



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors Mathew Pochin, (Acting Chair), Judith Baker, David Ridgway, Diane Woodham, Christina Kenna, Susan Smith, Andrew Lansdell (19:05) Louise Mundford (20.20) & Robert Mackenzie

1 member of the public

District Councillor Josh Worley

Becky Buck Clerk & RFO, Emma Blizard, Council Officer.

1. **To receive applicants for co-option**
There were no applicants for co-option.
2. **To receive apologies for absence**
Councillor Lunness gave apologies due to ill health; these were noted by the Council.
3. **To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations**
There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation.
4. **To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes**
District Councillor Worley apologised for meeting absences which were work related. Apologies from Councillor Thomas as she was unable to attend the meeting. Budget was passed on the 7th March 2022, there will be a £20 million investment for day to day investment in South Norfolk.

Councillor Lansdell joined the meeting at 19:05.

100 million capital investment programme will be spent in South Norfolk to support the economy, this includes the bypass. Council tax will be increasing by £5 per band D property. This is unfortunate as cost of living is increasing however it is required to continue deliver council services. CIL investment scheme will be available to Town and Parish Councils to help deliver infrastructure. £300 grant is available for the Queens Jubilee festivities. Council tax rebate is underway, all residents are encouraged to pay their Council Tax by direct debit as this makes the rebate easier to process. There are several Ukranian famalies in South Norfolk and it is intended that family members may be coming to join them. There is a potential to use Cygnet House as a temporary housing venue. Big litter pick is starting on 14th March to 31st June, there is a £20 reward for every group that takes part.

A member of the public commented that she felt a minute silence at the beginning of the meeting for Ukraine would be appropriate. Please can there be more information in the Sexton's Wheel.

Signed by the Chairman

Date



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She reported that the tree in the car park behind Ice House precinct is obscuring the street light and could the Council check Brands Lane for fly tipping.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true copy.

6. To note the Clerks report and to ask any questions arising from the report.

The Clerk's report was noted by the Council.

7. Financial and Governance items

a. To approve and note receipts and payments since 7th February 2022

Payments totalling £33,617.06 were noted and approved by the Council.

Receipts totalling £35,839.36 inclusive of a £25,000 internal transfer were noted by the Council.

b. To note credit card payments since 7th February 2022

Payments totalling £1,768.97 were noted by the Council.

8. To discuss and decide on draft newsletter

The Council were happy with the content it was requested of Councillors to be listed alphabetically and for the font to be bigger, this would mean that the newsletter would be over 8 pages. There are 2500 houses to deliver too. Clerk to ask producers of the Sexton's Wheel if the newsletter could be delivered at the same time. The Council were aware that there may be a charge levied for this.

9. To discuss and decide on date for Annual Parish Meeting no later than 1st June 2022.

23rd May was proposed by Councillor Baker and approved by Council, time was set for 7pm.

10. To declare all open spaces under a legal power

a. Playing fields

Power to acquire and maintain land for public recreation, Public Health Act 1875, s.164

b. The Plain

Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of, Local Government Act 1972 ss.124, 126, 127.

c. Strip of land by footpath 12

Power to acquire and maintain land for open space, Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 & 10.

d. Any other land maintained by the Council.

Land at Wood Green – Power to acquire by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of, Local Government Act 1972 ss.124, 126, 127.

11. To receive feedback on play equipment consultation and note the next steps.



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Feedback was provided and it was noted that grant funding was the next step.

12. To receive committee updates.

- a. Planning & Highway Committee
 - i. To note the planning minutes from 14th February & 28th February 2022
Planning minutes from 14th & 28th February were noted by the Council.
 - ii. To discuss and decide on response to the 1800 home hybrid planning application.
Following a lengthy discussion, it was approved to submit the planning committee comments and questions.
- b. Events Committee
 - i. To note the events minutes from 21st February 2022
The minutes of the meeting held 21st February 2022 were noted by the Council.

13. Meeting dates

- a. Events committee, March 22nd at 7pm.
Councillor Ridgway gave apologies due to a prior commitment, the Council agreed to change the date to 21st at 7pm.
- b. Full Council 11th April 2022
Noted
- c. Planning 21st March at 6pm
Councillor Ridgway gave apologies due to a prior commitment.
- d. Finance 28th March at 7pm.
Noted
- e. Finance 25th April at 7pm
Noted

Councillor Mundford joined the meeting at 20:20.

14. **To close the meeting to press and public under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960** due to the disclosure of confidential information (land, contracts, staffing matters)
There were no members of the press or public to dismiss.

15. Staffing Matters

- a. Accident at work – update.
The clerk gave an update.

With there being no further business, the chairman closed the meeting at 20:29.