



# Stradbroke Parish Council

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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, 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020,** **COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of June 2020

*O Wladon* Clerk to the Council

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND. THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED.**

## AGENDA

**NOTE: GIVEN THE CURRENT COVID-19 CIRCUMSTANCES – IT WILL BE TAKEN AS READ THAT ALL COUNCILLORS WILL HAVE REVIEWED THE PAPERS ASSOCIATED WITH EACH AGENDA ITEM PRIOR TO THE MEETING.**

<b>20.06.1</b>	<b>Chairman's welcome</b> A reminder that the meeting will be via video conference and where possible will be streamed live on the Council's Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StradbrokePC">https://www.facebook.com/StradbrokePC</a>
<b>20.06.2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> (1) Councillors to note any apologies for absence (2) <b>Councillors to vote</b> on acceptance of absences
<b>20.06.3</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> (1) To receive any Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests (2) To receive any Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items
<b>20.06.4</b>	<b>Dispensations:</b> To receive any requests for dispensations
<b>20.06.5</b>	<b>Casual Vacancy</b> (1) Councillors to note the resignation of Gillian Rennie-Dunkerley from the Parish Council. (2) Councillors to note that MSDC have been advised of the resignation and a notice of vacancy has been posted on the Council's website and in the noticeboard.
<b>20.06.6</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <b>Motion from JH:</b> Councillors to review and approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020. Minutes are available to view at: <a href="https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents">https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents</a>
<b>20.06.7</b>	<b>Public forum</b> If any member of the public wishes to address the council or raise a question regarding items on the agenda then they can: a. Email their questions to the Clerk : <a href="mailto:stradbrokepc@outlook.com">stradbrokepc@outlook.com</a> b. Telephone the Clerk on: 07555 066147 c. Request a dial in code to join the video/tele conference meeting by emailing the Clerk using the email above.
<b>20.06.8</b>	<b>To invite the County &amp; District Councillors to respond to any questions on reports previously submitted to the Parish Council.</b> (copies of reports are attached if available)
<b>20.06.9</b>	<b>Monthly Finance report</b> (1) Councillors to note Account Balances at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2020: Current Account – £17,383.81                      Deposit Account - £48,865.92

	<p>(2) <b>Motion from JH:</b> Councillors to approve BACS payments for online authorisation as per the schedule prepared by the Clerk.</p> <p>(3) Councillors to note the receipts received in the month which includes the VAT repayment, and the estimated reserved fund balances taking into account committed funds as per the schedule prepared by the Clerk.</p>
<p><b>20.06.10</b></p> <p>(1)</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p> <p>(2)</p> <p>(3)</p> <p>(4)</p> <p>(5)</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p>	<p><b>Reports from Committees and Representatives:</b> All reports and supporting documents are available to view at: <a href="https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents">https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents</a> - Other documents</p> <p><u>Personnel</u></p> <p>Councillors to note the report submitted by the Personnel Committee.</p> <p><b>Councillors to approve</b> the following policies/procedures as per the report above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Complaints Procedure</li> <li>b. Grievance Policy</li> <li>c. Disciplinary Policy</li> <li>d. Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy (Staff)</li> <li>e. Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy (Non Staff)</li> <li>f. Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>g. Training &amp; Development Policy</li> </ul> <p>(These policies are available to view at: <a href="https://www.stradbrokepc.org/hrpolicies">https://www.stradbrokepc.org/hrpolicies</a>)</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Councillors to note the report submitted by the Planning Committee including the submission made to MSDC regarding planning application: DC/20/01697 – Barley Brigg Farm: Ground Source Heating Array, site of heat exchanger</p> <p><u>Community Centre Report</u></p> <p>Councillors to review the submitted report, including request for questions regarding the plans for the proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Footpath Warden Report</u></p> <p><b>Footpath Maintenance.</b> Nine instances of broken/missing signs and fallen tree obstructions reported. Action by County Council delayed due to Coronavirus staffing issues.</p> <p><b>Footpath Development.</b> Commenced updating local and adjacent parish footpath routes in preparation for revised village footpath map. Investigating potential for a 'round village walk' avoiding road walking by using additional footpaths, subject to discussion with a local landowner and The Stradbroke Trust.</p> <p><u>Parish Plan Working Party</u></p> <p>(i) TW has written in support of an SCC bid application for Rural Mobility Funding. Access to post-16 education and public transport are community actions in the Neighbourhood Plan (a copy of the submission can be found below).</p> <p>(ii) <b>JH proposes the co-option</b> of Kamal Ivory to the Parish Plan working party to fill the current vacancy.</p>
<p><b>20.06.11</b></p> <p>(1)</p>	<p><b>Planning - All documentation on planning current applications can be viewed at:</b> <a href="https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></p> <p>Councillors to review the following planning applications received: <b>DC/20/01954</b> – Erection of rear lean-to and flat extension roofs (following removal of existing) &amp; <b>DC/20/01956</b> – Listed Building consent for 2 Town House, Church Street, IP21 5HS</p>

