Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held at the Court House, Stradbroke on
Monday, 12th October 2026 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Antony Bush, Russell Ayling, Edward Chew, Maureen John, Caroline Stebbing (c), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: County Cllr Mittuch, District Cllr Linder and 10 members of the public

Item Ref	Description
26.10.01	**Chairman's welcome** The Chairman advised the following: • Unfortunately, the Clerk could not attend, therefore there would be a reduced agenda with only minutes of the previous meeting, public forum, planning, finance and some correspondence to be discussed, all other matters will be deferred to the November meeting. Some elements of correspondence would be covered. • Due to the change in location, the meeting would not be broadcast live. Any recording may be published, therefore anyone speaking at the meeting will be deemed to have given consent to being recorded. • Members of the public are 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.
26.10.02	**Apologies for absence** (a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Lawrence Champion, James Hargrave and Karen Lynch. (b) Councillors **resolved** to accept the apologies received.
26.10.03	**Declarations of interests:** Councillors declared no interest in subsequent agenda items.
26.10.04	**Dispensations:** no requests for dispensations were received.
26.10.05	**Minutes**: Councillors **resolved** to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 14th September 2026.
26.10.06	**Public Forum:** Members of the tennis club attended to discuss emails sent. Councillors **resolved** to discuss these during the correspondence section. A member of the public wanted to hear the discussions about an email they sent in May or June regarding a fence on private property that had been damaged.
26.10.07	**County & District Councillors**: County Cllr Mittuch spoke to her Sept/Oct report and highlighted matters, including: • The excellent work of the fire service during the recent fire at Dunwich Heath. Lessons learned from the experience will result in new equipment being purchased. • Grant funding available to help with purchase of heat pumps and further grants for those wishing to replace oil or LPG heating. Alongside loans for energy efficiency improvements – Warm Homes Scheme. • High Streets Matter – to support small businesses. • Information from funding specialists – any community project, for instance church. • Would like to visit Stradbroke and do a walk about. • Stradbroke showing of the People's Emergency Briefing was well attended. • Flood mitigation is still being investigated. • RA raised the matter of making offers relevant to the large number of older homes in Suffolk. District Cllr Linder: • New Street Close parking – encouraging news that full plans and a survey will be drawn up in the next 2 weeks. Hopefully works will start soon. CS thanked Cllr Linder for his tenacity on this matter. • Empty properties can be seized after 6 months; further information would need to be sought from the owner's solicitor.

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	• LGR has been halted and all concerned are disappointed. • MSDC will raise concerns about the new NPPF • Business Improvement Fund available.
26.10.08	**Planning** (a) Councillors **approved** a response to the following planning consultation: **DC/26/03877** – Remove existing overhead canopy to front entrance of property and replace with an open porch. Brook House, Laxfield Road. Councillors **resolved** to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to this application. (b) Councillors noted the outcome of the following planning applications determined by MSDC: **DC/26/03328** – Tudor Farm, Battlesea Green. Listed Building Consent GRANTED **DC/26/03139** – Tudor Farm, Battlesea Green. Extension GRANTED **DC/26/03799** – 1 Maple Close, off Meadow Way. Condition 6 DISCHARGED **DC/26/03217** – Marsh Farm, Mill Lane. Conditions 3, 4, 5, 8 and 11 and BNG condition DISCHARGED **DC/26/03825** – Land North of Jubilee House, Meadow Way. Conditions 5, 6, 7 DISCHARGED (c) Other planning matters – i. FOI request re Cranswick expansion of chicken processing factory at Eye – link received from MSDC to planning portal with reference to email from applicant where Cranswick state there will be no increase in processing. Attached to the email was an odour report that analysed the increased processing that the application relates to. ii. Cranswick's proposed incubatory plant at Weybread has been granted planning permission. iii. Planning enforcement: • have investigated the site at Strawberry Field following the cutting down of trees and found no breach of planning had taken place. • are investigating works being carried out on land adjacent to Grove Farm.
26.10.09	**Finance** Monthly Accounts (a) Councillors **resolved** to approve payments as per the schedule attached to the minutes. (b) Councillors noted receipts in September 2026, as per the schedule attached to the minutes, including the 2nd precept payment of £24,074.50.
26.10.10	**Correspondence** • Email from Cricket Club re water usage was noted. • Emails to safer neighbourhood policing team and Mid Suffolk Communities team regarding anti-social behaviour and damage at playfield and Westhall were noted. The safer neighbourhood team are aware of the concerns and will be checking the area. The Parish Council are supporting the setting up of a Youth Club. • Email regarding damage to seesaw seat at Westhall – the equipment will be repaired if possible. • Community Governance review – to note at November meeting. • Email thanking the Council for showing the PEB film and expressing interest in a community energy project. To be carried forward. • Tennis Club: 1. Trees – this matter required further input from the Clerk and was deferred to the next Finance & Premises Committee meeting. 2. Lease – the Club will submit any comments in writing and these will be reviewed by Finance & Premises Committee in discussion with the Club. The Club advised they are in the process of forming a CIO. 3. Sponsorship – deferred to next meeting, to be an agenda item.
26.10.11	**Next meeting:** 9th November 2026 in the Court House starting at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: _____ Date: