

Strumpshaw Parish Council

Minutes

Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom

Present: Maureen Hammond, Paul Dexter, Tina McAuley, Eric McCormick

In attendance: Hilary Hammond, Megan Wilby

Sarah Cartwright, Lynda and Bob Hunt - Community Hall Committee
Rob Kelly, Regional Network Manager, Anglian Water
Members of the public - three

Andrew Proctor - Norfolk County Council
Sue Prutton - Broadland District Council
Grant Nurden - Broadland District Council

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sheila Ashford, Martin (Olly) Page and David Varley

2. Welcome new Parish Councillor

Maureen Hammond welcomed new Parish Councillor, Eric McCormick to the meeting.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Maureen Hammond said, in reference to agenda item 15, the appointment of trustees to Strumpshaw Marsh Charity, she and Hilary Hammond were trustees of the Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Trust.

4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 20 January 2021 were amended to show that Sheila Ashford proposed the co-option of Eric McCormick. The confirmation of the minutes of 20 January 2021 was proposed by Paul Dexter, seconded by Tina McAuley and agreed unanimously.

5. Matters arising

Maureen Hammond said she had contacted the Lingwood Air Scouts and they had made an application to Grant Nurden for a Councillors grant.

Planning decision outcome number 206 Chapel Road was approved, 236 Pond Farm was approved, the pig farm buildings, further information was being sought on access and visibility and the decision was pending on Glebe Farm.

Residents near Buckenham Woods had been contacted by letter to ask them to contact Alasdair Fraser or Olly Page if they saw anyone removing timber from the wood.

6. To provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions

Grant Nurden provided a report on the work of Broadland District Council, he said the budget proposed would result in an increase in Council Tax of 3.5% or in a Band D property £4.39 and this was going to be considered at the council meeting **tomorrow the following** night. He said he was pleased that the Lingwood Air Scouts had applied for a Councillors grant. He said there would be a new tranche of grants available to groups from April.

Andrew Proctor provided a report on the work of Norfolk County Council. He said the bodies responsible for addressing flooding had met on 11 February as a Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance under the independent chairmanship of Lord Dannatt. Lord Dannatt had proposed that the **group's** work be divided into three timeframes, firstly some early wins, **and to** provide joined up information about who to contact when events **occurred**, secondly in the mid-to long-term issues such as policy development and change, increased funding to tackle ongoing and recurring issues and lastly to increase the confidence of the public in the ability of everybody to tackle flood issues in a joined up way and also to make sure the authorities and bodies involved in tackling flooding were actually in this together in terms of flood risk management. There would be more meetings at the end of March and at the end of April. In the meantime he would be having one-to-one phone conversations with all the people involved and also setting up chairman's working groups to look at various issues. One thing that did need to be fed in was local intelligence about local development work, local issues and that was where there needed to be some work with parish councils.

Andrew Proctor said he had reported at the last meeting on the options for dealing with the flooding at Norwich Road, Strumpshaw; taking that forward was very much dependent on Anglian Water. There was to have been a meeting with them on 17 February 2021 but regrettably that meeting was cancelled at short notice but it would happen in due course. He said his understanding was that Anglian Water have done the survey and modelling and now the County Council was awaiting their proposals to address the surcharging of the foul water system. The reason that has to be done was the Environmental Agency would not otherwise approve the Norfolk County Council design scheme because they were dependent on infiltration and contaminated water cannot be allowed in those situations.

7. An update on flooding at Norwich Road

Rob Kelly, Regional Network Manager, Anglian Water said unfortunately they had had to cancel the meeting **on 17th February** because of another flooded area in north Norfolk. To give a summary of what had been found so far, **we Anglian Water** have worked backwards to work what was getting in where and why. Anglian Water had found everything upstream of Strumpshaw was coming at it at once. Anglian Water would be changing the pump philosophy at the two pumping stations in Lingwood which would stop 16 litres per second being thrown down the road to Strumpshaw. Anglian Water had identified several pieces of infiltration, one quite severe from the school so were working to take those out of the foul water network but as the parish council would appreciate that was not easy. In response

to the point raised by Eric McCormick he said infiltration could happen without Anglian Water knowing. Rob Kelly said the matter had his full attention and that of the CEO, it was his first priority in terms of work because he was conscious how long it has been going on. They were looking at a time scale of 12 weeks. Anglian Water were working alongside Norfolk County Council to get in a position where they were not surcharging the foul network.

