



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER AT 7PM AT THE METHODIST CHURCH OF LONG STRATTON TOWN COUNCIL

In attendance: Councillors Kevin Worlsey, Mark Gladding, Mark Bambridge, Edward Earp, Andrew Lansdell, Diane Woodham, Judith Baker, Matt Pochin, Richard Tompkins & Robert Mackenzie.

Members of the Public

County & District Councillor Alison Thomas

Councillors Potter, Gunton & Fulcher from Tharston & Hapton Parish Council

Becky Buck (Clerk).

1. To receive apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Councillor Mortimer for annual leave and Councillors Race and Lunness for ill health, these were accepted by the Council.
2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations
There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation received.
3. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 15 Minutes
District report: There are no ongoing concerns at District level, budget report for quarter 1 has seen a positive variance. The Local Plan is progressing, October will see South Norfolk go to public consultation which includes a call for sites however with the proposed growth it is unlikely Long Stratton will see any further allocation.

County report: County are about to go through the budget planning process, proposals will come forward in October. Social care is currently going through a scrutiny process.

Please be aware that the District Councillor budget of £1000 is still available and Councillors Thomas and Worley are looking forward to receiving applications.

Churchfield traffic calming measure, options for planters are still being looked at.

Hempnall roundabout is progressing nicely with the weekend road closure now behind us. It is still on course for a November opening.

Question was asked regarding South Norfolk position on the £25 million earmarked for South Norfolk for the Clinical Commissioning Group. Councillor Thomas did not have any further knowledge on this as it is not her area, advised that potentially Councillor Bendall would be the District member to talk to as she sits on the Health & Wellbeing board.

Member of the public enquired over who owned the land adjacent to St Mary's Road that was recently proposed as development land for Orbit that was subsequently turned down by the planning inspectorate. It was advised that the land was Glebe land.

Question was asked regarding the bypass proposal and whether it was still the number 1 top priority for Norfolk County Council. Councillor Thomas advised that yes it was top priority concern was expressed that the Western relief road would be done first and the bypass forgotten about. Councillor Thomas advised Norfolk County Council has 3 top priorities, in no particular order and Long Stratton Bypass is 1 of the 3 as is the Western relief road.

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4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019 & 10th July 2019
Minutes from meetings held 8th July 2019 & 10th July 2019 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
5. To consider any items arising from the minutes of 8th July 2019 & 10th July 2019
There were no matters arising from the minutes held from 8th July 2019 & 10th July 2019.
6. To close the meeting to invite members from Tharston & Hapton Parish Council to participate.
The meeting was closed and Councillors Potter, Gunton & Fulcher were invited to participate to discuss the following items.
 - a. To discuss and decide on adoption of the DRAFT Neighbourhood plan for pre submission consultation
The Council, with members of Tharston & Hapton discussed the proposed Neighbourhood Plan and the tabled amendments.
 - b. To discuss and decide on adoption of the Community Aspirations document for attachment to the Neighbourhood Plan
This was no longer necessary.
 - c. To note Tharston & Hapton Parish Council action plan
This was no longer necessary
 - d. To note Long Stratton Town Council action plan
This was no longer necessary.

It was noted that items 6b, c, & d were no longer necessary as the Neighbourhood Plan consultant advised that Community Aspirations and Action Plans were to run independently alongside the Neighbourhood Plan which allowed both Long Stratton and Tharston & Hapton to create and manage their own documents.

The Chairman asked Councillor Potter from Tharston & Hapton to provide minutes form their Parish Council meeting approving the Neighbourhood Plan content for pre- consultation submission, which was agreed. Councillor Potter thanked the steering group members for the time and dedication given to the Neighbourhood Plan.

7. To open the meeting to Long Stratton Town Council only
The meeting was reopened to Long Stratton Town Council members only.
8. To discuss and decide on resolutions for items
 - a. 6a
The Council resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Plan content for pre-submission consultation. Chapters 22, 6 & forward were delegated to the steering group members (as the group consists of members from both Long Stratton and Tharston & Hapton) as work was still being carried out by the Consultant.
 - b. 6b
This was postponed to Octobers meeting.
9. To discuss and decide on adoption of Long Stratton Town Council action plan (to be appendage to the Neighbourhood Plan)
This was postponed to Octobers meeting.
10. Financial and Governance items
 - a. To review income and expenditure since the last meeting and consider the authorisation of payments
Income and expenditure was noted and approved for payment.

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11. To consider correspondence received
 - a. Household Hazardous Waste Days, September and October 2019
This was noted.
 - b. Parking around Poplar Close
This was noted.
12. To discuss and decide on Methodist Church
 - a. Adoption of the business case
It was proposed and seconded for resolved by 9 votes to adopt the business case for the Methodist Church, 1 member abstained.
 - b. Review of the recommendations made by the Finance Committee
The Council reviewed the following recommendations of the finance committee :
 - The Council holds a consultation with the local community regarding increasing the precept to support the purchase of the Methodist Church and to ask South Norfolk District Council to zero rate business rates.
 - The Council holds a consultation with the local community regarding increasing the precept to replace the MUGA (money in EMR), playground equipment and additional carparking.
 - The Council replaces the MUGA using money in EMR.
 - c. Action to be taken
Following a lengthy discussion Councillor Worsley proposed a public consultation to ask if the Community are prepared for the Town Council to purchase the Methodist Church, receive an increase in Precept to support purchasing the building and to ask South Norfolk District Council to zero rate the business rates of the building to ensure the running costs are as efficient as possible. This was seconded. A further proposal was made by Councillor Tompkins that the Council do not pursue the Methodist church and concentrate on the existing projects, this was seconded.
The Council resolved by 7 votes to 3 to hold a public consultation over weekends of 12 +13th and 21st +22nd of September at the Co-op (with the co-op's consent, to be confirmed) and on the website. Advertisement to be put on social media. An extraordinary meeting to be held on Monday 23rd September at 7pm.
13. To receive committee updates.
 - a. Leisure & Pavilion
 - i. To note minutes from meeting held 2nd September 2019
This meeting was cancelled.
 - ii. To discuss and decide on request from Long Stratton Football Club
This was postponed until the following leisure committee meeting.
 - b. Events
 - i. To note minutes from meeting held 2nd September 2019
This meeting was cancelled.
 - ii. To discuss and decide on recommendations made by the Leisure Committee
This was postponed until the next ordinary meeting.
 - iii. To approve quote for infrastructure for Christmas tree by toilets
The Council approved a maximum cost of £1100 for infrastructure for a 3rd Christmas tree by the central toilets.

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c. Planning

- i. To note the outcome from the public enquiry held for the Orbit application
The Council noted the decision of the planning inspectorate to overturn Orbits appeal for development of the land adjacent to St Marys Road.

d. Finance

- i. To note the minutes from meeting held 29th July & 29th August 2019
The minutes from the meetings held on 29th July and 29th August 2019 were noted.

14. To note the following meeting dates

- a. Planning & Highways meeting – Monday 21st October 2019 at 6pm
b. Pavilion contract meeting – Thursday 19 September at 1.30pm
c. Events meeting – It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 16th September
d. Leisure – It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 16th September.
All meeting dates were noted.

15. To dismiss members of the public and press to close the meeting for matters relating to staff and Councillors.
All members of the public were dismissed, the Clerk also left the room.

16. To discuss and decide on the Clerk's contract

The content of the Clerks contract was agreed, Councillor Tompkins to prepare a new contract for Clerk's consideration.

17. To discuss and decide on an overtime payment

Overtime payment was approved.

With there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:46.