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**COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED and THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND a MEETING of the
PARISH COUNCIL which is to be held in the BY VIDEO CONFERENCE on
MONDAY, 8th MARCH 2021, COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Dated this 3rd Day of March 2021

O Wladon Clerk to the Council

THIS MEETING WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE AND RECORDED.

***MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WHO WISH TO SPEAK IN THE PUBLIC FORUM ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE/DIAL IN.***

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How to watch or join the meeting -

The meeting will be broadcast live on the Parish Council's Facebook page: [@StradbrokePC](https://www.facebook.com/StradbrokePC)

If any members of the public or press wish to speak at the meeting; please contact the Clerk and the links to join the meeting will be sent out.

AGENDA

NOTE: IT WILL BE TAKEN AS READ THAT ALL COUNCILLORS HAVE REVIEWED THE PAPERS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH AGENDA ITEM PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Item Ref	Description
21.03.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>A reminder that the meeting will be via video conference and where possible will be streamed live on the Council's Facebook page: @StradbrokePC</p> <p>The video of the meeting will be available for repeated viewings on the Facebook page, anyone speaking at the meeting will be deemed to have given consent to being recorded.</p>
21.03.02	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>(a) Councillors to note any apologies for absence</p> <p>(b) Councillors to vote on acceptance of apologies for absence</p>
21.03.03	<p>Declarations of Interests:</p> <p>(a) To receive any Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests</p> <p>(b) To receive any Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items</p>
21.03.04	<p>Dispensations: To receive any requests for dispensations.</p>
21.03.05	<p>Council Vacancies:</p> <p>(a) Councillors to note that no election has been called to fill the vacancy on the Council.</p> <p>(b) Councillors should look to co-opt to fill the final place on the Council.</p>
21.03.06	<p>Minutes:</p> <p>Councillors to review and approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 8th February 2021.</p> <p>Minutes are available to view at: Documents – Minutes</p>
21.03.07	<p>Public forum:</p> <p>Details of how the public can join the meeting to ask questions or comment on agenda items can be found above.</p>
21.03.08	<p>To invite the County & District Councillors to respond to any questions on reports previously submitted to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Copies of submitted reports can be found at: Documents – Other Documents</p>
21.03.09	<p>Planning:</p> <p>All documentation on planning current applications can be viewed at: MSDC Planning</p> <p>(a) Councillors to review and approve a response (if appropriate) to the following planning applications:</p> <p>DC/21/00619 – Listed Building Consent. Removal of garden wall, replacement of front door surround, re-rendering of gable elevation and associated timber repair as shown on drawing 01/03. Re-rendering of remaining section of gable wall and front and rear elevations. Installation of external boiler to rear elevation as shown on drawing 02. And Associated works as detailed in the schedule of works. Hubbards, Queen St IP21 5HG</p> <p>DC/21/00997 – Full planning application – erection of 4no. poultry breeder sheds with capacity for up to 36,500 birds and ancillary development (re-submission of DC/20/02052). Castle Hill Farm, Castle Hill, Thorndon</p> <p>DC/21/01138 – Full planning – erection of Farm Manager's dwelling. Ebdens Farm, Pixey Green IP21 5NJ</p> <p>(b) Councillors to note the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council:</p> <p>DC/20/05718 – 7 Bishops Way, Stradbroke IP21 5JR REFUSED</p> <p>DC/20/05796 – Buildings at Lime Tree Farm, Laxfield Road IP21 5JX P/A NOT REQD</p>