	<p>Councillors reviewed the documents and raised no objections to the proposed alterations to the listed building.</p> <p><b>CE Motion:</b> Stradbroke Parish Council SUPPORTS the applications for 2 Town House.</p> <p>(2) Councillors to note the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council: DC/19/05968 – Land at West Winds, Drs Lane: REFUSED 30/4/20 DC/20/01880 – Poplar Farm, Laxfield Road: formal approval NOT required</p> <p>(3) Other Planning Matters: Councillors to note that Stradbroke Parish Council has submitted an application to undertake tree works in the churchyard (conservation area) DC/20/02018 refers.</p>
<b>20.06.12</b>	<p><b>Health Centre Funding Report</b></p> <p>Councillors to note the funding report prepared by the Clerk following a request made at the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Report is available to view at: <a href="https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents">https://www.stradbrokepc.org/documents</a> - Other documents</p>
<b>20.06.13</b>	<p><b>Westhall</b></p> <p>(1) <u>Playing Field</u> <b>Motion from KI:</b> As dogs are not permitted on the playing field at Wilby Road, and in response to requests from residents, it is proposed that “NO DOGS” signs are also installed at the playing field at Westhall.</p> <p>(2) <u>Goalmouth area</u> Councillors to note that the goal posts will be moved away from the damaged areas.</p>
<b>20.06.14</b>	<p><b>Village Broadband</b></p> <p>(1) The Chair will update the meeting on information regarding a village broadband consultation.</p> <p>(2) <b>Motion from JH:</b> It is proposed that this matter is passed to the Parish Plan Working Party for action.</p>
<b>20.06.15</b>	<p><b>Post Lockdown Celebratory Event</b></p> <p>(1) DD will update Councillors on the proposal to hold a celebratory event when lockdown is over and government guidelines allow - to be organised jointly by the Community Centre and the Parish Council.</p> <p>(2) <b>Councillors to review</b> whether to proceed with the proposal by DD.</p>
<b>20.06.16</b>	<p><b>Community Shed</b></p> <p>(1) <b>Councillors to approve</b> the following documents: a. Community Shed Policy b. Community Shed User Agreement These policies can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.stradbrokepc.org/finance-policies">https://www.stradbrokepc.org/finance-policies</a></p> <p>(2) <b>Motion from JH:</b> It is proposed that the annual service charge for the Shed is set at £250 per annum and is reviewed every 3 years (next review 2023). There are currently 5 users and this equates to £50pa per user.</p>
<b>20.06.17</b>	<p><b>Dates of the next meetings:</b> Finance Committee will meet 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Full Council will meet 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – items for the agenda to be submitted to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.</p>

Annual Report by Councillor Julie Flatman (MSDC)  
June 2020

I have just completed my first year of my second term as your district councillor and I would thank you for your kind support. I have had the pleasure of representing your views, queries and even complaints. The villages that make up the ward include Brundish, Laxfield, Tannington, Wilby and of course Stradbroke.

In these unprecedented times Mid Suffolk District Council has continued to support local charities, foodbanks and businesses.

We have so far processed grants for local charities and organisations helping the vulnerable for £46,000 and more are in the system.

We have so far processed grants to support small businesses for £18.130 million. There are also more in the system.

We have set up with our partners Home, But Not Alone phonenumber and our communities' staff have been answering these calls and making sure help is deployed as quickly as possible. Everyone should now have a card with the emergency number 0800 876 6926.

As community's Cabinet member, I have secured funding for various improvements to local amenities within my ward and assisted parishes by sign posting to appropriate funding. I sit on licensing, Gypsy and traveller steering board, Health and Wellbeing board for Suffolk and Cabinet member for Communities and Housing which takes me across the district.

I have supported the village halls with new equipment, helped buy state of the art playground equipment, etc. Supported reading Clubs, Bowls club, Purchase village sign, Village clock restoration, Stradbroke young musician's festival and many more projects with my Locality Award.

This year I supported the Stradbroke clock restoration, Court house book club, Christmas festival of fun, Radio Stradbroke music festival and Friends on Friday club.

In the past year, the communities' team have been successful in delivering the following:

- Free swims for all children 16 years and under in the school holidays at Stradbroke and Stowmarket.
- Social subscribing (activity opposed to pills) at Stradbroke and Fressingfield surgeries rolling out to Debenham and Eye.
- Safeguarding, mental health awareness, Dementia awareness and supporting activities and setting up clubs.
- Funding two PCSO's for two years and addressing County Lines and training staff.
- Arts and music- across the district.
- Town and parish liaison, Community liaison throughout the district,
- Grants for improvements to shop fronts across the district any many more projects.
- Three-year secured funding for Stowmarket CAB.
- Helping villages with securing Assets of Community value.

