

Stretton Parish Council

Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 19th October 2017

8.00 pm held in the back room of The Jackson Stops

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Richard Foster (Chair), John Leefe, Molly Hayns, Gideon Visser, Greg Harker (Acting secretary). 1 member of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman reminded those present that this was an extraordinary meeting called to determine views on 2 planning applications. Therefore, the minutes of the last meeting would not be reviewed and there would be no item under which the public could voice an opinion.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Brian Lester, Ward Cllr Nick Begy and Secretary Sally Skyrme.

3. Planning application ref 2017/0887/LBA Proposal: Retrofit 4KW solar panels on garage roof at 1 Rectory Farm Cottages

The chairman reminded the meeting of the meaning of the term 'retrofit' in this context. The meeting was fully supportive of the use of solar panels, but noted that one neighbour had objected and one had supported the application. The objection was on the basis of this being a conservation area. However, this was a Listed Building Application and, but for that, this would have been a permitted development. It was also noted that the proposal was for installation on a garage not connected to the listed building and therefore, the RCC planning officer would need to rule on whether this was allowed. On this basis, the meeting had no objections to the development.

4. Planning application ref 2017/0957/PTA Proposal: Reduce 1 branch of a blue cedar tree at Stocken Hall by 5m

There was no objection to this proposal

5. Any Urgent Business

Cllr Hayns raised the question of the proposed cycle path from Greetham to Stretton. If the Parish Council wished to pursue the cycle path, it would be necessary for a renewed application to reach the appropriate department by 17th November. The response from the council gave advice on sources of funding, both of which would need to be applied for and neither of which would raise the estimated £300k cost. Notwithstanding, the meeting felt that this was a truly worthy cause. The new path was within the Greetham parish and, therefore, it would be for the Ward Cllr (Begy) to apply on our behalf. The meeting wished to note their full support for the scheme and to provide Greetham and Cllr Begy with every assistance in preparing the submission and in raising funds. Cllr Leefe suggested that we should research all avenues to obtain possible grants for the project, including the local Showmen's Guild who had voiced their support during the recent cycle path survey.

Cllr Harker to inform Cllr Begy of our support

Cllr Hayns to lead from the PC perspective

Cllr Harker briefly updated the meeting on 2 issues:

Road traffic noise: The report from HE was still not released, but the PC had been notified of some resurfacing taking place on the A1 nearby. We had requested that our stretch be included, but HE were unable to change plans at this late stage. Cllr Harker has written to Sir Alan Duncan MP on the subject, but no reply as yet.

Defibrillator: Was now installed and commissioned. There were some cosmetic issues to sort out in slower time as well as a press release.

6. Next meeting time and place

8pm Thursday 9th November 2017 the Jackson Stops back room.

Greg Harker

For Stretton PC Clerk