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	<p>DC/20/05881 – 11 Bishops Way. Stradbroke, IP21 5JR GRANTED</p> <p>DC/21/00121 – Rose Villa, Church Street, IP21 5HS (tree works) NO OBJECTIONS</p> <p>(c) Other Planning Matters: CIL consultation – an acknowledgement of the Council’s submission was received.</p>
21.03.10	<p>Monthly Finance report:</p> <p>(a) Councillors to note Account Balances at 28th February 2021: Current Account - £6,178.98 Deposit Account - £60,207.56</p> <p>(b) Councillors to approve BACS payments for online authorisation as per the schedule prepared by the Clerk. The finance schedule will be uploaded to the Parish Council website when finalised at Documents- Financial Documents .</p> <p>(c) Councillors to note the receipts received in the month and internal transfer made.</p>
21.03.11	<p>Parish Council Policies for approval:</p> <p>Councillors to note that the following policies have been reviewed and to approve unchanged as no updates are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Data Protection Policy (b) Document & Data Retention Policy (c) Lawful Basis for Processing Data (d) Privacy Notice (e) Subject Access Request Policy <p>Policies can be viewed at: PC Website - Statutory Policies</p>
21.03.12	<p>Clerk’s Report</p> <p>(a) Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre: No update to report on proposed meeting.</p> <p>(b) Health Centre: Councillors to review an updated schedule of works incorporating recommendations made as part of the EPC.</p> <p>(c) Public Works Loan: Councillors to consider taking out a public works loan to cover all works required to ensure that the health centre is upgraded and made as energy efficient as possible, as soon as possible. Public consultation must be demonstrated when a loan is applied for – so notice of the Council’s intention should be shared widely ie PC website, Facebook and Stradbroke Monthly. A poll could also be taken if Councillors think this would be beneficial but is not a requirement for the loan application.</p> <p>(d) Chapel: UK Power Networks have been contacted and are preparing a budget estimate for works to supply electricity to the Chapel site.</p> <p>(e) Land Registration: The Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre’s Management Committee has consulted the Charity Commission on the 2 options submitted to them by the Parish Council in February 2021. A response is awaited; until this is received this matter cannot be considered by Councillors.</p> <p>(f) Tree works: Work is required in the Cremation area of the Cemetery. A quote was requested from a local tree surgeon but has not been received. The contractor who carried out the work at the Tennis Courts will be contacted.</p> <p>(g) Training: SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) are offering some of their training as webinars with a cost per council not per delegate. Councillors to approve purchasing 4 x sessions on planning at a cost of £25 per session – these would be available to all Councillors to watch when they are able. The modules covered are: Introducing the Basic Framework, Roles & Responsibilities, Infrastructure and Conservation and Enforcement.</p>

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	<p>In addition, Councillors to approve purchasing a Cemetery Management webinar for the Clerk at £40 and Clerk's Audit Briefing at £25 both offered by SALC.</p> <p>Total from training budget £165, total funds available from 2020/21 budget £230.</p> <p>Other webinars are available (some free) if Councillors wish to review and recommend to the Clerk for ordering during March (budget remaining £65).</p> <p>Details can be found at: SALC training</p> <p>(h) Community shed: no updates for this meeting.</p> <p>(i) Energy Audit & Electric Charging Points: No updates received at time agenda issued.</p> <p>(j) Matters for information: No matters have been submitted for this meeting.</p>
21.03.13	<p>Risk Assessments:</p> <p>Councillors to note any issues raised concerning:</p> <p>(a) Westhall play park</p> <p>(b) Community Centre play park</p> <p>(c) Fitness Track</p> <p>(d) Permissive Path – bridge has been repaired.</p> <p>(e) Cemetery</p>
21.03.14	<p>To receive updates and reports from Committees, Representatives and Working Parties:</p> <p>(a) Committees: No meetings have taken place since the last full Council meeting.</p> <p>(b) Community Centre representatives: a verbal report may be presented.</p> <p>(c) Working Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways • Broadband • Youth Council • Climate Change – see submitted proposal below
21.03.15	<p>Future full Parish Council meetings:</p> <p>It is proposed that the following changes are made to the Parish Council meeting schedule:</p> <p>May – PC AGM and Council meeting brought forward to Tuesday, 4th May @ 7.30pm via video conferencing.</p> <p>June – if online meetings legislation not extended, PC meeting of 14th June to be cancelled.</p> <p>July – PC meeting on 12th July, return to usual schedule of in person 2nd Monday in month, assuming current Government advice on exit from lockdown steps 1 to 4 does not change.</p>
21.03.16	<p>Annual Parish Meeting:</p> <p>It is proposed that the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, 28th April 2021 starting at 7.30pm. This will be broadcast live on the Parish Council's Facebook page with representatives of village groups and organisations invited to the online meeting to enable them to give their updates during the meeting. Should they prefer not to join online; the Chair and Clerk will read their updates at the meeting – as is done with the usual in person annual meetings. The planned "fair" will now take place at the next APM, when the threat of COVID will have (hopefully) subsided and in person meetings are again permitted.</p>
21.03.17	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tabled: Councillors to note any correspondence tabled at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached correspondence on icy conditions, grit bins and highways issues • An email was received concerning COVID testing following concerns regarding the variant identified in Diss, Clerk advised them to contact NHS directly to book a test. <p>(b) Emails: Councillors to note correspondence previously circulated: SALC bulletins</p>
21.03.18	<p>Date of the next meeting: 12th April 2021 via video conferencing</p> <p>Items for the agenda should be submitted to the Clerk by 2nd April 2021</p>

Agenda Item 21.03.14 Climate Change Group:

Proposal for Stradbroke Parish Council to declare a climate emergency- Proposer Toni Wisbey.

