

Stratton Parish Council

Official Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Stratton Parish Council
held on 16th January 2018 at the Stratton Village Hall

Present

Cllrs A Aylott, C Hobbs, A Wheeler, D/Cllrs T Yarker & F Horsington, and three members of the public.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies

C/Cllr J Hayes and Cllr P Hallett

75/17 Public Participation

D/Cllr T Yarker gave a brief update on the reorganisation of the local government, a final decision by The Secretary of State will be in March 2018. Alerts that Parish Councils will be taking up additional services are now low on the agenda.

76/17 Code of Conduct/ Declaration of Interest

The Chairman reminded the Council of the need for Councillors to declare if they had any interest in any of the items to be discussed in the agenda which had not already been entered in the Member's Register of Interests.

77/17 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Stratton Parish Council

The Chairman asked if there were any reasons why the minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2017 should not be signed as a true record. All Councillors agreed the minutes and the Chairman duly signed and dated the minutes.

78/17 Finance

a) Income and Expenditure

Accounts to 16th January 2018

(Monies in the Village Green account cannot be used for any other purpose)

Account	Parish	V/Green	Parish Plan	VAT	Balance
Balance b/f	10,666.15	34,786.61	837.94	280.47	46,010.23
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments	1,194.06	702.95	0.00	141.10	2,038.11
Balance c/f	9,472.09	34,083.66	837.94	421.57	43,972.12

PAYMENTS IN

0.00

TOTAL

£ 0.00

PAYMENTS OUT

J. Adams (Compost & Plants for Village pots)	19.98
Durnovaria Silver Band	150.00
Kevin Kirk (Car Park & Rec Field border)	40.00
Stratton Village Hall	63.00
Dorset County Council (Rec Field grass cutting)	592.80
Padlock & chain for Rec Field gate	34.74
Section 137 Grant - Children's Party - C. Fletcher	120.00
Kevin Kirk (Village Green hedge cut) Inv 33	140.00
Clerk's Salary	346.05
Clerk's Expenses & Web Hosting	281.54
Website migration and setup	250.00
TOTAL	£ 2,038.11

b) Budget Monitoring

Current expenditure and income was discussed and compared against budget targets. Overspends in certain areas are expected and there may be additional costs for the speed of traffic work. The overall budget targets are in line with the set budget.

We have received notice of Planning Gain monies due from W.D.D.C.

79/17 Bus Services Update

There's no update, the services are running and should continue as long as the services make a profit.

80/17 Speed of Traffic Update

Members of the Speeding Working group had met with the Highways department and discussed a number of practical ideas. Highways agreed to paint "SLOW" road markings at agreed locations along Dorchester Road and would make an "internal request" to have 30mph roundels at the two village entrances.

Subsequently to the meeting, on the 19th January seven 30mph roundels were painted along Dorchester Road.

81/17 Parish Council Website Update

The Parish Council website and Facebook are up and running. Details will be widely advertised on noticeboards, in The Chalk Stream magazine and via a door drop. It was agreed for the time being to only have Councillor email addresses on the website. The Clerk to obtain costs for email addresses using the website address.

82/17 General Maintenance

a) Review Maintenance List

There has been no change since the previous meeting. the list of actions and dates to be reviewed with Cllr P Hallett.

b) Maintenance Contract Update

The contract for the Village Green and the Recreational Field have been split into two descriptions of work required for 2018/19.

Dorset County Council Landscape Services have agreed to their scope of work for the Recreational Field priced at £85.96 per cut for 14 cuts during the year.

Kevin's Garden Services (Kevin Kirk) has agreed to continue maintaining the village green and hedges as outlined in his scope of work for 2018/19 for a total charge of £2,520.

The Council unanimously agreed to the cost £3,724 in 2018/19, commencing 1st April.

83/17 Highways

The roads and gutters have been swept.

An email has been received regarding a flow of mud down Dorchester Road from the building site. Highways will be asked when the gullies and drains were last cleared and the situation will be monitored.

84/17 Planning Matters

No planning requests received.

85/17 Defibrillator

The Council agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

Cllr Wheeler shared his experience from another village where a voluntary first responder team trained up by the ambulance service, were available on call. Also suggested an emergency button for our vulnerable residents.

The Council agreed not to discuss any further until the presentation at the next meeting.

86/17 1918 Centenary Working Group

A notice will be published in The Chalk Stream requesting for volunteers to setup a working group to organise a commemorative centenary event for the village.

87/17 Correspondence

The correspondence received was covered under Highways.

88/17 Items for the Next Agenda

Defibrillator, Centenary Work Group, Planning Gain Wishlist and Donation to Mosaic.

89/17 Public Participation

The forthcoming speed survey is booked to happen before the 31st March 2018, by then the new road markings should be in place. The objective is to see if last year's dramatic increase is consistent or if the road markings may have made a difference.

"DorsetForYou" website should be advised of our change of website address.

90/17 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7:00 pm

Meeting closed at 8.10pm