

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair A Aylott

Clerk M Harding

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th August 2021 at 7.30pm At Stratton Village Hall

Present:

A Aylott	C Hobbs
M Garner	S Joslin
M Harding (Clerk/RFO)	no members of public.

21-17 Resignation of Councillor Alan Wheeler

Alan Wheeler was formerly thanked for all he has done as a Cllr for Stratton and the PC were grateful that he stayed on as long as he had, Councillors wished him well.

21-18 To receive apologies of absence- No response from the Ward Councillor David Taylor who is still unwell. Apologies from some members of public due to the change of date.

21-19 To receive declarations of interest on agenda items- none

21-20 To approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 18th May 2021
Councillors agreed to the accuracy of the minutes of the Annual PC meeting.

21-21 Public participation (agenda items only) None- questions submitted by email from the public would be dealt with during agenda items.

21-22 To consider the new Model Code of Conduct, complaints procedure and ROI to include Cllr training with DAPTC.

The Clerk had previously circulated the new model Code of Conduct- All agreed to adopt this version in line with DAPTC, NALC and the LGA.

The Clerk had previously circulated the Dorset Council Complaints procedure, this was agreed
The new online register of interest process is still ongoing a date to go live is still pending. Cllrs may attend training on the new code and the new online ROI process, dates available on the DAPTC website. The updated documents will be added to the website.

21-23 To Council may now consider co-option following the public notice.

There has not been a request for an election following the resignation of Alan Wheeler, the vacancy will be advertised in the Chalkstream (by 24th of month) and on the website/Facebook.

The Clerk will provide an official notice of vacancy originally supplied by DC. MG suggested a more friendly poster as well, created by some younger people to try to engage with the community and gather new Councillors. SJ will create a poster.

Action SJ

21-24 To consider the Community Governance review being carried out by DC

The PC had previously contacted the local Parishes of Frampton and Bradford Peverell and both parishes wished to continue as individual parishes and not join with Stratton. The Parish Council some years ago had contacted all the neighbouring parishes to look to work together but no

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response had been received. It was agreed that Stratton will continue to be stand-alone Parish Council and respond to the DC survey on this basis.

21-25 Finance

a. To consider receipts and payments due to be paid or paid since the last meeting

Accounts at 12th August 2021					
<i>Monies in the Village Green account cannot be used for any other purpose</i>					
Account	Parish	V/Green	Parish Plan	VAT	Balance
Balance b/f	16,820.78	38,977.90	1,419.56	776.95	56,441.29
Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	770.73	770.73
Payments	1,037.27	138.28	0.00	67.29	1,242.84
Balance c/f	15,783.51	38,839.62	1,419.56	73.51	55,969.18
Receipts					
HMRC Vat reclaim					770.73
TOTAL				£	770.73
Payments					
					(inc VAT)
Parish					
DAPTC annual subs					234.07
RoSPA Annual Play inspection					172.80
R Healey- Notice boards					40.00
Groves nursery- plants					10.00
Mill House plants					48.00
Tom Gamwell- website					40.00
R Healey- Bus stop					50.00
M Harding Salary/exp					401.04
HMRC -PAYE					81.00
					1076.91
Village Green					
Net world sports					165.93
					165.93
TOTAL					1242.84

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- b. To receive the budget monitoring report-** The budget monitoring position for the current financial year was reviewed and accepted.
- c. To agree to the new bank signatories for Lloyds bank and N S & I-** The signatures will be updated on both accounts so all Cllrs are signatories and the removal of those no longer in office. Cllrs Joslin and Garner will be added to the bank accounts. Clerk to arrange the bank mandate.

Action Clerk

d. To publicise S137 grants to be considered for 2021-22

The Council on an annual basis publicises the process for applying to the Parish Council for S137 grants, CH will put a piece in the announcements on the Website and Facebook for consideration at the November meeting.

The current S137 amount per elector is up to £8.41 per elector.

The grant may be awarded to any group club or registered charity which is based in Stratton parish, based jointly in Stratton and another of the Chalk Stream parishes or based in another of the Chalk Stream parishes and attended by the residents of the parish of Stratton. Any project within the parish of Stratton may be supported that would benefit, in the opinion of the Council, the residents of the parish. Any group, club or registered charity based outside of the parish which provides a direct service to/for the benefit of residents of the parish.

