



# Long Stratton Parish Council

The Street, Long Stratton, NR15 2AH Telephone 01508 530524

Chairman: Mr Steve Adcock. Clerk: Mrs R Buck

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD BY LONG STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

In attendance: Councillors Steve Adcock (Chairman), Kevin Worsley, Andrew Lansdell, Diane Woodham, Caroline Francis (late), Judith Baker, Mathew Pochin, Ian Mortimer, Robert Mackenzie, Georgina Race  
Becky Buck (Clerk)

1. To consider apologies for absence  
There were no apologies for absence, Councillor Fulcher advised that he was unavailable due to District meetings that were occurring.
2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations  
Councillor Mortimer declared an interest in item 11.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2018  
These minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. To consider any items arising from the minutes  
There were no matters from the minutes arising.
5. To note resignation of Paul Worley  
Resignation of Paul Worley from Long Stratton Parish Council was noted. The Clerk advised the vacancy was on the notice boards and due to being under 6 months to elections, the Council was free to co-opt if they so wished.
6. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes  
County Councillor Thomas reported, Road closure of B1157 from A140 beginning of preparation work for the Hempnall roundabout. Full construction will commence beginning of March dependent on weather. Please keep an eye on road closures that will occur from the Low road junction.  
Still waiting on the revised application for the 1800+ homes and bypass which is anticipated soon. County will commence the resurfacing programme in Spring especially in Hempnall. New Childhood service proposals have been published today. Feedback on initial consultation has been received. It has been identified that 62% of the budget will be assigned to front delivery services as opposed to 39% which it has been historically.

The bowls club advised that they were in attendance regarding item 9 on the agenda. The club would like to open a dialogue with the Council regarding a lease.

A member of the public expressed their disappointment with South Norfolk District Council reducing the amenities in the village especially when becoming a Town.

*Councillor Francis joined the meeting at 19:14.*

7. Financial and Governance items
  - a. To review income and expenditure since the last meeting and consider the authorisation of payments  
All payments were noted and authorised. The Council challenged the room hire payment to the village hall for the police connect meeting. PC Jim Squires called the meeting and conformed the Council pay for the room hire. The Council informed the Clerk that the Village Hall usually absorb the cost and provide the room pro bono. The Clerk will investigate and arrange a refund where required.
  - b. To discuss and decide on full page advert in the Sextons Wheel for upcoming elections  
The Council **resolved** to put a full-page advert in the Sextons Wheel advertising the upcoming elections.

Signed by Chairman.....Date.....



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8. To consider correspondence received
  - a. Offer of benches to the Parish
    - i. Would we like them?  
Following a discussion; the Council **resolved** that they would like 6 benches.
    - ii. Where would we put them?  
The Council postponed this item until it is known whether we will be able to have the benches.
  - b. Neighbourhood Plan network evening 29 January 2019  
This was noted and the Clerk was asked to advise the steering group of the event.
9. To discuss and decide on the following
  - a. Rent for the Bowls Club to commence 1 April 2019  
The clerk gave a synopsis of the agreement that the Council have had with the Bowls Club.  
*The Chairman closed the meeting to allow members of the bowls club to provide an overview of their current position.*  
The bowls club advised their current member status and stated that although the land belonged to the Council, the bowls club pay their own electricity and have recently started paying their own water. They also carry out all maintenance to the bowling lawn and their facilities. The gate to access the property remains open and therefore members of the public who are not members could if they so wished could use the bowls lawn.  
*The chairman re-opened the meeting.*  
Following a lengthy discussion; the Council postponed making a decision regarding rent until the following information had been sought
    - A copy of the bowls club accounts for the past 12 months.
    - A land survey to estimate the rent value of the land
    - Research by the Clerk to find out what other bowls clubs pay.To be revisited at February's meeting.
  - b. Lease agreement for the Bowls Club drawn up by Solicitors  
A lease was agreed in principle, but no resolution was made until the information in 9a had been sought.
10. To discuss and decide on the following
  - a. Grays funfair using the playing field 09.06.19-13.06.19  
It was **resolved** to allow Grays funfair to use the dates as shown.
  - b. Hire charge for use of the playing field  
The Council reviewed the hire structure provided in the terms and condition from item 14. The Council **resolved** to use this hire structure. The Clerk to contact Greys.
11. To discuss and decide on planting additional hedgerow on the playing fields by the containers  
Following a lengthy discussion, it was **resolved** that no additional planting was required.
12. To discuss and decide on S106 money from Tharston Meadow development  
Following a lengthy discussion; it was **resolved** for the Clerk to email the S106 officer at South Norfolk District Council stating that Long Stratton Council did not want S106 money as they were not consulted on whether



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they wanted to be in partnership with Tharston and also Tharston Meadow development is purely in Tharston.

13. To review planning decision on the central toilets and discuss and decide on next steps if applicable.  
The Clerk provided a synopsis of events which led to South Norfolk approving the planning permission that would see the central toilets be converted to 1 public facility and 2 retail units. Following a lengthy discussion; the Council **resolved** to explore the possibility of appealing and if possible; appeal the planning decision.
14. To discuss and decide on content of the hire agreement and charges of the playing field.  
Following a lengthy discussion; the terms and conditions of the hire agreement were **approved** with the following additions.
  - A clause stating that all inflatable entertainment items must be checked and of the standard as set out by the HSE.
  - A clause that Long Stratton Council reserve the right to amend hire charges/ damage deposits as they see fit.
15. To receive committee updates.
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan Steering group  
Councillor Adcock gave a brief update stating that the steering group are in the position of reviewing evidence for the draft plan and are beginning to discuss the plan with South Norfolk as the principal authority.
  - b. Pavilion
    - i. Funding updates  
The Clerk provided updates on the current funding streams that are progressing.
  - c. Finance  
No update to provide, meeting to be held at the end of the month.
  - d. Leisure  
The Clerk advised she had purchased several dog signs for the playing fields which the Groundsman will be putting up.
16. To receive recommendations from the working party regarding the design code for the 1800 development and make any comments to SNDC where appropriate  
The Council reviewed the recommendation from the working group for the observations, concerns and objections of the design code. They **resolved** for the Clerk to submit the recommendations.
17. To note the following meeting dates
  - a. Planning meeting – January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm
    - i. To discuss and decide on delegating power to comment on the planning application received; to the Clerk  
The Clerk advised this wasn't to be a permanent delegation but for the 1 application received to date. The Committee advised that they still like to meet even if it is for a 10-minute committee meeting. The Council **resolved** not to delegate power to the Clerk.
  - b. Finance meeting – January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
This was noted.



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18. AOB

It was noted that drones are not allowed on the playing field as they are not allowed within 400ft of property, Clerk to place in Sextons Wheel.

Following a recent Police Connect meeting, Councillor Mortimer and Baker were advised that community speed watch only required 3 members, this is contradictory to the 6 members that have been previously advised. The Clerk will investigate further and report back.

*With there being no further business; the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:24*