

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair Matt Garner

Clerk Vacant

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of Stratton Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd January 2024 at 6.45 pm in Stratton Village Hall

Present:

Cllrs Andy Aylott, Matt Garner, Cheryl Hobbs, Simon Joslin and Beth Cooke

7 members of the public.

24.102 Co-option of Parish Councillor for Stratton Parish Council

Bradley Pimm was proposed, seconded, and duly co-opted as a Councillor for Stratton Parish Council.

Newly co-opted councillors reminded to provide a profile picture and brief bio to enable Cllr Hobbs to publish on the website. Also, to complete Dorset Council's Register of Interests – Cllr Garner will send link to both Councillor Cooke & Councillor Pimm.

24.103 To receive apologies of absence

All members were present.

24.104 To receive any declarations of interests on agenda items

No declarations were given.

24.105 Public Participation

Mr Sean Dillon White informed the Council that he would be ceasing to operate the Neighbourhood Watch/Alert Scheme and will inform all members. On the advice of Dorset Police, the scheme is not going to be handed to anyone else to operate. The Council thanked Mr Dillon-White for his work in supporting the scheme.

A question was asked as to whether the Council is once again without a Clerk. It was confirmed that the interim clerk had informed the council that he no longer felt able to support the Council. Efforts to secure a Clerk will re-start once the new Council is formed post the May elections.

24.106 Ratification of S137 Funding/Grants

The following grants have been agreed by the Council;

£45.00 wreath & flower competition voucher
£80.00 to the History Group (via the Village Hall)
£80.00 to the Heart of the Community (defibrillator group)
£80.00 to the Allotment Society
£80.00 to the Pop-In Group
£80.00 to the Chalk Stream Drivers

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£50.00 to Weldmar and £50.00 to Julias House (Charities nominated by the Stratton Strollers).

A concern was noted from Mr David Cartwright (organiser of the Stratton Strollers) that the same charities seem to benefit each year, a concern echoed by Cllr Aylott. Council to consider other recipients if the current arrangements continue for 2024.

24.107 Agreement of dates for Ordinary General Meeting in March and the Annual Parish Meeting in May

Councillors agreed to hold March's Ordinary General Meeting on 26 March (7pm, Village Hall) and the Annual Meeting on 13 May (7pm Village Hall).

24.108 Public Participation

The Council was reminded of and requested to assist in publicising the Defibrillator Awareness Training on 31 January. Cllr Hobbs will publicise on the Council Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 19:05