

Minutes of Stretton Parish Council (SPC) Meeting on Thursday 29 March 2019 @ 8.00 pm at The Jackson Stops, Stretton

Present: Cllrs Richard Foster (Chairman), Greg Harker (GH), Molly Hayns (MH), John Leefe (JL), Brian Lester (BL), Paul Finlay (PF) & Sarah Gresty (Clerk)

Members of the Public Present: 2 members of the public were present.

1. **Chairman's welcome.** RF welcomed everyone to the meeting, the last for two Councillors who will not be standing again for re-election. RF was standing down as chair and he thanked all the committee.
 2. **Public questions and comments on items on the agenda** *(this session is for members of the public to comment on specific items on this agenda, also they may have issues for possible consideration at future meetings)*
 - a) A member of the public asked for item 1c3 from 13 December minutes to be chased. Ideally work to be done on a Monday when the pub was closed. **Action: Clerk to chase.**
 - b) A member of the public asked if the new Defibrillator would be advertised to the villagers. **Action: this item to be covered in item 11 below.**
 3. **To receive Declaration of Interest both Personal and Prejudicial on items on the agenda.** There were none.
 4. **To receive Apologies for absence.** Nick Begy (Ward Member)
 5. **To approve and sign the Minutes from meeting of 7 February 19.** There were two amendments to the minutes which Rf manually amended. For clarity the amended paragraphs are set out below:

Para. 1b - now reads: A member of the public mentioned the following:
Firstly, pointing out a correction to the Minutes of 13th September. Paragraph 1c was rectified by RF by hand. She then went on to reiterate that Stretton was a small parish with very few assets and workloads to maintain and felt the PC were overspending in certain areas and did not feel certain spending or proposed spending was necessary. Mention was made to CILC training and the street lighting charges by RCC. Noted that the precept had risen over the last few years.

Last para. Item 7 - now reads. RF reminded the meeting of the need to build up some reasonable reserves again. Funds had been returned last year when it was determined that a second defibrillator could not be installed at Stowe Court (part of The Shires). Subsequently, however, there was a change of mind by The Shires management and so the second defibrillator was reinstated. The 2nd defibrillator installation being paid for in this FY.
- GH proposed the amended minutes be signed, Seconded by BL and unanimously agreed RF signed as chair.
Action: Clerk to amended minutes to be uploaded on to the website/noticeboards
6. **Matters Arising from Minutes.**

Item: 1c. CPR membership now paid.

7x. Street light charges. Nick Begy is chasing a breakdown of how the charges were calculated from RCC.

9. (second action) Telephone box. GH has signed the transfer documents and return them. Clerk awaiting final document for files. GH has the paint for the box and will organise some volunteers to rub down and paint it.

11. Woolfox Development. Should be a standing item on the agenda for future. **Action: Clerk to ensure this is so.**

7. **To receive an update on the confidential report form Police Authority.** This was posted on the website and circulated prior to the meeting, there was nothing significant to report.
8. **Correspondence (All correspondence is on the Website www.strettonparishvillagecouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence)**
Discussion items:
- A) Health Bus. (Ref: S2019.61) The PC did not feel the village was large enough to warrant this, however, if it visits larger neighbouring villages SPC would advertise the visit days on website. **Action: Clerk to reply to SLL.**
 - B) Village survey. The survey was complete collectively at the meeting. **Action: Clerk to return this to RCC Rutland Local plan.**
9. **Rural Services Network call on Government for a rural strategy .** This was a survey with a link. **Action: clerk to post on website.**
10. **CPRE – Deposit Return System.** PC noted correspondence. **Action: Clerk to post link survey on the website.**
11. **Defibrillator Update** The second defibrillator was installed at No1 Stowe Court. At the meeting, GH stated that he had requested the code to be identical to the Stretton kiosk defibrillator code (ie C159X). However, GH has since been informed that, in order to comply with handicap requirements, the Stowe Defibrillator has been set at C1267.
The paperwork for the transfer of the telephone box for £1 has been completed and returned to Community Heartbeat Trust.
12. **A1 Noise Reduction update.** RF reported that NB has suggested this should be a standing item on future agendas to formalise a plan of action. GH provided this update on A1 noise reduction from Karen Moore of Highways England:
- I can confirm that we will not be doing any resurfacing in the 2019/20 financial year, but we are developing the scheme for inclusion in our 2020/21 programme.
As you may know, Highways England receives funding from the Department for Transport on a five year funding cycle. The current cycle ends with the 2019/20 financial year (1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020), and budgets have been reduced in this final year, which has resulted in schemes being deferred.
Pavement resurfacing is one of the highest priorities for our area and my team are currently developing the scheme and the work will include a low noise surface as standard within this area; both northbound and southbound carriageways. Such surfacing traditionally provides a maximum reduction of between 3 and 4 decibels (3 decibels effectively being a halving in the level of noise)
- GH said it was also worth noting that households in The Spinney Lane and Highfield Farm area have received letters from Highways England offering noise protection. He was unsure whether other houses are affected, but worth looking at the criteria on the website and also the report done by HE on our noise in Aug 2017.
- RF discussed East Midlands Connect project. Proposals for the A1 to become a 3 lane motorway from Peterborough through to Blyth in Doncaster are being discussed, there is no time scale for this at present. However, he had been assured that, if this were to happen noise baffling fences and road surfaces would be installed as part of the plan.
13. **Pot Holes – Ram Jam private roadway to the garage.** NB had investigated this and confirmed that it was a private road and not the responsibility of Highways. He is pursuing the land owner to see if anything can be done.
14. **Speed Warning Signs for the village.** Discussion on speeding traffic through the village took place. **Action: Clerk to contact RCC Highways Dept. to request a Traffic Survey on Manor Road, Stocken Hall Road and Clipsham Road as a starting point to pursue this further.**

15. Clerks reports

- a) Printing process confirmation. RF proposed that SPC purchase the printer and ink supply as previously discussed as agreed at the meeting on 13 December item 11b. Proposed by RF, seconded by BL and unanimously agreed.
- b) Income and Expenditure account. Previously posted on the website and circulated. Nothing further to add.

Action: Cheque raised to reimburse Clerk for the printer £294. cheque no.100441. **Agreed**

Clerk to add printer to the asset register

Clerk to note that a more descriptive agenda was required in future.

16. Planning for AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting. 18th April 7pm at St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Stretton.

Action: Clerk to book church and to invite Adam Murray, Planner for Andrew Granger & Co. Ltd. to speak about the Woolfox development.

Annual Parish Council Meeting. Tuesday 14 May at 8pm in the back room of the Jackson Stops. **Action:** Clerk to book venue.

17. Items for future Meetings.

- a) **Planning application** had been received by the Clerk today. 2019/0138/CAT. Reply date for comments of Before 18th April. There was some debate if an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting (EPCM) was actually required to formulate the SPC reply. **Action:** Clerk to check if an EPCM meeting is required before a reply can be sent from the SPC.
- b) MH reported an open meeting on the Woolfox Development was taking place in the Victoria Hall, Oakham on Friday 12th April between 10-8pm. It was hoped that as many people who could attend as possible would do so.
- c) A1 Noise Reduction update – Standard item for all future agenda **Action:** Clerk

18. Dates of next meetings:

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Meeting closed at 21:38

B. A. Lester

Date

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