have been given links to Diss Youth Council and British Youth Council. Training available but expensive. Fressingfield have been asked if they wish to share resources etc. Councillors agreed that the membership of the council could be extended to young people who do not live in Stradbroke but attend school or group in Stradbroke. The steering committee are looking to recruit. Training is £1000 and could be applied for from district councillor locality funds.
20.10.13	Parish Council Policies: There are no policies reviewed at this meeting.
20.10.14	Risk Assessments: Councillors to note any issues raised concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Community Centre play park – all fine (b) Westhall play park – branch fallen down, near the play area. JF offered to remove this. (c) Fitness Track – Cllrs noted there were a few mole hills on the playing field again. (d) Permissive Path – no problems noted (e) Cemetery – no problems noted
20.10.15	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Tabled: Cllrs noted emails regarding footpaths – no matters of urgent concern, footpath warden needed. (b) Emails previously circulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ weekly bulletins ○ Area Forum notes • SCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NIT public engagement ○ Suffolk Hardship Fund • Letter from resident concerning breach of building regulations Further emails received have been received and official comment from MSDC is awaited
20.10.16	Date of the next meeting: 9 th November 2020

Record of voting:

Item	Detail	Proposer	For	Against	Abstain	Casting
20.10.5	Co-option of B. Baber	JH	8	0	0	
20.10.6	Minutes	JH	8	0	0	
20.10.10(f)	Tree works - cemetery	JH	8	0	0	
20.10.10 (k)	Cllr email accounts	JH	6	2	0	
20.10.11 (b)	Approval of payments	JH	8	0	0	

Meeting closed at: 21.19pm

Signed: _____
Chairman