



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th NOVEMBER 2023 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Judith Baker, Kelly Lunness, Louise Mundford (19:24), Helen Dickerson, Diane Woodham, Andrew Lansdell, David Willis and Robin Ciorra

1 Members of the Public, County Councillor Alison Thomas, District Councillor Georgina Race

Clerk Becky Buck, Town Council Apprentice Molly Hallett

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Susan Smith and Mathew Pochin gave apologies due to prior arrangements, these were accepted by the Council.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations received.

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

County Councillor Alison Thomas reported the following. Installation of yellow lines on Hill Farm road have been temporarily postponed due to objections that have been received. There is a meeting being held on the 14th November where a final decision will be made.

There will be road closures on the eastern side proposed bypass to facilitate pre commencement works. Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital have a new campaign, Home for Lunch which will see patients discharged before lunch time to allow patients that need to be admitted to have a bed. This will hopefully see an improvement in the emergency department allowing ambulance drivers to drop patients off and get back to supporting residents that need medical assistance. A new AI pilot has been put to use, identifying those that may be at risk of a fall and providing preventative resources to minimise the chance of falling.

District Councillor Georgina Race advised that the junction of Flowerpot Lane and Manor Road will be closed for 3 days to allow BT to carry out some works. She expressed her dissatisfaction at the decision made by South Norfolk District Council to demolish South Norfolk House for housing. There was a concern of the impact on the environment this would have.

Councillor Louise Mundford joined the meeting.

A member of the public complained about the amount of dog fouling around Spinney Close. The Chairman advised that this was the responsibility of South Norfolk District Council.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2023



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The minutes of the meeting held 9th October were approved by the Council with one alteration. Item 10b 'Wacton' was omitted and replaced with 'Tasburgh'. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. To note the Clerks report.

The Clerk's report was noted. Councillor Baker wanted to thank Tom Thompson for the work carried out at The Plain for Remembrance Day.

6. Finance and Governance

a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 9th October 2023

Income and expenditure was noted and authorised by the Council and the Chairman signed the payment list as a true record.

b. To note all credit card payments since 9th October 2023

The credit card payments was noted and authorised by the Council and the Chairman signed the payment list as a true record.

c. To discuss and decide on quotes for a sensored light in the play area.

Following a lengthy discussion; a sensored light was approved for the play area to be paid for using ear marked reserves.

7. To appoint an internal scrutineer.

Councillor David Willis was proposed as internal scrutineer, this was approved by the Council. Councillor Willis accepted his appointment.

8. To discuss and decide on participating in bypass working group.

The Council as a whole agreed to be involved and therefore it was agreed that the Clerk would be point of contact for meetings and would advise Councillors of where and when and those that could attend would do so.

9. To discuss and decide on repurposing the telephone box on Flowerpot Lane to a trust library.

Following a lengthy discussion; it was agreed for the Direct Services Officer to size the telephone box up for suitability for a trust library and/or a defibrillator.

10. To discuss and decide on putting in a bench in the gym equipment area.

The Council agreed to place a bench in the gym equipment area.

11. To note the South Norfolk Decision regarding South Norfolk House.

The Council noted the decision regarding South Norfolk House. They voiced their complete dissatisfaction with the decision. The clerk was asked to draft a press release.



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12. To discuss and decide on the Climate Crisis additions on the Action Plan.

The Council approved the amendments to the Action Plan. The Council was advised that the Action Plan would be discussed under the Action Group committee. It was suggested the Council invest in a thermal camera. Clerk to look at this in more detail for the next Action Group meeting.

13. To discuss and decide on the request from St Michaels Church regarding scanning the churchyard.

Following a lengthy discussion; it was agreed that the Council would not pay St Michaels church to scan the churchyard. The Clerk will write to the treasurer to confirm the Council's decision.

14. To note minutes from the following committee meetings.

a. Events

The events minutes were noted. The Clerk was advised of a spelling mistake for Ceilidh.

b. Planning

The planning minutes were noted.

i. To discuss and decide on the content of the letter supporting the bypass.

The Council approved the content of the letter supporting the bypass.

15. To note the following meeting dates.

a. Finance budget meeting 20 November 2023 @ 7pm

This was noted by the Council.

b. Appraisals for staff – 20.11.23 – 24.11.2023

This was noted by the Council.

c. Staffing meeting 27 November 2023 @ 7pm

This was noted by the Council.

d. Leisure & Pavilion, 04 December 2023

This was noted by the Council.

16. AOB (not for discussion)

The Clerk advised that the Cost of Living pay rise awarded by the National Joint Council had been agreed and back dated to April 1st 2023.

Councillor Diane Woodham advised the Clerk that South Norfolk Precinct is looking untidy in areas, the Clerk advised she will contact Arnold Keys.

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