

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 11th May 2026 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Antony Bush, Lawrence Champion, James Hargrave (c), Maureen John, Toni Wisbey

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

26.06.01	Chairman's welcome James Hargrave, as Vice Chairman, Chaired the meeting. The following announcements were made: • 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. • 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.
26.06.02	Apologies for absence (a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Russell Ayling, Edward Chew, Karen Lynch and Caroline Stebbing. (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.
26.06.03	Declarations of Interests: No declarations were made.
26.06.04	Dispensations: No requests for dispensations were received.
26.06.05	Councillor vacancies: No applications for co-option were received.
26.06.06	Minutes: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the annual meeting held 11th May 2026.
26.06.07	Updates from Councillors/Committee/Clerk (a) Committees: there have been no committee meetings since the last Full Council meeting. (b) Broadband working group: JH advised that Framlingham Broadband are still interested in supplying a faster connection and are hoping to achieve this by August or September. CityFibre are still progressing the government contract and have a target date of 2027 for completion of work in Stradbroke. (c) Councillors with specific responsibilities: i. Youth Voice: no update ii. Climate Change: People's Emergency film showing booked for 24th September 2026 in the Community Centre. iii. SALC: held a super forum for all town and parish councils across Suffolk. An update on local government reorganisation and devolution was given by Arthur Charvonia, CEO of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. For LGR: 3 committees have been established with representation from all 6 current councils and heads of service. 3 phases of work: discovery/design/implementation. The committees are currently in phase 1 and are gathering information. For Devolution: both Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils will be asked to reaffirm the previous commitment to having a Mayor across both Counties to enable a strategic mayoral authority to be established. No update on when this might happen. (d) Training – no updates for this meeting (e) Action taken by the Clerk – agreement given to solicitors working on voluntary first registration of land to draw up a new plan to enable final strip of land at Wilby Road to

	be registered: cost £100. Completion of the land registration will allow the works on the Lease for the Tennis Club to continue.
26.06.08	County & District Councillors: <u>County Council</u> Administration have indicated they will be un-declaring the climate emergency. This could put a risk initiatives which help communities with green initiatives such as cosy homes scheme, solar panel purchasing scheme, charge ports at home for electric vehicles. It was noted that Mid Suffolk District Council schemes will continue such as the biodiversity and nature fund of £1.8m, river catchment and flooding support etc. <u>District Council</u> Voluntary joint committees have been set up to facilitate move to Unitary Authorities under LRG. Structural Change Order to allow this due in Autumn 2026. A website has been set up to keep residents informed of progress: https://www.suffolkgrhub.gov.uk/ Details from Rural Digest on grant funding available have been circulated.
26.06.09	Public Forum: No comments or questions on agenda items were received.
26.06.10	Planning (a) There were no planning consultations to consider. (b) There were no outcomes from Mid Suffolk District Council to note. (c) Other planning matters: • Councillors reviewed a request by the developer to name the road on the Land off Laxfield Road as “Strawberry Fields”, Councillors resolved to support this suggestion. • The Clerk will look at the details of a planning application in Weybread for a poultry related development to ascertain whether there will be any implications for Stradbroke.
26.06.11	Finance: Monthly Accounts (a) Councillors noted that the account balances at 31st May 2026 were: Current £45,253.86 (Clerk advised that £20,000 had been moved to the deposit account) Deposit £104,964.13 Chair initialled the bank statements (b) Councillors resolved to approve the payments as per the schedule appended to the minutes, including payments already made in month to fulfil contractual obligations and those to be made after the meeting. (c) Councillors noted receipts in May 2026, as per the schedule appended to the minutes.
26.06.12	Updates on Council projects Councillors received the following updates on - (a) Pedestrian and highways safety project - SIDs: A location for the SID on Laxfield Road near the cemetery has been agreed. The poles for Laxfield Road and New Street will be installed by August. 20mph zone: Traffic monitoring takes place 10th to 18th June. These will be used as part of the business case being prepared. - Waiting restrictions Cost of works is £1247.97 plus VAT and works will take place by August. (b) Pedestrian crossing points: Agreement has been reached on the crossing point near Spar and a date for the works is awaited. (c) Neighbourhood Plan: The Regulation 14 consultation has ended and the steering group will meet on 15th June 2026 to review the representations. (d) Tennis court refurbishment: All tarmac work is now complete, an additional charge has been received due to the increase in global costs. The binder coat and painting work is scheduled to start 15th June (weather permitting).

	(e) Playing field safety and security: A quote is being put together for the extension of the compound, the new shed will be installed at the same time as the compound works. (f) Scorer’s Hut: District Cllr Linder has agreed to pay £2,000 from his locality budget towards the project; an application form is being completed. Other sources of funding are being investigated. (g) Chapel: there was no update on this project. (h) Play equipment: there was no update on this project.												
26.06.13	Policies, Council protocols and documents: none to review for this meeting												
26.06.16	Correspondence (a) Tabled correspondence – agreed actions • EV charging points at Wilby Road – Clerk responded and advised that these would be replaced when an alternative provided is sourced, no further action required. • Overgrown ditch is an eye sore on footpath leading to tennis courts from Woodfields. Also noted that the barrier has been removed from footpath – someone could fall into ditch. Councillors will visit the area to review. • Open event for Tennis Courts has been arranged for 18th July from 11am to 3pm all councillors are invited. No further action required. • Email re wasp nest in play area in Wilby Road – Cllrs saw no evidence on recent visits, the situation will be monitored. • MSDC email regarding about outstanding s.106 monies from Chantala Close – developer states that if the monies were requested in 2013 it is likely that they were paid, but has no records going back that far to show this. Mid Suffolk have changed finance systems in the intervening period and cannot find evidence that it was paid. Given the time that has elapsed the matter will not be followed up and the case is likely to be closed. (b) Emails previously circulated – SALC bulletins were noted												
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26.06.18	Meeting closed to public at 8.05pm Closed session (a) Councillors resolved to close the meeting in accordance with the Public bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. (b) Councillors resolved the following in respect of the Health Centre: i. Rent review: to appoint Primary Care Surveyors to undertake the review due November 2026, in accordance with the quote received. ii. Failed air conditioning unit: to appoint Brook Electrical to replace the air conditioning unit in the reception area in accordance with the quote received.												

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____