IPCC report and context

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a special report in October 2018 on the subject of 'Global Warming of 1.5°C'. It found:

- Human activity has already caused 1°C of warming to the earth.
- To limit warming to 1.5°C it will be necessary to halve global carbon emissions by 2030 and to achieve net zero emissions (carbon neutrality) by 2050. Scientists now agree that this report seriously underestimated global CO₂ emissions, the rate and extent of Arctic meltdown and feedback effects such as ocean acidification and tundra emissions of methane.

Over three-quarters of UK county councils, including Suffolk, and the National Association of Local Councils have declared a climate emergency to be carbon neutral by 2030. Stradbroke Parish Council, in following their example to declare a climate emergency, is taking leadership to encourage others in these steps towards climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Stradbroke can play an important part in Mid Suffolk in leading the way towards reducing global carbon emissions and providing a more sustainable and healthy natural and human environment to encourage biodiversity. Nature is severely threatened by climate change, causing drought and extreme, unpredictable weather conditions. It is altering natural cycles too quickly for wildlife to cope. By our leadership we can encourage other villages and towns to provide a network of sustainability across Mid Suffolk to mitigate effects.

By declaring a climate emergency: Stradbroke acknowledges the urgency for global society to reduce carbon emissions and foster our well-being.

We recognise the part which we have to play and commit to taking an active role in achieving this, by, for example:

- Pro-actively reducing our CO₂ emissions as an organisation and encouraging others to do the same.
- Employing explicit climate change considerations in Stradbroke Parish Council planning, decision-making, recommendations and activities.
- Empowering our community. Stradbroke is rich in energetic, pro-active individuals, groups, organisations and businesses. We will be seeking ideas from them, raising awareness, supporting and sharing vision and direction to decrease our village's carbon emissions and improve our village resilience to climate change, (such as protecting and encouraging biodiversity and combating threats to plant and wildlife).

Our emphasis will be on a healthier life for us all and particularly the children of today for their tomorrow.

- Seeking ideas and support from and working with organisations and communities outside Stradbroke, such as the Mid Suffolk Council, Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Woodland Trust, etc.

Some ideas for Stradbroke:

- More tree planting
- Rewilding open spaces and roadsides, etc cutting costs
- Gardening for wildlife and biodiversity
- Leading in and encouraging sustainable maintenance practices and materials
- Increasing recycling
- Changing to renewable electricity for parish council assets
- Installing solar panels on parish council assets
- Replacing bulbs with LEDs, reducing bills
- Installing EV charging points and encouraging EV use
- Encouraging more cycling and walking opportunities for healthier living
- Leading the next generations towards a cleaner, safer future

In addition to our Stradbroke Parish Council site, we are developing a Facebook page on Stradbroke Community website.

We are looking forward to Radio Stradbroke and Stradbroke Monthly publicising our work, resources and useful links, etc. We will set up a task force of parish councillors and volunteers to plan strategies and ideas, audit sustainable practices, monitor and review. The most important things are commitment and action.

I propose we declare a climate emergency and begin our work today.

Agenda Item 21.03.17 (a) Tabled correspondence:

Comment 1:

Last week I saw a lady fall over on the path in New St. Later I went to use the grit bin that used to be in the church yard, which I could not find unless it was covered in snow. Are there no grit bins in the village now. In the future in the event of snow being forecast, could the council arrange with Suffolk Highways to grit the road into the Doctors car park. We are lucky that the village is on a Priority 1 gritting route, it would only need for them to reverse in up to the swimming pool and grit on the way out.

Comment 2:

Hello PC,

How or who would be best placed to organise the placement of grit bins in and around the village? In the recent weather, the approach to the medical practice has been particularly treacherous. Even to myself as a fit forty something, I do wonder how the elderly and infirm, managed to negotiate the approach to the medical centre when they have no choice but to endure the appalling compacted ice on the roads and the foot paths.

Clerk's action:

Report made to Suffolk County Council asking whether the road outside the Health Centre can be included on the gritting route, as the vehicles already grit Wilby Road. A response is awaited.

Councillors will find information on grit bins and an 11 page pdf containing full guidance at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/check-which-roads-are-gritted/grit-bins/>

Comment 3:

Is it possible for the Council to arrange for the police to carry out speed checks on Queen Street as you enter/leave the 30mph zone.

