



## Minutes

Stroud Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Carl Foulston (Chairman), Mark Rowden (Vice Chair), Tom North, Andrew Snow, Cllr Oppenheimer and Sam Marchant (PC), and 1 member of the public present.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mocatta, Cllr Butlin and Cllr Burdock.

2. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations to report.

3. Approval of Minutes 21 November 2023

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether they felt the minutes of the last meeting on 21 November 2023 were a true record. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were, and they were approved as read and signed by the Chair.

4. Councillor Responsibilities

Cllr Snow agreed to adopt the responsibilities for the SDNPA liaison, footpaths to be shared with Cllr Rowden, tree warden to be shared with Cllr Butlin and to be included on the planning committee.

5. Risk Management Assessment

The current Risk Management Assessment was reviewed and with agreed checks with the website and email host regarding the data protection the document was approved by Councillors.

6. Asset Register

The Asset Register was reviewed, it was agreed to remove the Speed Watch Equipment and to add the new bin at the playground. With these changes made it was then approved by Councillors.

7. Report from District Councillor

Cllr Mocatta's latest report can be found on the Parish Council website.

8. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Oppenheimer referred to his November report which can be found on the Parish Council website. He also referred to his February report due to go out at the end of the week this would also be published on the website.

9. Public Question time

A resident raised her concerns regarding the footpath opposite the school along Ramsdean Road as following the recent bad weather it had become impassable. She asked if a sturdier surface could be installed and for the brambles to be cut back.

Cllr Snow agreed to contact the landowner with the possibility of arranging a volunteer working party to improve the footpath.

A resident also wanted to share the difficulties she had faced crossing the busy road under the A3 bypass. Getting to Petersfield has become increasingly difficult due to the increased flow of traffic and with the proposed cuts to the bus route through the village this would be much harder for non-driving residents.

The Chair discussed the challenge in installing a pedestrian crossing on the roundabout and previously discussed plans for a bike/pedestrian route in the future. It was agreed that the Parish Council would

write a letter to Hampshire Highways about these safety concerns and for the item to be added to the agenda for the March meeting.

The Chair referred to an email received from a resident who had requested a further speed monitor post to be installed to the West of Stroud beyond Ramsdean Road, following discussion it was agreed to use the post already situated outside of the car garage with the potential to have a further speed monitor position on the boundary of the 30mph, it was agreed to look into possible funding for this.

The Climate Change Adaption and Resilience study idea put forward in the same email was then discussed, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the SDNPA for guidance in this along with requesting support from EHDC and Hampshire Highways.

## 10. Finance

### a. Financial Report

The RFO presented her report of actual cost against the budget for the current year which Councillors then approved.

### b. Payment Schedule – Approval of payment of invoices 1 November – 22 January 2024

The RFO reported on all payments between the dates 1 November and 22 January 2024. Councillors unanimously approved all payments.

### c. Bank mandate.

Councillors reviewed the bank mandate and agreed no changes were to be made.

## 11. Matters Arising

### a. A272 Speed Limit (CF)

This item had been discussed previously, it was agreed to investigate available grants to fund and to add the item to the APA.

### b. CIL funding form (TN)

Cllr North informed Cllrs that the SDNPA had approved the grant application for the £10,000 to install a larger and safer bus stop. Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to assist with contacting Hampshire County Council to put plans in place. Possible contractors for the works were discussed and it was agreed to investigate local professionals for quotations.

### c. SDNPA Call for projects 2023/24

It was agreed to liaise with Langrish Parish Council to put in an application for the bridge repair previously discussed.

Cllr Snow also said he would investigate installing three kissing gates in the village.

### d. Tommy fixture

It was agreed that the Tommy Silhouette should be sited along side the Village Hall, the Clerk agreed to contact the Village Hall Committee and a piece of natural stone would be sourced by Cllr Rowden.

### e. Neighbourhood Policing Officer

The Chair informed Cllrs of the new initiative in Hampshire to introduce 'Local bobbys', Stroud is included in the Froxfield area for this, the Clerk agreed to send an invite for the APA meeting to meet with residents.

- f. APA Speaker suggestions  
It was agreed that a talk would be given by Cllr Snow, Cllr Rowden and that the 'Local Bobby' would be asked to attend with the possibility of a wildlife talk from Ron Allen.  
Leaflets to be distributed and posted on the Facebook page, Website and included in the Newsletter.
- g. EHDC Local Plan Consultation  
It was agreed the Parish Council would make no comments.
- h. HCC Future Plans Consultation  
It was resolved to post the consultation link on the Facebook page, website and in the newsletter for residents to make their comments.  
Cllr North agreed to compose the response on behalf of the Parish Council.
- i. Cleaning footpaths along A272 and road sweeping in the village (CF)  
The Chair brought to Councillors attention the debris which had collected along the roads and footpaths in Stroud and blocking drains following the recent bad weather. It was agreed to contact Hampshire Highways to request a road sweeper and monitor the situation.
- j. Recent flooding (CF)  
This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

## 12. Reports & Updates

- a. Noticeboard refurbishment (CF)  
The Chair reported that the noticeboard refurbishment had been completed.
- b. Remembrance Tommy (MR)  
Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c. Footpaths and Hedges (MR)  
It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Hampshire County Council for an update to works.
- d. Lengthsman (MR)  
Agreed jobs for the Lengthsman were as follows,  
Trim hedge around the park on the roadside, inside and tops.  
Annual Trim of the Millennium hedge.  
Cleaning of road signs, bollards, and white village entrance gates.  
To install the two brackets for the SLR device.
- e. Recreation Ground and Playground (TN)  
Cllr North informed Councillors that he had asked Mike Hansford to replace the wooden slats on the roof of the climbing frame with works to take place the following week.  
Cllr Rowden agreed to provide a new country watch sign.  
The Clerk agreed to organise the relocation of the recently installed bin to the outside of the park.
- f. Bus Shelters (TN)  
The Bus Shelter report book was signed off by the Chair, with Cllr Rowden to take on the responsibility of Bus Shelters going forward.

g. Wildflower Initiative (MR/AS)

It was agreed that Cllr Rowden would source wildflower seeds and scatter in designated areas.

13. Newsletter & social media

To be published:

Notice to parents to ensure their children do not climb on the roof or the playground equipment.

The SDNPA grant application approval for £10,000 to go towards the bus shelter replacement.

Request for residents' input regarding speed on the roads in Stroud and walking or cycling into town.

Announcement of the installation of brackets to enable a third position for a speed monitor sign.

14. Planning Application:

SDNP/23/05284/LIS & SDNP/23/05283/HOUS -Stable Barn Winchester Road Stroud

Petersfield Hampshire GU32 3PD-Listed building consent - Proposed new single storey porch addition. Convert existing outbuilding to form utility, to be clad and insulated, connect outbuilding to host dwelling with new doorway through existing wall.

It was agreed 'no objections' comment would be submitted by the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date: