

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council

held at the Court House, Stradbroke on

Monday, 9th December 2024 commencing at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), District Cllr Linder, County Cllr Lloyd and 7 members of the public

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24.12.01	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>Reminders were given as follows:</p> <p>The meeting would 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 were 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>
24.12.02	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>(a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Mandy Allen.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to accept the apologies received.</p>
24.12.03	<p>Declarations of Interests</p> <p>No interests were declared in subsequent agenda items.</p>
24.12.04	<p>Dispensations</p> <p>There were no requests for dispensations.</p>
24.12.05	<p>Councillor vacancies: There were no applications for co-option.</p>
24.12.06	<p>Minutes: Councillors reviewed and resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meeting held 11th November 2024</p>
24.12.07	<p>Updates from Councillors/Committees/Clerk</p> <p>(a) Updates from Committees:</p> <p>Finance & Premises – met as a working party and reviewed the budget, the statement of internal controls and the Council's Risk Assessment.</p> <p>All recommendations are included in agenda items: 24.12.11 and 24.12.13</p> <p>(b) Task & Finish Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Broadband – no update for this meeting <p>(c) Councillors with specific responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Climate Change – TW has submitted articles to the Stradbroke Monthly• SALC – minutes of meeting will be circulated when received.• Youth Voice – RA has made contact with both schools. KL offered to be the link with the High School, and this was agreed. <p>(d) Training – RA has attended Safeguarding and GDPR training. CS & TW watched CIL webinar.</p> <p>(e) Urgent action taken by the Clerk</p> <p>Solicitor acting for the council on land registration is preparing a statement of truths to allow the tennis court land to be registered.</p> <p>Clerk recommends that the conveyancing work for the land transfer is transferred to</p>

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	Gudgeons Prentice and Councillors resolved to accept this recommendation.
24.12.08	<p>District & County Councillors: County Cllr Lloyd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget consultation is open. • Partnership with Virginia Beach – memorandum of understanding prepared. This is part of EPIC economic strategy. • Suffolk Warmer Home Loan Schemes - £15k loan available for air pumps, solar etc. • Pricing is awaited for the signs that need replacing. Repayable over 7 years. <p>MJ – asked about the Library contract and whether any decision has been reached, a decision was expected by November and there are implications for Stradbroke with the Post Office. Cllr Lloyd will look into this and report back.</p> <p>Clerk – asked what were the current plans for devolution and the plans for a Norfolk and Suffolk unitary authority, will there be public consultation on this? Cllr Lloyd felt the Council should consult however nothing has been decided yet, white paper is awaited.</p> <p>District Cllr Linder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caps on water supply for commercial purposes is expected to be lifted by 2033. • Budget – there is no proposed increase in council tax from Mid Suffolk. However, there is likely to be an increase from Suffolk County Council. • Devolution – has abstained from expressing a view until the white paper has been published and reviewed. Would like to receive any comments on this. • New St Close parking – movement has happened and plans are being drawn up and prices sought. <p style="text-align: right;">Cllr Lloyd left at this point.</p>
24.12.09	<p>Public forum There were no questions or comments from the public on agenda items.</p>
24.12.10	<p>Planning</p> <p>(a) David Smith from (Earlswood) and Matt Davidson (Crocus Homes) addressed the Council about proposals they would like the Council to consider. Councillors resolved that the possible extension to the existing site should be included in the site review being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to approve a response to the following planning consultation: DC/23/01254 – Reserved matters – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of 28 dwellings and garages to include creation of vehicular access. Land North of Laxfield Road. Comments to be submitted.</p> <p>(c) Councillors resolved to delegate authority to the Clerk to respond to DC/23/05246 – s.73 application to remove LEAP and add car park. Land south of New Street.</p> <p>(d) Councillors noted the outcome of the following planning applications determined by MSDC: DC/24/04631 – Timely Cottage, Queen Street. GRANTED DC/24/04360 – Fennings Farm, Pixey Green. Condition 19 (Odour). GRANTED DC/24/03314 – Five Oaks, Fressingfield Road. GRANTED DC/24/03957 – Skinner’s Pet Food. Condition 7 (soft landscaping). REFUSED</p> <p>(e) Councillors noted that BMSC have adopted the following documents in relation to the Joint Local Plan: Housing Supplementary Planning Document and Intensive Livestock and Poultry Supplementary Planning Document.</p>

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24.12.11	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) CIL123 – the balance outstanding for bid 22-26 of £14,712 has been requested from Mid Suffolk to cover the heating / air conditioning works at the Health Centre.</p> <p>(b) Councillors resolved to pay a donation to the Contact Club of £200</p> <p>(c) Monthly accounts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Account balances at 30th November 2024. Current £29,316.45 Deposit £141,970.55 Chair initialled bank statements ii. Councillors resolved to approve the payments as per the schedule appended to the minutes. iii. Councillors noted the receipts received during November 2024 included in the schedule appended to the minutes. <p>(d) Budget 2025/26 – Councillors resolved to approve the budget and a provisional precept figure.</p>
24.12.12	<p>Updates on Council Projects</p> <p>(a) Pedestrian/Highways Safety Project KL and Clerk met with Suffolk Highways and the officer was updated on what the Council are trying progress in terms of parking, crossing points, speed limits, SID locations etc. Clerk has sent a follow up email to determine whether the original costs quoted included a TRO for each crossing point. The signage at the end of Neaves Lane was highlighted as being an issue. KL – noted that the proposed location for the SID on New Street would not provide the best coverage and highways have been asked whether they will consider any other location and a response is awaited. Joining the Community Self Help Scheme is being investigated.</p> <p>(b) Electrical kiosk – playing field, no progress as yet.</p> <p>(c) Neighbourhood Plan review – funding has been applied for to carry out site assessments. The steering group will be reviewing the Site Allocation policy.</p>
24.12.13	<p>Policies and Procedures</p> <p>The Finance & Premises Committee met as a working party and reviewed the following documents which were recommended to the full Council for approval:</p> <p>(a) Statement of internal control</p> <p>(b) Risk Assessment</p> <p>Councillors resolved to approve both documents.</p>
24.12.14	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(a) Tabled: Councillors resolved actions for correspondence tabled at the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC: free trees, hedging and wildflower scheme – noted, to be kept on file • High Suffolk Community Transport: re grant funding, Clerk has sent form. Noted • Fressingfield Medical Practice – thanks for Air Conditioning units. Noted • Emails from members of the public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New land behind playing fields – requesting date for land transfer. Clerk

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	<p>responded that the date is not known. No further action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Village Speed limits – request for interventions to be investigated on the fringes of the Parish. Respond that there is an agreed programme and other areas will be investigated once the programme is complete. ● Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre – email re lighting. Agenda item for next meeting. <p>(b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated - SALC bulletins</p>
24.12.15	<p>Next meeting: Monday, 13th January 2025</p> <p>The Chairman wished all a Merry Christmas</p>

Meeting closed at: 9.20pm

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