

**Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held via Video Conference on Monday, 9th November 2020 @ 7.30pm**

Present: Brett Baber, Chris Edwards, Jeremy Fox, James Hargrave, Kamal Ivory, Maureen John, Susan Loxton, Kamal Ivory, Toni Wisbey.

In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Flatman, Cllr McGregor and 9 members of the public

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20.11.1	Chairman's welcome The Chairman reminded all that the meeting was being streamed live on the Council's Facebook page where a recording would remain available. Brett Baber was welcomed to the Council.
20.11.2	Apologies for Absence: (a) Councillors received apologies for absence from Velda Lummis (b) Councillors voted to accept the apologies
20.11.3	Declarations of Interests (a) Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests JH – 20.11.8 Earlswood Homes Presentation as Chair of Trustees of ASST CE/JF/TW/KI – Stradbroke Community Land Trust (b) Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items JH – 20.11.13(b) recipient of payment on list
20.11.4	Dispensations: No requests were received
20.11.5	Council Vacancies: Councillors voted to co-opt: Debbie Cotton-Soares Jamie Wright
20.11.6	Minutes: Councillors reviewed and approved the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meetings held on 12 th October 2020.
20.11.7	Public forum: No comments were received regarding matters not related to planning.
20.11.8	Presentation by Earlswood Homes Earlswood Homes gave a presentation of their plans to the Parish Council for the site included in the neighbourhood plan as Policy STRAD18: Land South of Mill Lane, received and answered questions and also noted comments from Cllrs.
20.11.9	Presentation by County Broadband (i) Representatives of County Broadband addressed the Parish Council concerning their proposal for the "fibre to the premises" project. (ii) Councillors voted to support County Broadband's proposals to bring a fibre broadband service to Stradbroke by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting in publicity • Encouraging residents and businesses to consider expressing an interest in the County Broadband service to help generate the demand needed to bring this to the village • Further engaging with County Broadband to ensure any disruption is kept to a minimum during the installation phase of the project In doing this the Council should be clear that it is not recommending that residents or businesses enter into a contract with County Broadband but helping to ensure this as an