Clerk's comment:

If Councillors agree, the Clerk can make contact with Suffolk Police and ask them to undertake a survey of the area. If the Police consider the speeding to be an issue then this area will be added to the area covered by the SafeCam team – alongside Laxfield Road and New Street.

Comment 4:

I hope you are well. You may remember being copied into an email with myself and Jeremy Fox regarding our communication on speed and lorry watch in Stradbroke last year.

As Chair Person of the Parish Council for the village, I wanted to ask you if there has been any investigation into implementing a 20mph speed limit through the central village area on Queen Street in Stradbroke?

Once again I find myself sitting here facing the road while working from home and witnessing a large number of vehicles speeding past the old garage site as they approach the primary school. Not only are there speeding cars and vans, I am also witnessing a large amount of heavy goods vehicles, bulk haulage lorries and articulated lorries approaching this bend at speed.

I am aware there is a '20 is plenty' sign by the entrance to the primary school but it appears to make no difference. Given the location of the primary school on the bend and the narrow road that cuts through residential properties on Queen Street + local amenities including the post office which has no pavement directly from the entrance, I find it really concerning that there is no proper speed restriction or traffic calming through this part of the village.

I am aware that the Department for Transport would consider introducing more 20mph limits in built up village streets that are primarily residential, although they do not tend to look at B roads unless in exceptional circumstances. I would think given what I am witnessing on this stretch of road day in day out, and in particular with a primary school, this would be something to be considered. Am sure you are aware of the increase in heavy goods vehicles, bulk haulage lorries and articulated lorries coming through the village – The current 30mph limit should be reviewed in light of this? The breaking distance will be significantly greater for vehicles of this size and weight to that of a regular car.

Look forward to your help and thoughts on this matter. Many thanks,

Chair's response:

Apologies for the delay in responding.

Yes we have investigated the possibility of a 20mph speed limit for Stradbroke – similar to the one in Eye.

It is a possibility and we met with Suffolk County Council Highways before the lockdown to discuss this. Part of the issue is that normally 20mph limits don't get approved on B roads and lorry routes. We would also need to demonstrate strong public approval and provide recent evidence on traffic speeds.

We did do a survey last year on what measures the public would like. This could form a part of evidence we need but the usual public meetings that we would have held had to get put on hold due to the pandemic as did the traffic surveys. We can hopefully now pick these up again and I've asked our clerk to put this on the agenda for our March meeting so we can have another discussion.

The other thing I think is important to note is the May 6th Suffolk County Council elections. Suffolk County Council as highway authority are actually the council that should be responsible for these kind of things. They have the resources and professional expertise to work on this kind of project. In my view in recent years they have become more and more willing to try and push their responsibilities onto town and parish councils. We certainly have no issue gathering local support and championing traffic issues but we do need SCC to be able and willing to deliver. I will certainly be asking the candidates for election to SCC questions about what they would be prepared to do to help Stradbroke's traffic issues and what financial resources that would be willing to promise. I would like to see them promise to support a 20mph speed limit and other traffic measures.

Election time is sometimes the best time to try and tie down our local councillors to a commitment to move forward on this. This is what was done in Eye and I would like to see a similar commitment from candidates for Stradbroke. So we will be making sure the issue is on the agenda for our meetings in March through to the elections and working on what we can do to move the proposals forward into action.

I would also add that the Parish Council is very active in opposing planning applications in Stradbroke and beyond that generate additional traffic – in particular HGVs and tractors. We have had some success with this although as you can imagine the applicants are not always happy with us as a consequence!

Thanks again for writing to me about this. You would be very welcome to attend the next Council meeting on Monday 8th March from 7.30pm and I wondered if you wanted to consider saying something in the public forum. This might help to demonstrate to any county council candidates that there is public concern on this topic. If you did want to speak Odile our clerk can send the necessary invitation to the meeting.

Comment 5:

Thanks for your quick reply to my note. It is encouraging to hear that moves are being made to address the traffic problems in Stradbroke, and in particular on Queen Street. I think it is also worth pointing out the state of the current road signage also – I took this photo earlier this week as just one example of how poor the situation is on Queen Street at the area by the primary school. As a resident here it seems that it is a forgotten part of the village with little care for the safety of the residents and also the children who occupy this area on a daily basis. Perhaps the school itself could also be instrumental in helping make this area safer for everyone?

I'd be happy to join the meeting on Monday 8th March to contribute, with a view to highlight this important issue. I am concerned it is only a matter of time before a serious accident will happen on this part of the village.

Clerk's comment: If Councillors feel the matter is urgent, and as SCC are not doing the work, it is recommended that a company is sought who can carry out cleaning and bramble cutting back.