

STRATTON STRAWLESS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council which held on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Burroughes Hall, Parish Road.

In attendance: Cllrs Martin Howard, Levi Drake, Wayne Farrow, Ros cook & Allan Johns

Clerk: Miss L Dawson

Members of the public: 2, District Cllr Shane Ward & County Councillor Dan Roper.

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted for Cllr Lee Stefan Drake due to alternative commitments.

2. Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for dispensations

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2025 were APPROVED as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

4. Report on matters arising from the previous meetings and further actions.

- 4.1. The memorial bench and plaque have been installed.
- 4.2. There is no update on a beware of children sign outside the playground.
- 4.3. Update on the maps, Clerk to go to Jarrolds, Norwich ordnance survey map to be printed. 2 x maps both the same size.

5. District and County Councillors & Police reports

District Councillor Shane Ward reported on the budget, and noted that there will be no increase on the District Council precept this year, also that they have become housing providers, and are using them as temporary accommodation, saving money on providing temporary housing. The current devolution plans were discussed, contact Cllr Ward or Clerk for more information and link to consultation. Cllr Shane Ward cllr.Shane.Ward@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk County Councillor Dan Roper reported that he will continue as County Councillor, as devolution plans have postponed the 2025 elections. Cllr Roper mentioned that the Norfolk County Council tax has increased by 4.9% for 2025/2026, this is due to the cost of providing care for older adults, specifically in rural areas, also special education needs for children and accessing those facilities, extra hazardous waste days have been implemented, as well as verges will be cut 1 more time per year, and weeds sprayed. An update on the Western Link, that the planning application has been withdrawn, and there is no realistic prospect of it being passed due to presence of bats, national guidelines will not allow bat licenses in the current proposed location, negotiations will continue. It was noted that the speed limit reduction has been approved and awaiting signage to be installed.

6. Public participation

None.

7. Planning

7.1. Planning applications for consultee response

- 7.1.1. An update to planning appeal APP/K2610/W/23/3331883. Local Planning Authority Reference 20212125 by Induct E A Limited at Mandon Plantation. On 21.10.24 the Planning appeal was dismissed. On 26.11.24 it was reported that a site visit is required to assess if there is ongoing use. On 24.01.25 it was reported that the case with new officer. It was noted

that the Council has sent all reports of activity reported and photographed by councillors and residents have been sent to the Planning Enforcement Department. Clerk to send correspondence from enforcement to Cllr Dan Roper, and formal complaint to be sent from Parish Council due to lack of response and action from the Planning Enforcement Team.

7.1.2. It was AGREED to ratify response to planning application 2024/1976, change of use from garden to access and driveway for Johnsons Caravans, Tenison Vale, Shortthorn Road, Stratton Strawless. The Council responded with NO OBJECTION within the required deadline.

7.1.3. It was AGREED to ratify response to planning application 2025/0286, New vehicle access and wall (retrospective) following refusal of 2024/2335 Application Type: Householder. Maple House, 7 Edwin Close. The Council responded with OBJECTION as the plans are unchanged from the original application and the entrance would cause an obstruction to the highways.

7.2. Planning decisions made by Broadland District Council

7.2.1. None received.

8. Highways

8.1. Highways update, and any further actions.

8.1.1. It was NOTED that the Junction on Serpentine Lane and Cromer Road, hedge needs cutting.

8.1.2. It was NOTED that the Fly-tipping signs have been received, awaiting permission to install.

8.1.3. It was NOTED that the bus stop requires a new pane, quote received for £380.00 including VAT for a white pane, was APPROVED, this includes installation, it was AGREED that if a brown one is available for a similar price this would be preferred.

8.2. Cllr M Howard provided an update on the SAM2 report, available on Council website.

9. Finance

9.1. The asset register was reviewed and APPROVED, including items requiring insurance.

9.2. An up-to-date bank reconciliation was received.

9.3. The budget expenditure review 24/25 was received.

9.4. The payments and receipts were APPROVED.

PAYMENTS				
Company	Description	Net	Vat	Gross
Staff Costs	Month 12 March 2025	£332.15	£0.00	£332.15
Staff Costs	Month 1 April 2025	£332.15	£0.00	£332.15
Unity Trust	Bank Charges 31/1/25	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
Unity Trust	Bank Charges 28/8/25	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
Burroughes Hall	Hall Hire for 24/25	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
NPTS	Annual subscription	£57.50	£0.00	£57.50

10. Receive items for agenda of next meeting.

10.1. To consider a donation to the Village Hall for external lighting.

10.2. To consider replacing the fence around the tree on Serpentine Lane.

10.3. To consider insurance quotes.

10.4. To receive an update on the Big Litter Pick.

10.5. Internal Audit Report and AGAR.

11. Date of next meeting.

11.1. All meetings to be held at Burroughes Hall at 7:30pm.

Monday 12th May 2025

Annual Parish Meeting 7:15pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm
Monday 14th July 2025

Meeting Closed: 8:35pm

Signed:

Dated:

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