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	option and making sure residents have clear information to allow them to make the best choice of provider for their circumstances.
20.11.10	Reports from County & District Councillors Copies of reports can be found as an annex to the minutes.
20.11.11	Planning (a) Councillors reviewed and approved a response to the following planning applications received: DC/20/04570 – Change of use and conversion of 2 farm buildings to provide 1 dwelling and associated B1 business unit. Havensfield Farm, Fressingfield Road, IP13 8EN The Council decided not to submit any comments. DC/20/04357 – Application for Listed Building Consent – Erection of clay pizza oven and external flue to rear extension. 2 Town House, Church Street IP21 5HT SUPPORT with comment that MSDC officers pay attention to any comments submitted by the Heritage Officer. CE lost internet connection for the discussions on planning. (b) Councillors noted the decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council/Suffolk County Council: SCC/0055/20MSArt27c15 – Barley Brigg Biogas. Decision deferred on 21/10/20 DC/20/03522 – Penny Cottage, Pixey Green IP21 5NH GRANTED DC/20/03723 – Fairways, New Street IP21 5JJ GRANTED DC/20/04178 – Mill View, Laxfield Road IP21 5HY GRANTED (c) Other Planning Matters: Councillors received updates on planning matters previously discussed as follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC committee deferred a decision on Barley Brigg Biogas lifting of condition 15. • No dates have been set for MSDC committee to discuss either the heating array at Barley Brigg Farm or the poultry units at Thorndon. • Correspondence has been received from various parties concerning the appeal against MSDC planning decision for Land at West Winds, Drs Lane. The Clerk advised that the council should not enter into discussion via correspondence about this pending an outcome of the appeal; the applicant was able to submit information to the inspector following the Parish Council’s submission. • Joint Local Plan – proposed that Regulation 19 consultation will open on 12/11 to close on 24/12 – recommendation that Cllrs submit their comments to the Clerk by 7/12 for a response to approved by the Council at the December 14th Meeting following minor amendments the Council’s final response will be submitted by 16th December.
20.11.12	Clerk’s Report (a) <u>Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre</u> : No update available for this meeting (b) <u>Health Centre</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contractor has visited the health centre to prepare a timetable of the urgent works; this is currently with the Doctors for approval. • The valuation has been postponed until a later date.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting update from solicitors – discussions underway between PC and HC solicitors <p>(c) <u>Energy Audit</u> No update available for this meeting</p> <p>(d) <u>Land Registration:</u> Suffolk Legal made contact and advised they were working from the office one day per week and would look into the request for information. (Note this was prior to the latest government guidance on a monthly long lockdown.)</p> <p>(e) <u>Tree works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Power Networks has agreed a date for the Health Centre works to continue. • No start date has been received for the work at the tennis courts, a new contractor has been invited to look at the area and advise on availability. <p>(f) <u>Community shed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A smart meter has been installed. • A meeting of the shed user group will take place w/c 9/11/20; therefore a decision on additional users will need to be deferred to a later meeting. <p>(g) <u>Electric charging points:</u> No update available for this meeting.</p> <p>(h) <u>Exercise equipment – fitness track:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROSPA Inspection – to be reviewed. • Advice received that an application for grant support to replace the equipment can be submitted to MSDC. • <p>Clerk will be taking holiday as follows: 17/11/20 to 20/11/20 inclusive and 18/12/20 returning to work on 4th January 2021.</p>
20.11.13	<p>Monthly Finance report</p> <p>(a) Councillors to note Account Balances at 31st October 2020: Current Account - £22,684.34 Deposit Account - £55,259.56</p> <p>(b) Councillors approved BACS payments for online authorisation as per the schedule attached to the minutes in the minute book.</p> <p>(c) Councillors noted the receipts received in the month.</p>
20.11.14	<p>Reports from Committees, Representatives and Working Parties:</p> <p>(a) <u>Community Centre representatives:</u> No update available at this meeting.</p> <p>(b) <u>Working Groups</u> - the following updates were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways – training available on speed watch but cannot be carried out due to lockdown. Lorry watch is on hold at the moment. • Broadband – covered under agenda item 20.11.9 • Youth Council – £500 locality grant has been applied for.
20.11.15	<p>Parish Council Policies: No policies reviewed at this meeting.</p>
20.11.16	<p>Project Proposals for review:</p> <p>Councillors reviewed and approved a proposal regarding the establishment of a Climate Change Working Party. TW will chair the working party in the first instance, with support from BB. Members of the public will be invited to join.</p>
20.11.17	<p>Risk Assessments:</p> <p>There were no issues raised concerning:</p> <p>(a) Community Centre play park</p>

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	(b) Westhall play park (c) Fitness Track (d) Permissive Path (e) Cemetery
20.11.18	Correspondence (a) Tabled: Councillors noted there was no correspondence tabled at the meeting. (b) Emails: Councillors noted correspondence previously circulated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coronawatch Bulletins • Briefings from SCC • Bulletins SALC • Dr D Poulter re planning reform proposals • Police & Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore, events for Parish Councillors. • Suffolk Foundation – video available 11th November celebrating heroes • Home but Not Alone – update
20.11.19	Date of the next meeting: 14 th December 2020 Budget for 2021/22 will be reviewed at this meeting.

Record of voting:

Item	Detail	Proposer	For	Against	Abstain	Casting
20.11.2	Apologies from VL	JH	9	0	0	
20.11.5	Co-option of DCS & JW	JH	9	0	0	
20.11.6	Minutes of 12/10/20	JH	9	0	0	
20.11.9	County Broadband Promotion	JH	9	0	0	
20.11.11	Planning: DC/20/04357	JH	7	1	0	
20.11.13	Payments	JF	7	0	1	
20.11.16	Climate Change Working Group	TW	9	0	0	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____

Date:

Parish Council Report by Councillor Guy McGregor

- The Covid 19 challenge continuous to be well met in Suffolk, both by Suffolk CC and MSDC.
- I have referred to the work of support to the Community and Care Homes in my previous Reports to you. Enough to say that work and support for this carries on. Emergency Resilience Phone Lines are now in place.
- We have had a preliminary look at next year's Budget and there is little doubt that there will be a multi-million gap to close.
- In the past the gap at the last gasp has been closed by the buoyancy of the Council Tax Collection. The amount received has always been greater than originally budgeted for. However, for 2021/22 this is unlikely to be the case. What we do know is that Central Government will expect to put up the CT by 2% for the Adult Social Care Budget. The challenge will be to ensure that the burden on Suffolk Council Taxpayers is minimised. The bills will be dropping through our doors just as the economy down turns. Obviously Saving will have to be made and SCC tries to be even more efficient!
- Many Local Authorities, we know, are in an even worse position than Suffolk (and there are questions about their financial solvency – but not for Suffolk). There is justification for careful use of the Reserves.
- The impact of increasing HGV traffic remains a concern throughout the Division.
- One of the many services that Suffolk County Council supports is the Coroners' Court Service. In the past the County Council provided a whole range of services from Prosecution in the Courts on behalf of the Police, through Probation Services and provision of Magistrates Courts. These have been nationalised with varying results. The last take over has resulted in reductions in Court Time and an increasing delay in dealing with Hearings. The latest brilliant idea seems to be the take-over of the Coroner's Service!
- The recently published White Paper on Planning Reform contains many potential threats to areas such as hours. The Assertion that Housing Shortages are due to the Planning Policy and Development Control (for us this is the service provided by Mid Suffolk District Council) is disingenuous at best. Many Parish Councils have written in their concerns. The one from Fressingfield PC is particularly effective.

Parish Council Report by Councillor Julie Flatman

Keeping up-to-date on Covid-19 across Suffolk

Mid Suffolk District Council is part of the Suffolk Resilience Forum – working with our neighbouring authorities, emergency services, public health and our NHS colleagues to protect our residents and communities. We are working together to share information and advice across our communications channels – including our regular councillor updates, our website and social media channels.

To help you stay abreast of the situation across the county, regular Suffolk Coronawatch Bulletins are being produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins through existing updates for councillors, or via the Suffolk County Council website.

Home, But Not Alone Phonenumber goes live again

The Home, But Not Alone free phonenumber, which supports vulnerable people in our communities who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus, is up and running again in light of this week's lockdown announcement.

The phonenumber helped thousands of people and families across Suffolk, who often didn't have a network of family or friends to call upon, to access emergency support such as food and medicine deliveries and befriending schemes during lockdown earlier this year.

The telephone number is freephone **0800 876 6926** and will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The Home, But Not Alone phonenumber complements The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits employment or housing worries.

Self-isolation support payments for low-income earners in Babergh and Mid Suffolk

Residents on low-incomes and unable to work because they have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, can now claim a £500 payment to compensate for loss of earnings.

Great Run Local

Great Run have taken the difficult decision to cancel the Great Run Local (GRL) scheme with immediate effect. An email has been sent to all GRL co-ordinators and participants advising of this update. Following the success of GRL events in Needham Market and Walsham-le-Willows we will continue to work with Suffolk County Council and other partners to try and find an alternative local solution, as part of ongoing our commitment to bright and healthy futures for our communities. Please contact Sue Calver should you wish to discuss this further.

Councils finalise plan for districts' bright future

Councillors are set to consider the latest Joint Local Plan – shaping how Babergh and Mid Suffolk's towns and villages will deliver housing, important infrastructure, and essential employment until 2037.

Cross-party task force puts biodiversity at the heart of Babergh and Mid Suffolk

Councillors are set to consider a raft of environmental measures developed by a cross-party task force – tackling climate change and furthering the councils' ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Councils demonstrate they can meet future housing requirement

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils recently published their Five-Year Housing Land Supply position statement, evidencing that Government housing requirements can be met by the districts until 2025 and beyond..

Shortlist announced for the 2020 Innovation Awards

28 businesses from across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been shortlisted in the first ever business Innovation Awards.

Visitors can scrap the paper with new digital parking

Motorists parking in Babergh and Mid Suffolk can now scrap their paper ticket and go digital – to help protect their health and the environment.

Cross-party councillors in agreement on response to planning system overhaul

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councillors are united in their response to the Government's Planning for the Future consultation – insisting that proposals must not be at the detriment of local communities and should not lose focus on the challenges facing rural districts.

Elmswell homes pave way for community benefits

Mid Suffolk District Council recently agreed outline plans for 65 homes in Elmswell – providing new footpaths and public open space for the village, and funding for local schools.

CIL funding boost

Town and parish councils across Mid Suffolk recently received much-needed CIL funding collected between 1 April 2020 and 30 September 2020. A total of £312,507 was allocated to 29 town and parish councils in the district. Parish Councils receive this money automatically and are eligible for up to 15% of collected funds from their area, subject to a financial cap, with the potential for this to increase to 25% if they have successfully adopted a Neighbourhood Plan.