



Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2024 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Kelly Lunnes, Helen Dickerson, Katrina Thompson, Judith Baker, Mat Pochin, Andrew Lansdell, David Willis, Susan Smith, Robin Ciora (19:09) and Louise Mundford (19:10)

County Councillor Alison Thomas

12 Members of the public

The Town Clerk was unable to attend due to illness, Councillor Baker took minutes in her absence.

1. To receive applications for co-option

As the Clerk was not present this was postponed to September's meeting.

2. For co-opted members to sign the declaration of office in the presence of the Clerk.

Not applicable.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Councillors Harris and Morimont gave apologies due to annual leave, these were accepted by the Council.

4. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations received.

5. To allow members of the public and district and county councillors to speak - max 20 Minutes

County Councillor Thomas gave the following report.

The roads are now permanently closed as part of the bypass work. She also advised that there is one road in Hempnall near the mill which is going to be closed temporarily. In July there will be an inaugural meeting with Octavius with the official turf cutting to take place in approximately 2 weeks. They are also starting their school contact scheme.

The western link road plan has gone in and they are awaiting for permission from Government to continue. The upcoming LSEP meeting (Long Stratton Enterprise Partnership) is likely to be 25th July at 4pm.

At the Royal Norfolk Show Councillor Thomas gave a business award to Vertical Farming.

Highways has carried out a second cut on the hedges which wasn't in the budget but needed due to the amount of rain we have had. Heydon House on the A140 has got a problem with road drainage, water is pooling on the road in heavy rain and water spray goes over the house. This



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was addressed before but didn't work so Highways will try something else but this will mean an overnight road closure of the A140.

Councillor Lansdell asked about information for the bypass, Councillor Thomas responded that if much of the groundwork can be completed before winter then the finish date will be announced and then information boards will be erected.

A member of the public asked that now that there had been a change in Government could the decision over the future of South Norfolk House be changed. Councillor Thomas advised that South Norfolk District Council only has the power to change the decision. Councillor Lunness suggested that members of the public write to the new MP. Members of the public suggested starting a petition. Councillor Lunness advised that the Town Council had slowed the process down by requesting the building is grade II listed, the decision rests with a different government body.

The Town Clerk will advertise in the parish magazine who to contact and how to do it.

Councillor Lunness advised that the Town Council had done all it could to stop the demolishing of the building and advised that members of the public petitioning as a group may be more effective and suggested petitioning in the Co-op.

County Councillor Alison Thomas left at 19:35

A member of the public asked after the Methodist Church, another member of the public answered that he may have more information after the weekend.

6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June & 25th June 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024 were approved by Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The minutes of the meeting held 25th June 2024 was postponed till the full council meeting to be held in September.

7. Finance and Governance

a. To note and authorise income and expenditure through Unity Trust Bank since 10th June 2024

This was delegated to the Finance committee meeting being held on Monday 15th July 2024.

b. To note all credit card payments since 10th June 2024

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8. To receive verbal feedback from the event held 6th July 2024

The Chairman gave a verbal report following the Summer event on the 6th July.



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- 9. To discuss and decide on quotation received from First Connect regarding CCTV and security**
Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to accept the quotes received.
- 10. To discuss and decide on renewing contract with TT Jones, street light maintenance.**
Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to renew the contract with TT Jones
- 11. To discuss and decide on a container for bike active.**
Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed for Bike Active to have a container as long as a site could be found. Councillor Pochin was confident there would be space available and will meet with Bike Active to pace it out and proceed.
- 12. To discuss and decide on asking Councillor Harris to represent Long Stratton Town Council regarding weed growth and the effect on flooding with Norfolk County Council.**
This was proposed by Councillor Ciorra and seconded by Councillor Dickerson and approved by Council to allow Councillor Harris to represent the Council.
- 13. To discuss and decide on street lighting for Norfolk Homes development.**
This item was postponed to a future meeting.
- 14. To discuss and decide on who will represent the Town Council meeting with Long Stratton Football Club.**
Councillor Thompson advised that she'd like to be in attendance. It was left open for other Councillors to attend if they were able.
- 15. To note upcoming meeting dates.**
 - a. Finance @ 7pm Monday 15th July**
This meeting was noted.
 - b. LSEP meeting, week beginning 22nd July (TBC)**
This meeting was noted, as referred to by County Councillor Thomas, the meeting is likely to be held on the 25th July at 2pm.
- 16. Any other business – not for discussion.**
Councillor Baker advised that the Clerk had mentioned calling an Extraordinary Full Council Meeting to discuss correspondence from Norfolk Homes that needed an urgent response on 17th July 2024

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45.