

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held at the Court House, Stradbroke
Monday, 15th April 2019**

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

In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

		Action
19.4.20	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>Councillors called this extra ordinary meeting following receipt of a letter from MSDC concerning a CIL payment due, this letter had arrived too late to be included in the agenda for discussion at the meeting on 8th April but was noted as received.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded those present that the meeting would be recorded.</p>	
19.4.21	Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence	
19.4.22	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>(1) There were no Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests</p> <p>(2) There were no Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items</p>	
19.4.23	Dispensations There no requests for dispensations	
19.4.24	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Pam Cane and Dennis Merritt (who are both standing as candidates for the Parish Council at the Local Elections on 2nd May) raised concerns they had with the 2 important expenditure items on the agenda for discussion; the CIL funding and Health Centre Schedule of works. Concerns were raised over the legitimacy of the Councillors to decide these matters given that only 2 of the 7 Councillors are elected members. Both felt that it would be better for the Council to defer decisions on CIL spending to after the election when a council is in place that has the full support of the residents of Stradbroke.</p> <p><i>The Chair pointed out that the CIL priorities were included in the Neighbourhood Plan which was supported at referendum by over 80% of those who voted – this is a strong mandate from the residents of how the CIL money should be spent. In addition, the Chair pointed out that there have been 6 vacancies for some time and all current Councillors look forward to a full council to share the load of work that the Council is facing. The CIL priorities in the Neighbourhood Plan will not change after 2nd May as the plan is now fully made (adopted) by MSDC.</i></p> <p><i>VL and MJ expressed how hard they have found it to listen to the criticism and antagonistic approach being shown towards the Parish Council when help could have been offered as vacancies have existed for a number of months.</i></p> <p><i>The Clerk reiterated the procedure a Parish Council should follow should a vacancy occur. A notice of vacancy is posted and electors are advised they can call for an election to fill the vacancy. If no election is called, the Parish Council has a duty to co-opt Councillors to fill vacancies as quickly as possible. This is the usual practice for filling what is known as: "casual vacancies".</i></p>	

	3 members of the public addressed the public concerning planning application DC/19/01673. All raised concerns regarding the application and in particular the increase in traffic it will bring.	
19.4.25	<p>Planning</p> <p>(1) Councillors reviewed the following planning applications: DC/19/01673 – Planning application: erection of agricultural crop drying building. Barley Brigg Farm, Laxfield Road, IP21 5NQ Concerns were raised about this application in respect of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was insufficient information available to fully consider this application. • Grant of previous application for site specifically excludes a mezzanine floor and fans for drying, this new application includes these. • The inclusion of the above will increase the traffic to the site • Energy generation is mentioned, this is intensification of the site and would require a submission to Suffolk County Council. • The capacity of the electricity system to bear the load of this application. <p>Given the concerns raise, Councillors voted to OBJECT to this application. DC/19/01658 – Planning application: change of use form shops (A1) to shops and tea room (A1/A3). 2 Town House, Church St. Councillors reviewed the documentation available for this application. Councillors voted to SUPPORT this application.</p> <p>(2) Other planning matters: Councillors noted that planning application DC/19/00022 will be considered by MSDC Development Control B committee on 24th April. This application was considered and supported by Councillors at the meeting on 11th February 2019. No representative of the Parish Council is able to attend, therefore the Parish Council will submit a statement in support of this application.</p>	
19.4.26	<p>Minutes</p> <p>Councillors reviewed and accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2019 as a true record of the business conducted.</p>	
19.4.27	<p>Finance</p> <p>(1) Councillors approved the setting up of standing orders to pay the regular payments approved at the meeting of 8th April 2019.</p> <p>(2) Councillors noted that the unrepresented cheque no 300373 for Stradbroke Cricket Club is to be replaced with a BACs payment to be authorised following this meeting.</p>	
19.4.28	<p>CIL & Health Centre schedule of works</p> <p>(1) Councillors reviewed a letter received from MSDC concerning the first CIL payment due to Stradbroke Parish Council.</p> <p>(2) Councillors reviewed this letter against the CIL priorities in the Neighbourhood Plan and the recently adopted Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan Councillors. Councillors also reviewed the Health Centre schedule of works prepared following the site visit on 8th April.</p> <p>(3) Councillors approved a CIL expenditure program for the money due to be received as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) £10,394.40 – to undertake a feasibility study for a new Nursery building on the Stradbroke Primary School site. This work will include the</p>	

	<p>drawing up of plans, legal work on any land issues and costs for planning permission.</p> <p>(b) £10,394.40 – to carry out works to upgrade the facilities at Stradbroke health centre and any associated work as per the schedule prepared and attached to the minutes.</p>	
19.4.29	<p>Matters for inclusion in the Agenda of the next meeting: 13th May 2019</p> <p>Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting need to be submitted by Councillors to the Clerk by 3rd May 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders • Financial Regulations • Community Land Trust 	

The meeting closed at: 9.05pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: 13th May 2019