

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on

Monday, 11th November 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Mandy Allen, Russell Ayling, Edward Chew, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Irene Mucklow, Caroline Stebbing (c), Toni Wisbey

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), District Cllr Linder, County Cllr Lloyd and 6 members of the public

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24.11.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>Reminders were given:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
24.11.02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>(a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Karen Lynch and Antony Bush. (b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.</p>
24.11.03	<p>Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations made.</p>
24.11.04	<p>Dispensations: No requests were received.</p>
24.11.05	<p>Councillor vacancies: Councillors noted that no applications for co-option were received.</p>
24.11.06	<p>Minutes: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held on 14th October 2024.</p>
24.11.07	<p>District & County Councillors:</p> <p>District: Cllr Linder continues to work with officers at Mid Suffolk on the new parking spaces at New Street Close.</p> <p>County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">£15,000 interest free loans (repayable over 7 years) for energy efficiency improvements are available.Costings for replacement signs have been requested and some funding may be available for those in most urgent need of replacing.As the Police have confirmed that 30mph repeaters are not required, Suffolk County Council will not pay to replace them.
24.11.08	<p>Public forum: no questions or comments from the public were received.</p>
24.11.09	<p>Urgent action taken by the Clerk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">External light at the health centre not working – electrician has been asked to investigate.The fire risk and general risk assessments for the health centre have been received, these are currently under review.Signs have been ordered for the playing field and the play parks – cost £369.38Broken manhole cover near Shelton Hill/Laxfield Road junction reported – highways have stated works will be undertaken to repair/replace.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussions with Personnel Committee and Mr Carrison – his timetable will shortly be revised. • Phone call was received from Earlswood requesting a meeting with Earlswood and Crocus Homes about the possibility of extending the area of land for development of the site off Mill Road. Councillors agreed that they should be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting.
24.11.10	<p>Planning Councillors:</p> <p>(a) Resolved to approve a response to the following planning consultation: DC/24/04631 - Erection of side and rear extension (following demolition of garage/shed). Timely Cottage, Queen Street. As application lies in the conservation area, comments to be submitted that Heritage Officer comments should be taken into account.</p> <p>(b) Noted applications responded to by the Clerk under delegated authority: DC/24/04506 –Tanglewood, New Street. Comments submitted DC/24/04360 – Fennings Farm, Pixey Green. Comments submitted.</p> <p>(c) Noted the outcome of the following planning applications determined by MSDC: DC/24/03198 – 12 Ash Plough. GRANTED DC/24/04053 – The Old Herb Garden, Pixey Green. Discharge of conditions 6 (biodiversity enhancement), 10 (landscaping scheme) and 12 (materials) APPROVED. DC/24/04506 –Tanglewood, New Street. No objections. DC/24/04247 - Meadow Cottage, Kersey Lane. Condition 4 (timber framing) APPROVED DC/24/03128 & DC/24/03129 – Hepwood Lodge, Wilby Road APPROVED</p>
24.11.11	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Monthly accounts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Councillors noted account balances at 31st October 2024. Current: £33,523.51 Deposit: £139,374.68 Chair initialled the bank statements. ii. Councillors resolved to approve the payments as per the schedule appended to the minutes. iii. Councillors noted the receipts received during October 2024. <p>(b) Recommendations from Personnel working party:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. National pay agreement: to note that the rise due 1st April 2024 has been agreed between employers and unions. Councillors to resolved to approve that the increase is back dated to 1st April 2024 in accordance with employment contracts. ii. Councillors to resolved to approve that Mr Carrison is added to the payroll through SALC w/e from 1st April 2025. <p>(c) Budget 2025-26 – Finance & Premises Committee will be reviewing a draft budget on 18th November. A draft will be brought to the December meeting.</p>
24.11.12	<p>Updates from Councillors/Committees</p> <p>(a) Personnel Committee met as a working party – recommendations are noted in item 24.11.11 (b).</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved that the following working groups would be ended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Policy Review group ii. Youth Voice group <p>(c) Task & Finish Groups:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband – City Fibre is installing equipment to enable fibre to the premises. It is anticipated this will be available by the end of 2025 – this is a government led project and will allow a choice of different providers. <p>(d) Councillors with specific responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Voice – Russell Ayling will continue to be the link between the schools and the Parish Council. He will contact the schools and advise them of the change. • Climate Change – TW • SALC - TW <p>(e) Training – to receive any updates on training booked or attended.</p>
24.11.13	<p>Updates on Council Projects</p> <p>(a) Pedestrian/Highways Safety Project: A report was circulated ahead of the meeting. Since report written, response to SID location has been received. All 3 sites have been rejected – highways recommend that the sites of the existing poles on Queen Street and New Street are used – New Street will require a replacement: cost £600. Councillors resolved to accept this recommendation. SIDs cannot be placed near a junction (Mill Lane) – an alternative location needs to be identified – this may be outside a dwelling. The Clerk will place a notice on the Council’s information page seeking a resident to come forward with a location near their property.</p> <p>(b) Electrical kiosk – playing field. Councillors resolved to approve a budget of £5,500 for the works.</p> <p>(c) Neighbourhood Plan review: Councillors resolved that the Clerk should apply for Technical Support to undertake site assessments and design code work.</p>
24.11.14	<p>Consultation on hybrid meetings and proxy voting</p> <p>Topic of this consultation This short consultation seeks views on the detail and practical implications of introducing provisions for remote and hybrid attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings in England.</p> <p>Scope of this consultation Government is consulting on introducing powers for local authority members to apply to the relevant authority for a dispensation to attend formal council meetings remotely and vote by proxy in certain circumstances. For example, during maternity, paternity or adoption leave. Consultation closes: 19th December 2024. Councillors asked for the Clerk to respond that the Parish Council welcomes the plans however attention needs to be paid to the practical aspects and appropriate funding for equipment required should be considered.</p>
24.11.15	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tabled: Councillors agreed actions on correspondence tabled at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email from Community Centre asking for permission to place a skip in the car park 4 times a year without seeking permission each time. Action: that permission is granted.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARS – requesting a donation. No further action • East of England Ambulance Association - requesting a donation. No further action • Thank you for the donation to the RBL for the Poppy Wreath. Noted • New Land: member of the public has been gathering ideas on use for new land and would like to address council on this. Action: that a Councillor offers to make contact and work with them to bring this forward once the land is received by the Parish Council and the project is taken forward. • Fitness Track: member of the public has raised concern that the track is becoming narrow and needs to be redefined. Response: the Council has been planning to refurbish the track and is waiting for an outstanding s.106 payment to help with the cost. • “Footpath issue”: member of the public raised concerns that the new path to connect the existing fitness track to the car park does not extend to All Saints Green. Clerk’s response sufficient - no further action required. • Footpath signs: member of the public enquired if some could be borrowed. No further action required. <p>(b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated - SALC bulletins</p>
24.11.16	Next meeting: Monday, 9 th December 2024

Meeting closed at: 8.58pm

Signed: _____

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