

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair A Aylott

Clerk M Harding

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 7pm At Stratton Village Hall

Present:

A Aylott

C Hobbs

M Garner

M Harding (Clerk/RFO)

2 members of public

21-33 To receive apologies of absence- S Joslin and Ward Councillor David Taylor who is still unwell.

21-34 To receive declarations of interest on agenda items- none

21-35 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 12th August 2021
Councillors agreed to the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting.

21-36 Public participation – none

21-37 To adopt the new Co-option policy

The vacancy notice had been placed on the notice boards.

Cllrs agreed to the Co-option policy and procedure should any candidates come forward.

21-38 To consider a review of current PC practices

The Clerk had prepared a list of suggestions for Cllrs to consider to help improve the current PC practices, it was agreed each Cllr would give their feedback on these suggestions by the end of Sep and these would be considered at the Nov meeting.

21-39 To consider a Neighbourhood watch scheme

This item was discussed at the last PC meeting by SJ but he was unable to attend the meeting.

There needs to be a clarification of any current scheme and if the PC wishes to support such a scheme. Currently residents and the PC can sign up to Neighbourhood alert emails. The PC felt this is not a scheme the PC needs to support but can promote the emails alerts should anyone wish to join. No further action.

21-40 To consider the Children's play area aspirations

AA had circulated a report following a site visit of the younger children's play area. The PC now need to consider what can be repaired now, so funding can be sought for new equipment in the future. It was noted the swings need replacing sooner rather than later.

The costs to repair the existing worn slats on the climbing frame is approx. £130 this was agreed. It was agreed to try to set up a working group in the village asking the youth groups and brownies for input.

Action MG

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21-41 Finance

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

Account	Parish	Village Green	Parish Plan	Vat	Balance
Balance b/f	15783.51	38,839.62	1,419.56	73.51	55,969.18
Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Payment	518.30	0	0	0	518.30
Balance c/f	15265.21	38,839.62	1418.56	73.51	55450.88
Parish Payments					
Stratton VH	Hall hire and expenses				56.75
Clerk	Salary & Exp Aug/Sep				380.55
HMRC	PAYE				81.00
Total					518.30

b. To receive the Budget monitoring report- Report circulated, the current spending is in line with budget 2021-22.

c. To agree the bank signatories for the Lloyds and NS & I- The bank mandate forms had been prepared for SJ and MG to sign and to be counter signed by the current signatories AA & CH. These will be completed and posted.

21-42 Planning- To consider any planning applications in circulation- None in circulation

21-43 To receive reports on General Maintenance

- a. Two rotten fence posts have been replaced on the west side of the village green. There is a spare post in the VH store which will be cut into 2. There is some damage to posts from strimming.
- b. One of the slats in the younger children's play area has been replaced.
- c. One post on the Village green is rotten and is to be replaced using the spare posts.
- d. The gate to the young children's play area needs replacing, this will be looked at over the winter using materials in stock. The bench yet to be done.
- e. The order has been placed with the metalworker to make the repairs to the playing field gates.
- f. The contractors have done most of the gulley works. To be checked.
- g. AA reported on the Queens canopy and Wildflower meadow project so far, he had spoken to the EA (Henry Quinney) regarding the potential project, the PC were advised to put a plan together. Russell Goff (Countryside ranger) will be contacted to attend a site visit with Cllrs to look at the potential site and gain advice following the Dorset Council wildflower verge projects. MG offered to create a plan of the playing field to consider the Queens canopy project and the Clerk will print on A3.

Action Clerk/MG/AA

21-44 Highways/Rights of Way- to consider any reports-

MG noted he has yet to contact the A37 traffic action group. The footpath on the railway line is only closed at night.

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21-45 To receive the correspondence report for information

There have been 2 applications so far for S137 grants these and any further will be considered at the Nov meeting. It was suggested that this grant could be used for the annual wreath donation. Email received with concerns on the noise on the A37 near Wrackelford, MG will follow this up. SJ to attend the Neighbourhood planning courses

MG commented on the potential to install electric charging points in the village possibly using solar panels on the VH. AA reported that Solar panels had been considered approx. 4-5 years ago but was not cost effective at that time. The Clerk reported that DC are looking at grants to install electric charging points and will circulate this information for consideration. MG will follow up on the potential for solar panels for the next PC meeting.

Action MG/Clerk

Village communication- this has now been updated and costs of printing the cards and A4 letter to be gathered.

Action Clerk

Dorset Council CGR- The PC at the August meeting agreed that after contacting the local parishes to see if they would like to work together and had no positive responses that the PC will remain as a stand-alone parish- Clerk to respond accordingly.

Action Clerk

CLRs reminded that during September all ROI will need to be submitted online.

21-46 To consider items the next meeting on 9th November 2021

Budget, S137, Policy and practices review, Queens canopy, Electric charging points.

21-47 Public Participation -None

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm