

Minutes for Sturry Parish Meeting in Primary School Main Hall on Wednesday 31st May 2023 at 7pm.

Present:

Vice Chairman Councillor John Hogben
Cllr Karen Isaac, Cllr Heather Taylor, Cllr Peter Campbell, Cllr Peter Wenham, Cllr Ann Davies
Ken Bullock, Cemetery Superintendent
Dawn Hyams, Clerk
Councillor Harry McKenzie – Canterbury City Councillor
Councillor Keji Moses – Canterbury City Councillor

Apologies:

Chairman Councillor Ashley Bubb

2023.1 Welcome to the Meeting and introductions

Vice Chairman Councillor John Hogben welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced everyone to the public.

2023.2 Apologies

Cllr Ashley Bubb (Chairman) sent his apologies.

2023.3 Guest Speaker Councillor Harry McKenzie and Keji Moses

Councillor Harry McKenzie thanked everyone for being voted and how he and Keji have attended lots of training induction meetings. He spoke about the next coming 4 years. They want to scrap the bypass. Research has shown it will increase congestion. They are planning on reopening. He will be lobbying Alan Marsh and the Highway Agency. They are going to be more responsive than before. Their first surgery is set up for next Friday and wants there to be several held. He said that they will attend the Parish Council meetings and are willing to help to set up any community events. They are on the planning committee and make sure every decision will have Sturry people in their minds. Pollution and testing of the soil to be done. Making sure road cleaning services will be done, but there is only so much they can do. They will not over promise. They have been in touch with Sturry Football Club and have a meeting with them this week. They attended a planning committee meeting last night and had some input in Hoath planning and called for a site visit as concerns about pollution.

2023.4 Update on Centenary Woods

Tenders have gone out for the repair works on Centenary Woods.
Safety of works - Principal designer is needed and watching brief acknowledge.
We need to have a 10-year management plan that needs to be sustainable for the woods.

2023.5 Update on Play Park area

We have had an assessment done on the play park and have received a quotation, which has been accepted by the parish council. We are waiting for them to come back to us with a date for the work to be done.

2023.6 Open questions and answers

Councillor Harry McKenzie asked if we were aware of the stage we are at.

The link road plan has full approval.

Residential master plan is doubtful, sent back and presumed them to accept.

Full approval is a disaster. A sustainable plan is needed i.e., Play area etc.

We need to gain an understanding and look at it and comments are needed. If you have comments send them to councillor McKenzie.

Member of the public – Can you confirm what proposal you are talking about?
Is it Sturry Hill and Shallock Road as this was formally green gap.

Cllr Campbell – Sturry Park and ride is going to pull the traffic into Sturry as it's on the wrong side of Sturry. It's great for the people on the other side of Sturry.

Cllrs McKenzie – He is setting up a meeting to find out more. It will be free to local residents in the future if the free travel on stagecoach bus route is downsized. The Councillors will update us on the next meeting.

Cllr Taylor – Asked if they could arrange for Planning Training for the Councillors, so they have better understanding. She said we were hoping to have a Planning meeting every month.

Cllr Moses - Asked Cllr Taylor to send an email to her and she will look into this.

Member of the public – The resident from Popes Lane said it is being used as a rat run and getting worse. The drivers totally ignore the 20 miles an hour speed signs as this is not policed. It an accident waiting to happen. She said it needs a speed camera. It's used for school run and lorries use it. The residents get abuse from the drivers. The traffic makes the windows rattle. Yellow lines are needed for Hillbrow at both ends, as you cannot see at the junctions. Asked for more yellow lines to be looked into by canterbury city councillors.

Cllr McKenzie said he will take up this complaint if more people let him know as we need more complaints.

Member of the public asked when the development is supposed to give money to section 1.01. This does not mean it goes to the district. The way these are worked out but only one pot of money so goes towards affordable housing.

Member of the public asked should be ask for a longer platform for the station. This is not a simple job. Need people to lobby for this. A year ago people didn't want this. Now it the other way round.

Cllr McKenzie said he will look in to getting park and ride round moved.

Resident said about opening old park and ride as a car park for the retail shops.

Cllr Hogben said that until Canterbury gets the traffic sorted. He is looking into them extending the platforms. Draft local plan will be reopened in transport part. This will save money and will move this forward.

Member of the public said that the buses are not running in Broad Oak. Lots of people used the buses, but the bus route has gone. Something Canterbury City Council should look into.

Member of the Public – Her house backs on to the Centenary Woods. She has emailed the office but had no reply. The trees overhang her garden. Management plan needs to be in place. Will be looking at this as safety is primary. Tree work will not be done before autumn because of nesting. Cllr Taylor asked how much we are spending on this, as upkeep is lots. We need to change procedure. Member of public was asked to leave her details with the clerk. Consultation is needed.

Platforms at Sturry is not about the money. British Rail will put their hand in.

Cllr McKenzie said that the Local Plan is going to be reviewed.

Richard Fullbrook died last week. Condolences sent from Sturry Parish Council.

Meeting Finished at 20:25.

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Date: _____

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