



Long Stratton Town Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, PAVILION

In attendance: Councillors Kelly Lunness (Acting Chairman), Judith Baker, Mathew Pochin, Diane Woodham, Andrew Lansdell, David Ridgway & Robert Mackenzie

District and County Councillor Alison Thomas

Members of the public

1. **To receive applicants for co-option**

There were no applicants for co-option.

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mundford for ill health, Councillor Worsley for ill health, Councillor Bambridge for ill health and Councillor Mackenzie for annual leave, these were accepted 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**

Members of the public were invited to speak on item 7.

District and County Councillor Thomas reported the following.

Discussions have been had with Local Lead Flood Alliance (LLFA) regarding the ditch being cleared behind Manor Court. The problem lies with the LLFA not having enough power to enforce the action however the request is to carry out the work and negate the potential for severe flooding in 2021/22 which caused devastation and has cost thousands of pounds to put right. It was noted that other ditches and grills were also full. Letters have been written to both the Leader of Norfolk County Council and LLFA, issues in the flood report still have not been addressed.

The emergency planning meeting which surrounded flooding was attended and a contact with Watton was made who were also flooded. They had examples of lessons learnt from a large housing development which impacted the water line and it was suggested that we arrange a meeting with them to discuss this further. Councillors Ridgway and Woodham expressed an interest in being involved in that meeting.

Tree planting in Long Stratton that Councillor Ridgway is leading on is and has been supported.

At Norfolk County Council, budgets are being looked at. There is a real emphasis on the NHS.

Signed:

Date:

Members of the Council asked about the cleansing schedule at South Norfolk DC, it was commented that requests for information were not being dealt with. The Clerk asked if there had been any response to the letter sent regarding the dog bin initiative. It was agreed that the letter would be resent as there had been IT issues in receiving emails SNDC end. The hedge that overhangs the pathway adjacent to the library is still overgrown, it was agreed to contact the library. The question was asked what will happen to the offices at South Norfolk Council if the Council moves to Broadland business park. There was no answer at present.

District Councillor Worley sends his apologies.

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October were approved by members and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

The Clerk's report was noted by Council.

a. To receive updates on questions raised from October's report.

The Clerk answered all the questions raised from the previous meeting.

7. To discuss and decide on additional flowers on the strip of land by footpath 12

The Chairman opened the meeting to allow members of the public to speak

Members of the public asked if additional lavenders could be planted on the strip of land by footpath 12, they advised that they were prepared to pay a contribution of £40 towards the planting.

The chairman closed the meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to delegate the decision to the Leisure and Pavilion Committee to allow members to visit the site and to also get the opinion of the Groundsman.

8. Financial and Governance items

a. To approve and note receipts and payments since 13th September 2021

Receipts and payments from 13th September were noted and approved by the Committee.

b. To note credit card payments since 11th October

This was postponed to December's meeting.

9. To discuss and decide on CCTV proposal for the Pavilion

Following a lengthy discussion, it was resolved to move the CCTV into the office and to upgrade 4 cameras.

10. Tree planting in Long Stratton

a. To receive an update on the application of trees.

Councillor Ridgway gave the Council an update on the application of trees which was supported by Council.

He asked members to think of areas that trees could be planted.

b. To note a working group meeting to be held on 16th November 2021 at 7pm in the community room.

The meeting on the 16th November 2021 at 7pm was noted by Council members.

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11. To discuss and decide on meeting with Tasburgh PC regarding a cycle path linking the villages as a result of Tasburgh PC's consultation feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council agreed to meet with Tasburgh PC to discuss the possibility of a cycle path linking the village. Councillors Woodham and Baker to attend.

12. To discuss and decide on the location of Councillor Worsley's personal property

Following a lengthy discussion, it was resolved that the Council cannot store any Councillor's personal property on Council premises/ property.

13. To receive committee updates.

a. Events

i. To note the events minutes from Tuesday 27th July 2021

The events minutes were not available. The Clerk will circulate.

ii. To discuss and decide on any recommendations made by events committee.

The events chairman advised on recommendations/ resolutions made by the Committee, these were approved by the Council.

b. Leisure

i. To note the leisure minutes from Wednesday 27th October

The leisure minutes were not available. The Clerk will circulate.

ii. To discuss and decide on recommendations made.

The leisure chairman advised on recommendations/ resolutions made by the Committee, these were approved by the Council.

14. To note future meeting dates.

a. Planning and Highways, Monday 15th November @ 6pm

Noted

b. Staffing committee, Monday 15th November @ 7pm

Noted

c. Events Committee, Monday 22nd November @ 7pm

Noted

d. Leisure & Pavilion, daytime site meeting, Tuesday 23rd November 11am

Noted

e. Finance, (budget), Monday 29th November @ 7pm – all invited.

Noted

15. 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)

The meeting was closed to members of the public and press.

Signed:

Date:

16. Staff Matters

The Clerk left the meeting.

Appraisal feedback was given to the Chair and Vice-Chair regarding appraisals.

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

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