



Long Stratton Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th APRIL AT 7PM AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE OF LONG STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

**In attendance: Councillors Steve Adcock, Caroline Francis,
Andrew Lansdell, Diane Woodham, Judith Baker, Matt Pochin, Ian Mortimer, Richard Tompkins.**

A member of the Public & District Councillor Fulcher (arrived 19:06)

Becky Buck (Clerk).

1. To consider apologies for absence
Councillor Kevin Worsley gave apologies for health purposes.
2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations
There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations.
3. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes
No comments made.
4. To invoke standing orders to reopen item 14 from ordinary meeting held 8th April 2019
The Council resolved to invoke standing orders in order to discuss the decision to ratify the decision to underwrite the funding provided by South Norfolk District Council.
5. To discuss and decide on underwriting funding due from South Norfolk District Council
The Clerk gave a synopsis of events that led to the extraordinary meeting. It was discussed that since the funding agreement issued by South Norfolk which stipulated the pavilion was to be 'value for money' had in late 2018 added that the project had to achieve £1500m2. The Clerk had liaised with officers at South Norfolk 6th March 2019; it was discussed that South Norfolk believed that Long Stratton had been unable to meet this condition and therefore South Norfolk advised that they need a further cabinet decision before honouring the funding agreement which will be made in June.

The Clerk advised that she had advised South Norfolk that the new condition was unfair given the late announcement and that the project was due to commence on 19th March 2019. South Norfolk advised that they would be happy to fund the project even it had started. The Clerk advised the Council that a conversation was then held with the other funding partners who advised they were still happy on the condition the that cost of the project could still be met.

At the meeting 11th March the Clerk advised the Council of the financial position and although no resolution was made as the event was too late to be placed on the March's agenda; the Council supported the Clerk in making the decision in her role of keeping the Council running in a emergency situation. It was deemed an emergency as the project was due to start 8 days later, the Council had already spent a significant amount of money in professional fees, application fees and survey fees, the planning deadline was due to expire and as the Council had already resolved to borrow up to £500,000 which had been incorporated in a financial forecast to cover the cost of the pavilion as a worst case scenario there was no additional financial decision to be made.

The chairman closed the meeting to allow District Councillor Fulcher to speak

Signed..... Date.....



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District Councillor Fulcher advised that he was concerned that the Clerk was making decisions when it should be the Council as it was a financial matter.

The chairman reopened the meeting

The Clerk advised that no financial decision had been made by the clerk as there had been a previous resolution to cover the cost of the pavilion and that the Clerk was operating to keep the Council running effectively and efficiently in an emergency situation which had been previously supported by the Council and ratified at April's meeting. The Clerk acknowledged that the process could have been more transparent to the community and as such had called the extraordinary meeting.

With the Council having all of the information they **resolved** to underwrite the cost of the pavilion. This was passed in favour 7 votes for 1 against.

6. AOB

There was no any other business to discuss.

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:18

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