Action CH

e. To consider expenditure of CIL monies received

The Council noted the receipt of £470.48 of CIL money this year in respect of the development WD/D/19/001942-Langford Valley Barn, Access to Langford Farm, Sydling St Nicholas. The PC will consider the use of this money at the November PC meeting when considering the budget and looking at a list of opportunities that may arise.

21-26 Planning- To consider any planning applications in circulation

- a.** None in circulation.
- b.** The PC had been notified of a potential planning enforcement issue in the village, the clerk would clarify the situation with DC planning department and then advise the person concerned to report this if they so wished.

Action Clerk

21-27 To receive reports on General Maintenance

AA reported that the works to the bus shelter had been completed, and notice board is ongoing.

The Younger children's play area has various maintenance issues, a couple of posts split, border posts on the village green and a new gate to be installed eventually. The swings reported by a resident had been inspected and were not felt to be a danger but will be monitored and repaired as required.

The Older Children's play area requires metal works to the gate at a cost of approx. £150, hedge trimming is required on the village green SJ will look into this as tree rep. The strimming is now required to the gullies on the playing field AA has arranged for the same contractor to complete these works. It was noted that the electricity company had been in

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to carry out works to cut back vegetation to power lines. The maintenance list to be updated accordingly.

Action AA / SJ

a. To consider to set aside a future reserve for replacement of Children's play equipment

The PC had previously discussed the items in the Children's play area which are in need of replacement, the equipment was initially installed in 2003. SJ will gather information on funding streams and the Clerk will contact the Ward Cllr and DC for funding advice. The PC will gather costs to replace the items to set monies aside in the budget in November. The community will be asked what equipment they would like to see in the area.

AA reminded Councillors of the restricted use of the capital monies in the village green account, due to the S106 agreement from an application which was approved in 1989.

Action SJ/AA/Clerk

CH noted the positive comments from Facebook on the flowers planted in the troughs, thanks to AA for carrying this out.

21-28 Highways and Rights of Way- AA reported on the recent meeting with highways and the action group in the village, the report from the action group was circulated to Cllrs with comments by the Highways officer Mike Potter.

Highways agreed to the following items:

1. To organise and carry out (in November) a road speed survey at two locations on the A37 to gain information of pre-bridge and post-bridge speeds.
2. Confirmed that the PVMS unit would return next winter, and the position changed to give greater advance warning to drivers.
3. Consider whether a Road Safety Audit was required (Although this is likely to be undertaken by an internal Auditor from Highways to avoid potential high costs).
4. No immediate review of the speed limit, although the speed survey would give an indication as to whether that needs to happen.
5. The matter of the riverbanks would be looked into.

It was noted that the PC did not agree to manage an ice sign as and when necessary, this will be followed up. MG to respond to the reports as the highway's rep for the PC. **Action MG**

MG reported on the right of way closure from 28th Aug to 26th Nov across the railway line. This will be noted on the website and Facebook pages

21-29 To receive the correspondence report for information

The PC had received a request to install hedgehog signs in the village, highways had been contacted to ask advice on where these could be placed, the PC are now waiting on the number and size of signs to gain the agreement by DC.

The PC had received an email regarding issues of tree infestation, the trees had been inspected and SJ will respond to the resident. **Action SJ**

21-30 To consider a Wildflower meadow for the Queen's Canopy

AA reported on correspondence regarding the suggestion of a wild flower meadow and tree planting to commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022, the suggestion is to plant a wild flower area and some trees on the bottom third of the playing field. A soil sample taken some years ago reported

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that the soil is too rich so the top soil would need to be scraped away prior to sowing. Permission would need to be granted by the EA on the types of trees as it is a flood plain. Advice will also be sought from the RoW ranger Russell Goff. The costs of this project could be in the region of £2000.

Action Clerk/AA

21-31 To confirm items for the next meeting 14th September 2021

The next meeting has been booked items to be added, Neighbourhood watch scheme, Children's play area ideas and aspirations.

AA noted that the communications policy has been ongoing and will be updated with current contact details this will be sent out in preparation for printing and putting into every household in the village.

21-32 Public Participation

AA noted that he had spoken to the organiser of the Christmas tree/ carol singing to raise awareness of the issues of the monies raised being spent on the purchase of future Christmas trees and suggested that they could apply to the PC for the funding of the tree if desired.

A resident had raised the consultation on the Bus Back Better scheme, SJ will complete the survey on behalf of the PC.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm