Minutes of the Meeting of Stradbroke Parish Council
held via Video Conference on Monday, 14th September 2020 @ 7.30pm

Present: Chris Edwards, Jeremy Fox, James Hargrave, Maureen John, Velda Lummis, Kamal Ivory, Toni Wisbey.
In Attendance: Odile Wladon (Clerk), Cllr Flatman, 6 members of the public

Item	Information
20.09.1	**Chairman's welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reminded all present that the meeting would be recorded and broadcast live on the Parish Council's Facebook page.
20.09.2	**Apologies for Absence** There were no apologies.
20.09.3	**Declarations of Interest** Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests 20.09.11 (iii a) CE/JF/TW/KI – Trustees SCLT and JH – Spouse Trustee SCLT There were no Councillors' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests declared
20.09.4	**Dispensations:** No requests were received.
20.09.5	**Council Vacancies:** (i) Councillors noted that no election has been called and that the 5 recent vacancies can be filled by co-option. Notice will be placed by the Council in the Stradbroke Monthly. (ii) Councillors voted to appoint Rev Susan Loxton to the existing vacancy on the Council.
20.09.6	**Minutes** Councillors reviewed and **approved** the minutes as a true record of the business conducted at the meetings held on 10th & 19th August.
20.09.7	**Public forum:** No comments were received.
20.09.8	**Report from District Councillor Flatman** District Councillor Flatman's full report is appended to the minutes. Cllr Flatman noted an interest in the broadband discussions and recommended discussing the matter with Cllr Hicks. Cllr Flatman stated that the locality fund was open, KI enquired whether funds could be applied for to establish a Youth Council, Cllr Flatman said yes.
20.09.9	**Monthly Finance report** (i) Councillors noted the Account Balances at 31st August 2020: Current Account - £18,160.33 Deposit Account - £52,805.56 (ii) Councillors **approved** BACS payments for online authorisation as per the schedule appended in the minute book. (iii) Councillors **approved** the back dating of a salary increase to 1st April 2020 following nationally agreed changes to the Clerk pay scales for year commencing 1/4/20. (iv) Councillors noted the receipts received in the month and the estimated reserved fund balances taking into account committed funds.
20.09.10	**Reports from Committees and Representatives**: There were no reports submitted by the Council's Committees

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	(i) Community Centre representative **Item 7: Meeting** The proposed meeting on how to build a working relationship between SSCC/SPC was discussed. The offer of a mediated meeting was rejected but it was agreed that a meeting between both parties should go ahead. **Item 8: Parish Council Land Registry** The matter remains outstanding. RT felt he had offered a reasonable solution, which has yet to be followed up. **Item 9: Club Room Extension** RT said there was a funding problem but they would aim for local crowd funding. In the meantime, they would modernise loos, etc, with some of the money received from grants. **Item 10: Community Store** The cost of being a member was discussed. It was agreed the Chairman would apply to the SPC for SSCC to become a member in order to take over the SAS equipment stored there. (ii) Footpath Warden Report a. Councillors noted that Dennis Merritt has resigned as footpath warden and thanks were expressed for the work he has undertaken during the last 18 months. b. Councillors noted that the reports of damage to footpath signs were lying in a ditch. This has been reported to Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way. Other comments relating to the newly established permissive paths were noted but did not fall within the remit of the Council. (iii) Parish Plan Working Party Councillors voted to dissolve the working party as the matters are being undertaken by task and finish groups. (iv) Working Groups: a. Highways – JF reported that he had established a list of people willing to help with lorry watch and also tacked on speed watch. There has been some positive replies, with more interest in lorry watch, there will be a meeting work out a timetable to record the movements: Date, time, type of vehicle and direction Speed watch – 5 people at the moment interested, a minimum of 6 is required for the police to carry out training. Speed gun and signs are being returned from Laxfield PC. b. Broadband – JH reported that there had been a good response to the broadband survey - over 70 received to date. A number of expressions of interest to join the working group. These will be followed up and a report prepared once more information is available. It is proposed to expand the work to look at mobile phone service as this is included in the NP community actions.

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	The survey does have strong evidence that the majority of people have reliability issues except the few that have fibre to the premises.
20.09.11	**Planning -** (i) Councillors reviewed the following planning applications received: **DC/20/03143** – Full Planning application – change of use of antique and coffee shop at ground floor level (A1) to all residential (C3). Stradbroke Antiques, Queen Street IP21 5HG **DC/20/03146** – Listed building consent – works to facilitate conversion of antique and coffee shop at ground floor level to all residential. Stradbroke Antiques, Queen Street IP21 5HG Councillors **voted** to RECOMMEND REFUSAL to both applications. (ii) Councillors noted decisions issued by Mid Suffolk District Council: DC/20/03194 – Willow Cottage, Pixey Green REFUSED DC/20/02758 – Grays Folly, Laxfield Road GRANTED DC/20/02687 – The Maltings, New Street GRANTED DC/20/02687 – Building @ Lime Tree Farm, Laxfield Road REFUSED (iii) Other Planning Matters: a. Councillors reviewed a brief submitted by the Community Land Trust from Bailey Venning on drafting a response to the Planning White Paper with particular reference to the affect this will have on affordable housing and the cost involved in supporting this. Councillors **approved** becoming a signatory to the document and making a financial contribution of up to £500 towards the cost. b. Councillors noted that the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government acknowledged receipt of the additional papers submitted to support the call-in request. c. Councillors **approved** the submission of a further representation to the Sec. of State demonstrating how the proposals show that the two conflicting development objectives of agriculture and housing cannot be reconciled, noting that Local Plans favour housing over agricultural development. Councillors thanked CE for the work he has undertaken on this matter.
20.09.12	**Website Accessibility** Councillors **approved** an Accessibility Statement which will be uploaded to the Parish Council website written following an audit of the site.
20.09.13	**Proposals from Councillors** Councillors received the following proposals from KI has proposed the following for consideration: a. Cllrs to consider establishing a Youth Council in Stradbroke, similar to the proposals for one in Fressingfield. Councillors **voted** to support this proposal and the establishment of a working party led by KI. b. Cllrs to consider installing planters of flowers in the village to be sponsored by local companies and maintained by volunteers. This proposal will be carried forward

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	pending more information on volunteers and a financial plan.
20.09.14	**Clerk's Report** Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre: a. Cllrs **voted** to appoint KI as the 2nd PC representative on SSCC Trust Board. b. A mediator was suggested for the meeting with representatives of the SSCC, Trustees have responded that they do not feel mediation is necessary and are willing to meet with representatives of the parish council without a mediator. Given recent changes to government guidance, the Clerk suggests the meeting takes place via video conferencing. The PC reps at the meeting are to be the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. Health Centre: a. The outcome of the energy audit is awaited. b. The Risk Assessment for the health centre has been updated for review following receipt of the Fire Risk Assessment. c. The work to clear the ditch has been undertaken. Land Registration: a. The solicitor dealing with the registration has asked land registry to complete the work as a matter of priority to enable the full registration to be added to the Lease for the health centre. b. Staff at Suffolk Legal continue to work from home and are unable to check their records for documents relating to the land swap in 1972. Therefore work to resolve the tennis court matter is still on hold. Tree works: the work at Westhall has been completed. The work at the Health Centre, Church and Tennis Courts has commenced. The work at the tennis courts is delayed for another couple of weeks. Community shed: Clarification was given that the current users are the Cricket Club, Stradbroke Youth and Adult football clubs and Radio Stradbroke. Councillors reviewed an application from the Stradbroke Sports and Community Centre to join the User Group and deferred a decision pending a review of the contents of the shed due to a lack of space. Play park: A closer unit for the gate at the fenced area at Westhall has been ordered. Cricket club – scorebox: Councillors **approved** for the cricket club to undertake essential repairs to the structure. Quiet Lanes: c/f Electric charging points: Stradbroke has registered an interest and further information is awaited from SCC. Exercise equipment – fitness track Councillors requested that a ROSPA inspection of the exercise equipment be undertaken. Council could use any S106 sport & recreation funds to replace this with more robust equipment.
20.09.15	**Parish Council Policies:** There are no policies for review at this meeting.
20.09.16	**Risk Assessments:** Councillors noted there were no issues raised concerning: a) Community Centre play park b) Westhall play park c) Fitness Track d) Permissive Path

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	e) Cemetery
20.09.17	**Correspondence** 1. Tabled**:** a. I am a resident of Stradbroke and am also one of several horse owners in the area. I would like to make a request to the council that some horse traffic warnings signs are placed around the parish. I live and keep my horses in Barley Green and within this small area there are several people who keep and ride horses. Due to a complete lack of bridleways or any other available public off road places to ride we are all forced to use the roads. Currently there is a complete lack of signage to indicate this in this area. Despite having horses which are extremely good in heavy traffic including tractors trailers and lorries, both riders and horses wearing high Viz, all too often motorist are shocked to come across horses. Too many times dangerous incidents have occurred and it saddens me that quite often motorists have become abusive, yelling that we had no right to be on the roads, swearing and only last week a tractor driver stuck his middle finger up at my 15 yr old daughter as she had given a hand signal asking him to slow down as he was towing a large noisy trailer. At least with warning signs drivers will hopefully not be surprised to come across horses and riders on the roads. As mentioned in the parish magazine there is a need for a speed and lorry watch in the village but the dangerous driving is throughout the whole parish and not just the village centre. Living on the outskirts I often feel that we are overlooked. Councillors requested the email be forwarded to Suffolk County Council's highways department. b. Letter from MSDC re Licensing Act 2003: Statement of Licensing Policy (Revision) – councillors noted the consultation was open until 16th September 2020. c. Thank you for your reply. I have lived in the village for 35 years and with an ageing population it seems that we are not expanding our facilities for the older population. Things we seem to lack include zebra crossings on the main roads and dog walking places. Perhaps these can be given consideration. Councillors noted that improvements to equipment could help this situation. 2. Emails previously circulated: d. COVID-19 updates from SALC/SCC e. SALC weekly updates
20.08.18	**Date of the next meeting:** 12th October 2020