My locality grants are now up and running please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you think your club/organisation could.

**Rural Mobility Funding Bid: Parish Support**

From: Stradbroke Parish Council

Tue 02/06/2020 19:13

To: betterdeal4buses

To Mobility Funding  
Department of Transport

Dear Sirs,

**Suffolk County Council Bid for Rural Mobility Funding: Mid-Suffolk**

Stradbroke is one of the "extremely rural" villages in the High Suffolk cluster and our transport access is limited to dial-a-ride services for 3 days of the week, not including weekends, and for limited hours during the day. The services are extremely stretched and often have to turn requests down. These services, though available for all ages, are frequently used to help older people, sometimes frail or disabled, even wheel-chaired passengers who are often travelling to medical facilities. They prioritise these clients because of their greater need. This means that the rides cannot be specifically timed. The buses have to go door to door from pick-up to pick-up and are often extremely lengthy, unlike a direct bus.

Stradbroke has a primary and a secondary school. Parish Councillors have or are in touch with families and young people. We have also spoken to staff and volunteers on the dial-a-ride buses. We have found that younger people do not identify with and cannot rely on these dial-a-ride services because of the irregularity and unpredictability of other people's needs and times of arrival, for example. We know that many young people in Stradbroke cannot accept employment outside of the village if they have to rely on dial-a-ride for these very reasons.

Nor can young people accept employment in the evenings or shift work, which would enable them to work in supermarkets, restaurants and cafes, say. Many young people wish to go to college and/or work locally and education/training/employment are available in Eye and Stowmarket and also Diss, which is just over the river border in Norfolk. Diss Station trains go to other work and educational opportunities, including Norwich (15 minutes away by rail), with its university and jobs. Sadly, it is not possible for young people to accept these opportunities based on the public transport available through Stradbroke and the locality at present. The Parish Council fully supports the high-level ambition of the Suffolk County Council bid for Mid Suffolk which recognises these problems for its young people and wishes to find workable solutions for them.

Stradbroke Parish Council believes young people are the life-blood of our locality and need services to enable them to take advantage of education and employment in order to flourish and stay in the area--and eventually, as they grow older, to give the area what they have gained--with energy, independence and ideas. Reliable, safe and usable transport for this demographic group is essential to the development of a healthy, sustainable and flourishing village and locality..

Our Stradbroke Parish Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) encourages new mixed and affordable and starter homes and states (Policy Strad3: Housing Mix) 40% of its housing units should be one- and two-bed housing to help allow movement of tenants and owners to the sizes that suit them at different stages in their lives in a circle that frees up larger homes. This dynamic process will enable more young families to come to live and move house within our village and want to stay, as their children grow. Essential, relevant transport for all ages is necessary to support this aim. In addition, SNP 6) Transport and Accessibility d) i) sees an increase in the number of families attending school, so

increasing the need to access post-16 education opportunities. "There is an increasingly wide network of options for post-age16 age group in and around Suffolk and Norfolk". Students from Stradbroke attend at least 6 post-16 colleges. However, (ii) "Public transport is poor to a number of these locations and there is a need to work with the education providers and SCC to improve this or private bus provision." Stradbroke Parish Council suggests public transport is now often non-existent and believe the high ambition proposal by SCC will help address this problem for our young people and so give them more life choices and opportunities.

The high ambition proposed by SCC is for a 7 day a week 7 am--11 pm service, which recognises that availability is essential not only for work and education but also leisure, including music and sport. Young people will get so much more out of life with the community taxi-bus service they propose and the locality will benefit from their participation in the social activities available. Isolation and inactivity affect young people just as much as other age groups. Sadly, too, many suffer from depression and other mental health issues. I believe the access to the community taxi-bus service will be taken up by them and encourage them to socialise and live more varied lives. This will help prevent health issues that are due to inactivity, brooding and isolation.

The service will be available for all ages to enjoy, particularly "younger people and those of working age." SCC realises this and has taken into account the marketing necessary to encourage their clients. In addition, the widening of hours and days they propose will, we believe, be very popular and allow younger people who may be disabled and/or have not got cars to widen their experiences, which will benefit clubs, places of entertainment, etc in the local areas and help prevent isolation.

The SCC has been thorough and thoughtful in its high ambition solutions, and has taken into account important and recent research on addressing inequality. This is a complex area and the bid addresses many aspects of it, including inequality of education. It also has recognised how public transport is ecologically sound and helps save carbon emissions, which transport projects urgently need to address. We fully endorse these vital aspects of their bid.

We are excited about and delighted with this bid and what it can do to help our village and the others in the High Suffolk cluster and hope you will agree with and support its aims with the Rural Mobility Fund.

Yours faithfully,

Antoinette Wisbey  
Councillor, on behalf of  
Stradbroke Parish Council