

Minutes of the Sturry Parish Council meeting Held on 20th July 2022 at 7.00pm at Broad Oak Village Hall Sturry

Present:

Parish Cllrs Ann Davies (Chairman), Trevor Pilbeam, John Hogben, Peter Wenham, Karen Isaac and Cerise Harris.

Dawn Hyams, Clerk to the Council

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh (for part of the meeting)

CCC Cllrs Louise Harvey-Quirke

1 member of the public

Cllr Davies opened the meeting at 7.05pm and chaired the proceedings.

7445: Apologies for Absence

Apologise for absence were received from Parish Cllrs Ashley Bubb (Vice Chairman), Heather Taylor, Ben Davis.

Public Questions

None

7446: To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests on any agenda items and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI register held at CCC, such as change of job or home.

None

7447: To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 27th June 2022.

Cllr Isaac said her name was spelt wrong in the last minutes. Cllr Davies explained it had been altered. Cllr Pilbeam proposed they were correct and Cllr Hogben second the proposal. All Cllrs were in agreement.

7448: Matters arising from the minutes of the 27th June 2022

None

7449: Chairman and Councillors' reports.

Cllr Pilbeam attended Broad Oak meeting and explained there are 3 main items.

- 1) The purchase of Smith Lane. This would help big entertainment for Broad Oak and Sturry. Cllr Pilbeam asked if Sturry Parish would be able to help? Cllr Davies said that if they do want this, it's a case for SPC, but they would have to contact us.
- 2) Kids sweets were left from the Jubilee. Could we give them to Broad Oak? It was agreed by all they could be.
- 3) How this would be his last meeting and that Karen Isaac is now going to be the Village Hall Representative for Sturry Parish Council. Cllr Pilbeam said how he had enjoyed his time at the meetings.

Chairman Cllr Davies said it had been a sprint with arranging meeting, but only the finance meeting to go. She said we were avoiding meetings in August except for the staffing

As I mentioned, I recently met with new residents in Broad Oak, who were concerned about the lack of a safe crossing on Shalloak Road. KCC have been out and taken photos and are now taking over this matter.

This week:

Full Council will be held tomorrow at Guildhall, at 7pm. This will be my first as Sheriff, and our first Full Council since changing to the Cabinet system.

There have been ongoing parking issues at Fairview Gardens following the recommendation from JTB. I have been in touch with Enforcement, who will be visiting the area regularly.

I met with the residents of Bluebell and Dengrove Parks recently to discuss both local and national issues. Following complaints about both the £400 energy payment and Stagecoach, I wrote to Sir Roger Gale for advice.

His comments have been fed back to the Chair of the park association.

I have been liaising with residents of Herne Bay Road regarding the generator from Barrett's site, which has caused disturbance throughout the evenings. I have agreed to maintain contact with the site foreman and relay any concerns to him.

Additionally, signs will be put out when there is traffic management in place, to prevent speeding vehicles on Herne Bay Road, and I have asked KCC to reinstate the 30mph signs that were removed.

Finally, I have been advised that changes to the road layout will begin soon, the estimated date is 5th August. I have informed residents of Herne Bay Road, as they will be affected most, and I will continue to liaise with them to ensure any concerns are addressed.

7451: Village Caretaker's Report.

Report not available.

7452: Cemetery Report

No cemetery report available.

Cllr Davies said that she, The Clerk and Caretaker walked round the cemetery. There are still problems there. We need to toughen up with it and the future must be better. Only housekeeping had been done with Cllr Wenham's help. Cllr Isaac said that all the new councillors should go to the cemetery to see.

7453: Clerk's Report.

No Clerks report

7454: Update on the draft Parish Charter

Its has been many years that the Parish Charter has not been updated. A lot of it was about policy regs in one document. Cllr Davies is hoping to bring back to the next meeting.

7455: To approve recommendations from the Staffing Committee

- a) Cllr Davies proposed agreement for Cllr Harriss being chairman and Cllr Wenham seconded it.

- e) Publication Clerks and Councils Direct - £12.00 per councillor per year – Cerise and Karen have not got this yet.

All councillors agreed with these.

7459: Approve quotation for new Christmas lights

Christmas Direct - £2000. To be ordered as soon as possible. Agreed by all councillors

7460: Christmas event – to agree the date of the event and set up a working Group.

This event is normally held on the last Sunday in November. This would be 27th November 2022. Cllr Pilbeam volunteered to organising this event. People are needed to volunteer to help. He thinks we spent money on things that was not needed. Had to have lights for Health and Safety, but noise and fumes were generated by them. Had large lights on tripods. Generators were a waste of money, as the people in the gazebos couldn't see. Just one cost £300 for lighting. We shouldn't have cables running down the street. Trevor thinks there might be another way of doing it. 2 lights per gazebo from Home Bargains @ £30 a light Food stalls do not need generators. It was agreed to meet up in September to look at the lighting for the event.

The office can deal with the administration. Also, event can be put on website and Facebook. We need residents to volunteer to help. Karen will help with Facebook. Cerise will help with planning. All should help on the day.

7461: Approval of an external key switch to override the magnetic door lock. Total cost £1245.79 + VAT @ 20% from Elec-Sec Ltd

Cllr Davies proposed this and Trevor second this.

7462: Discuss and agree on scope of tree work to be included in a quotation request

Looking at Sturry Cemetery proposed tree work. Need trees to be reshaped in order the Funeral cars can drive through without getting damaged by the trees. Also, to be included request to cut back yew trees on right hand side of entrance road. St. Nicholas Churchyard needs branches cut back where obstructing the path.

Looking at Centenary Woodland. Trees to be pruned back in cleared area. Also, for area obstructing the light to be cleared.

Toilets area to be cleared of fallen tree trunk and cut branched behind toilet. One serious fire already and a continued risk.

All of these were agreed for quotes to be got for the work.

7463: Approval of purchase of 10 Metal signs for no dogs signs. Same size as signs in the park already.

All councillors agreed this.