Record of voting:

Item	Detail	Proposer	For	Against	Abstain	Casting
20.09.5 (ii)	Co-option: Rev Lxton	JH	7	0	0	
20.09.9 (ii)	Payments: approved	JH	7	0	0	
20.09.9 (iii)	Salary back date	JH	7	0	0	

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20.09.10 (iii)	Dissolve Parish Plan WP	JH	7	0	0	
20.09.11	DC/20/03143 & DC/20/03146 – Refusal	JH	7	0	0	
20.09.11	Support of Bailey Venning report	CE	6	0	1	
20.09.11	Sec of State submission	CE	7	0	0	
20.09.12	Website Accessibility Statement	JH	7	0	0	
20.09.13	KI youth council proposal	KI	7	0	0	
20.09.14 (a)	SSCC 2nd Rep to be KI	JH	7	0	0	

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ Date:

Chairman

Report by Councillor Julie Flatman September 2020

Suffolk's resilience partners urge people to queue responsibly outside bars and pubs.

Those looking to enjoy a drink with their friends are being urged to remember Coronavirus is still a very real threat to everyone's health.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk receive Government funding to install solar carports

Environmentally-friendly initiatives across Babergh and Mid Suffolk, including electricity micro-generation and solar storage carports, received a major boost last month, with government matched funding of up to £800,000.

Shopping local could provide lasting impact on the high street

High Streets across Babergh and Mid Suffolk could benefit from almost £19m of additional income over the next 6 months, if all adults spent an extra £5 by shopping local every week.

Council homes for Eye get go-ahead

The long-awaited redevelopment of a former care home in Eye took a major step forward last month, with planning permission granted for 16 'affordable homes' to be built on the site.

Great days out at Needham Lake The summer holidays are almost over, but visitors to Needham Lake can still enjoy a day out complete with an ice cream from the new converted trailer being run by the team from Cabbages and Kings.

New look for Regal Theatre revealed

Councillors were able to get their first glimpse of the new look Regal Theatre last month, as the cafe and entrance starts to take shape

Council committee gives go-ahead for Stowupland homes

Mid Suffolk District Council recently approved outline planning permission for 80 houses in Stowupland, provided that the scheme delivers "affordable homes" for low income house-hunters, a pedestrian crossing at a trafficblackspot in the village, and brings an important local green space into community control.

Suffolk Winners Announced for Food Savvy's Delicious Drawings Competition

Two children from Ipswich will have their 'Delicious Drawings' on display from 17 August in their local East of England Coop stores after winning #FoodSavvy's 'Delicious Drawings' Competition.

New leisure facilities for Stradbroke

The first step in Mid Suffolk District Council's plans to upgrade leisure provision in the district is now complete, following the refurbishment of facilities at Stradbroke Pool and Fitness Centre.

Green light for 300 homes enables new village school

Detailed plans for 300 new homes at Woolpit recently received the go ahead – securing "affordable homes" for low income house-hunters, highways improvements and a new primary school for the village.

£2.2m leisure upgrades in Stowmarket get underway

A new £2.2m upgrade and extension to Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket, including a new gym, poolside features and changing rooms, is now underway.

Business innovation to be celebrated at new awards event

Forward thinking businesses, large and small, are being invited to enter the inaugural Innovation Awards 2020, being run by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

Approval for plans to transform school into 'affordable homes' for Stowmarket

Plans by Mid Suffolk District Council to regenerate the former Stowmarket Middle School site into 38 homes to help lower-income househunters received the formal go-ahead this week.

Littering resources for community groups and parishes

The UK has seen an increasing trend of litter being left behind in parks and open spaces following the continued easing of lockdown. You may wish to share Keep Britain Tidy's #LoveParks campaign resources and DEFRA's 'respecting the outdoors' campaign graphics to encourage our communities and visitors to put their litter in the bin or if full to take it home with them.

2020 Annual Canvass text messages

The Annual Canvass process is now well underway, with the initial letters going out earlier this month. To help streamline the process we are encouraging an electronic process. Electoral services will be trialling the free gov.uk notify service - sending text message reminders to electors that have notified us they are new to a property, but are still required to complete the registration process, to ensure that they are able to register to vote.

My locality grants are now up and running please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you think your club/organisation could benefit from some extra help for equipment etc.