Hilary Hammond said Spencer had kept a record of the number of occasions on which the road outside the public house had been flooded, six times in the last 12 months. Members of the public stressed that the flooding had been occurring over a very long period of time.

Maureen Hammond said Lingwood had two new development sites a total of 137 additional houses. She asked if consideration been given to the impact they would have in terms of sewerage in relation to the Greater Norfolk Plan? Rob Kelly said that Anglian Water was not a statutory consultee, the developers had a responsibility not to make the situation worse, it was for Anglian Water to find a way to absorb the additional need.

8. To comment on planning applications received by 18 February 2021

8.1 Ironwood, Hemblington Road, Strumpshaw, 20210127

Paul Dexter said he would not take part in the discussion on the planning application for Ironwood as he was a friend of the people who lived there.

The Parish Council agreed they had no comment to make on the planning application.

9. Greater Norwich Local Plan, and in particular the Lingwood and Strumpshaw village cluster

It was proposed by Paul Dexter, seconded by Eric McCormick and agreed unanimously that the following wording should be the Parish Council's response to the request for comments on the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

1. Strumpshaw Parish Council welcomes the proposals in sections 6.79 and 6.80 relating to the Lingwood, Burlingham, Strumpshaw and Beighton village cluster. The Parish Council notes that no changes are proposed to the Strumpshaw settlement boundary and that no new allocations for development are proposed for Strumpshaw. It particularly welcomes the recognition in section 6.79 that any applications that are submitted for development within the parish should have due regard to the policies in the 2014 Strumpshaw Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Strumpshaw Parish Council notes the proposal in section 6.78 for 2 new site allocations in Lingwood containing a total of 60 new homes. The Parish Council notes that these allocations are in addition to the 77 dwellings with existing planning permission, meaning that a total of 137 dwellings are expected to be built in Lingwood. The Parish Council is concerned that there may well be a considerable impact on the sewage disposal system, which is piped through

Strumpshaw and is already causing significant flooding in Strumpshaw at times of heavy rain.

10. To note the receipt of grants from Broadland District Council

The clerk reported that £7811 had been received from Broadland District Council in Covid 19 business support grants and ~~we that the Parish Council~~ had been notified that a further £2096 would be received on 26 February 2021.

11. To receive an update on the 2020/21 budget (written report MW)

The clerk reported that the Parish Council remained within the budget and checked whether there were any queries on the budget to date.

12. To make a decision about repayment of the remaining portion of the loan from Acle Parish Council (written report MW)

The parish council approved the recommendation to repay the remaining portion of the loan from Acle Parish Council of £3000 by 28 February 2021 and the accrued interest upon receipt of the invoice from Acre Parish Council.

13. To make a decision about quotes for purchases for / work to the community hall (written report HH)

The following expenditure was proposed by Paul Dexter, seconded by Tina McAuley and agreed unanimously: purchase of a fridge and microwave from AO.com at £179 and £94, electrical work by J G Electrical at £252.04 and then work with them as preferred supplier, work to the oak tree at £325 with Crown Tree Services, preferably seeking permission from the tree preservation staff to do the work at a cost of £25 in this financial year and if they did give permission pay for the work in the next financial year where there was provision for it. It was also agreed that Graham Varley would deal with the drainage at a cost of £120.

Eric McCormick asked whether the Parish Council planned to buy a battery for the solar panels. Sarah Cartwright said she would add the battery to the list of purchases needed for the Community Hall. Hilary Hammond said Sarah Cartwright who chaired the Community Hall Committee had been trying to enter into a contract for the electricity but was having problems because of issues with the meter and it was more complex for commercial premises than domestic.

14. To make an appointment to the community hall committee

It was agreed Nicola Page would be appointed to the Community Hall Committee.

15. To appoint two trustees to the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity

Hilary Hammond reported that as David Varley was stepping down from Strumpshaw Marsh Charity and as Alison Peat had left the village there was ~~a~~ only one trustee remaining, Joe ~~Cullen~~. ~~Cullum~~. The 200 year old charity could make grants to individuals in need in the ancient parish of Strumpshaw and make donations to organisations that provided facilities. It was agreed unanimously that Maureen Hammond, Hilary Hammond and Sheila Ashford be appointed trustees of the Strumpshaw Marsh Charity.

16. To note the date of the next meeting and any items for discussion

The next meeting which would be by Zoom on Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.30 pm.