



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2024 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Kelly Lunnes, Justin Harris, Judith Baker, Louise Mundford (19:10), Andrew Lansdell, David Willis, Florence Morimont, Helen Dickerson, Katrina Thompson, Fiona Lawrence (19:05) and Susan Smith

Town Clerk, Becky Buck and Molly Hallett, Town Council administrator.

County Councillor Alison Thomas

7 Members of Public.

1. To receive applications for co-option

There was one member of the public who stood for co-option, Fiona Lawrence was approved by the Council for co-option.

2. For co-opted members to sign the declaration of office in the presence of the Clerk.

Fiona Lawrence signed the declaration of office in the presence of the Clerk.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pochin and Ciorra, these were accepted by the Council.

4. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations received.

5. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes

County Councillor Thomas reported the following.

Morningthorpe recycling centre is now closed on Wednesdays and from 18th November 2024 the bookings system will be live. On the 16th & 17th November at Harford there is the opportunity to recycle hazardous waste.

The devolution deal at Norfolk County Council has been withdrawn by Central Government.

Norfolk County Council leader went to Westminster and was informed that a level 2 devolution deal may still be available which will give Norfolk County Council control over Adult Social



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Services. This is to be discussed at a later date. Adult education services in Norfolk has won the best award.

Orchestra from Lviv in Ukraine which is twinned with Norfolk came and gave a performance at Norwich Theatre Royal which was well received.

At District level, there has been discussion and thought to mindful towns and villages and how we can support the community.

East Pye Solar briefing at District Council where East Pye Solar were answering questions, they were asked what research was carried out regarding the impact on residential homes to which there was no answer. It also became apparent that they had not carried out quality testing of the land. They are starting a non-statutory consultation at the end of October. As the solar farm is a national infrastructure project it falls outside of planning legislation and as such any application would go to the planning inspectorate before going to the secretary of state.

A member of the public advised that as part of her role with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Woods Green Association that she is concerned about the effects of the solar farm on the area she lives in and would like to be involved in any steering group.

- 6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2024 & 23rd September 2024**
Minutes of the meetings held on 9th September 2024 & 23rd September 2024 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 7. Finance and Governance**
 - a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 9th September 2024**
Income and expenditure were approved and noted by the Council and the payment list was signed by the Chairman as a true record.
 - b. To note all credit card payments since 9th September 2024**
Credit card payments were noted by the Council and the payment list was signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 8. To note the internal auditor's findings from audit held on 11th October 2024**
The Clerk advised that the internal auditor cancelled on the 11th October 2024 and was rescheduled to the 14th October 2024 therefore there was not a written report available. The Clerk advised that the internal auditor was satisfied with the Council's accounts and when the report becomes available it will be circulated.



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9. To discuss and decide on moving a streetlight as requested by a parishioner.

The meeting was opened to allow a member of the public to speak.

The member of the public advised the Council on why there was a request to move the streetlight. The Council thanked the member of the public for their time.

The meeting was closed to the public.

The Council discussed the matter at length, the Clerk advised that there had been 2 objections. There was a concern of setting a precedent by allowing the streetlight to be removed. The Clerk is to look at all the various options including talking to those that objected to get a better understanding of their concerns. The Council asked the Clerk to write a policy and to carry out a risk assessment so that future requests can be managed in a procedural way.

10. To discuss and decide on whether to join the challenge of East Pye Solar.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed to support Hempnall Parish Council in their endeavours. Councillors Dickerson, Thompson and Smith were approved to join the steering group. The member of the public who spoke on behalf of Woods Green residents was also invited by the Chairman to join the steering group. The Clerk advised that she would get in touch with the Clerk at Hempnall.

11. To discuss and decide on sponsoring the community Christmas event.

The Council unanimously agreed to support the community Christmas event with advertising on their behalf.

12. To discuss and decide on the proposed street names.

The Council approved using names from the war memorial. They asked if a poppy could be placed at the end of the street name.

13. To discuss and decide on lighting the west housing development.

The Clerk provided an update that Norfolk County Council would not be lighting up the spine road. Following a lengthy discussion, the Council agreed to light the spine road, junctions and footpaths using LED sensored lights which will only turn on when a parishioner or car is approaching supporting dark nights and minimising light pollution. The footpaths are to have brick lights.

14. To discuss and decide on the priorities for spending CIL money.

The Clerk advised that whilst the Council are looking at a number of projects the proposed CIL money will only cover so far. Following a lengthy discussion the Council agreed that a new



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community centre is the main priority. South Norfolk District Council are prepared to match fund £50,000 towards a feasibility study. The Council asked the Clerk to research exactly what this will cover and to report findings to the next Council meeting.

15. To note the following committee minutes and to discuss and decide on recommendations made

a. Leisure & Pavilion

The minutes of the meeting were noted.

i. Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were approved by the Council.

ii. Pavilion booking terms and conditions

The pavilion booking terms and conditions were approved by the Council with 2 amendments

1. Nobody is allowed to re-enter the building until advised by a professional that it is safe to do so.
2. To add what three words to the pavilion location.
3. Familiarizing with all fire exits

iii. Bowls lease

The bowls lease was approved by the Council.

b. Finance

The minutes of the meeting were noted by the Council.

i. To note the budget control report

The budget control report was noted by the Council.

c. Action Group

The minutes of the meeting were noted by the Council.

i. To discuss and decide on approving Village Gateways through Parish Partnership Bid.

The Council approved the village gateways through the parish partnership bid.

16. To note upcoming meeting dates.

a. Planning @ 6pm Monday 04th November 2024

This meeting was noted.



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b. Finance @ 7pm Monday 18th November 2024

This meeting was noted.

17. Any other business – not for discussion.

The Clerk raised the following.

Congratulations to the administration assistant for achieving a distinction on the written part of her qualification.

The intention to donate Christmas presents to the local food bank.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.41

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