

Stretton Parish Council

**DRAFT: Minutes of Stretton Parish Council meeting
on 14 November 2019 commencing at 8 pm
in the back room of the Jacksons Stops, Stretton.**

- 19/57 **Chairman's Welcome.** Brian Lester opened the meeting with a welcome.
- 19/58 **To record those present.** Cllr. Brian Lester (Chair), Cllrs. Richard Foster, Greg Harker, Paul Finlay and Michael Arnold and 4 members of the public.
- 19/59 **To receive apologies.** County Councillors Nick Begy.
- 19/60 **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.** There were none.
Cllrs Foster and Harker wanted it recorded that they were friends of the applicant at item 19/79. However, their interest was not pecuniary and both formally declared to judge planning impartially and on its merits.
- 19/61 **Co-option.** There were none.
- 19/62 **Open Forum** for members of the public in attendance to speak. *(this session is for member of the public to comment on specified items on this agenda, also they may have issues for possible consideration at future meetings.)*
- a) A member of the public pointed out errors in the ITCP report with the speed limit on Stocken Hall Road. This had already been noted by the PC. She asked about the speed checks done and whether a 20 mph limit could be applied. Cllr. Finlay outlines his responses in 19/80 below.
 - b) The same member of the public queried the cost charged to other PC's for use of the printer. Cllr. Foster proposed and Cllr. Finlay seconded this to be put on the next agenda.
[Action: Clerk to include on the next agenda, review costs and report back to the next meeting.](#)
 - c) A member of the public spoke regarding the planned Hooby Lane quarry extension of 15 hectares. He expressed concerns with the existing site and its use, particularly, he said, a breach of restrictions of storage heights and not being returned to agricultural land use as was initially stated as this was now planned to be fenced off with a very deep lake. The new site has no electricity or wheel washing facilities. He suggested restrictions that all materials quarried should pass through the cutting shed, otherwise RCC cannot monitor the tonnage leaving. Given the use of the old site he felt that the PC should safeguard the use of the new site. He offered the PC his services of help with this regard for the future.
RESOLVED to call on these services **if** required in future.

- d) A member of the public expressed the need to safeguard the countryside in areas of agricultural heritage with regards to item 19/78 below. However, it was noted that this planning application had been withdrawn.

- 19/63 **To Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on:**
PCM – 25 September 2019 **RESOLVED** proposed Cllr. Foster, Seconded Cllr Harker. Signed by Cllr Lester(chair).
- 19/64 EPCM – 15 October 2019 **RESOLVED** proposed Cllr. Finlay, Seconded Cllr Lester. Signed by Cllr Lester(chair).
- 19/65 **Matters arising from minutes.**
19/25 Cllr. Begy still to report back.
19/38 Invoices now raised.
19/41 Cllr Harker to update the asset register – (see 19/77 below)
19/45 Cllr. Harker had reported to owner of wood.
19/49 Insurance. There is an excess of £250 on the policy.
- 19/66 **Police Authority.** Nothing reported for Stretton.
- 19/67 **Financial matters.**
To note Payment and Receipts and Bank Reconciliation to 30 Sept 2019.
RESOLVED.
- 19/68 To Approve Payments as follows:
19/69 RCC S Gresty Quarter 2 salary + RCC costs £569.14 – already paid -
RESOLVED.
- 19/70 Community Heartbeat inv. 5260 £60.00 emergency phone -
RESOLVED.
- 19/71 To Note the Receipts as follows:
19/71 3 Jun 19 Bank interest £3.72 - **NOTED**
19/72 28 June 19 VAT refund 18/19 £193.74- **NOTED**
19/73 Copier use invoice 005 £4.70- **NOTED**
19/74 Copier use invoice 006 £8.70- **NOTED**
19/75 2 Sept 19 bank interest £3.69- **NOTED**
- 19/76 **Budget** – the budget figures presented for 2020/21 were discussed line by line. A precept of £4635 was set. - unanimously **RESOLVED**
- 19/77 **Asset Register** – to confirm register for adoption. [Action: Cllr Harker to look present at the next meeting.](#)
- 19/78 **Planning: To receive the following:**
Proposal Ref: 2019/0987/PAD. Proposed Conversion of existing agricultural building and alterations to form 2 No. Detached dwellings. Woodlands Farm Stocken Hall Road Stretton Rutland LE15 7GW
It was noted that this application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

PC are mindful that this may reoccur and be concerned if this does.

- 19/79 **2019/1198/FUL** Proposed replacement of windows and doors as part of the Highways England Noise Insulation Scheme, Highfield Farm, Rookery Lane, Stretton LE15 7RA
RESOLVED: Comment – Neutral
Stretton Parish Council would like consideration to be consistent with the conservation status of the village.

- 19/80 **ITCP 2019-10 Feasibility study to approve recommendations.**
Correspondence item S2019.198
Cllr. Finlay outlined a recent response from Robyn Green, RCC Highways. There were several points in the ITCP feasibility study that were incorrect and needed further clarification. There had been an exchange of correspondence with RCC accepting several of the points raised. However, there were still some issues to be resolved. He would be responding shortly and would report back to the next meeting.
Main points to note:
The report erroneously stated that there was a 40mph speed on Stocken Hall Road. There is no speed limit on the Stocken Road, but the PC in their reply has recommended that there should be.
The report recommends that the speed limit on Manor Road remains at 30mph. To introduce 20mph restrictions would need double sided signs every 200 metres. The PC feel that this should be 20mph and would recommend further discussion on the signage.
Speed indicated devices had not specifically been requested by Stretton PC and so were not included. The PC recommended that there were speed indicating devices at both ends of the village on the Clipsham Road, on the understanding that they would be removed if they were proven to be ineffective.
Narrowing of entrances to Manor Road to be added to report.
Speed Watch Scheme, the clerk reported that SPC was registered for the scheme. - **RESOLVED**

- 19/81 **A1 Noise Reduction** – update. Cllr. Harker reported that Karen Moor, Manager, Highways England had reported that the A1 Stretton stretch would not be included in 20/21 budget plans but would be rescheduled for 21/22 due to no space on the road for works due to a large construction project to the north (Grantham). However, we are still on the programme and we would continue to press for the noise reduction surface to be laid.

Cllr. Harker reported on attending a seminar held on 8th October in Grantham hosted by RCC and LCC jointly to discuss the future of the A1 through the counties of Rutland and Lincolnshire. The A1 was becoming more and more busy, there were more accidents occurring, with the road being closed more frequently. Almost 50% of traffic on the A1 is transiting through the counties, but the traffic is only going to increase because of further house building and

business development along the length of the 'A1 Corridor'. The A1 is now one of the major roads in the country and its role would become more important. There were several accident blackspots in Rutland and Lincolnshire caused by laybys and right turns and Highways England were taking action on these where they could. An organisation (Midlands Connect) had been tasked to gather evidence of the volume of traffic and Parish Councils were being asked to contribute evidence of delays and problems caused by the volume of traffic, both to personal life and businesses. Notwithstanding this, in answer to a specific question, Highways England denied that there were already plans to upgrade the A1 to motorway. Gordon Brown, Dept leader of RCC, spoke, summarising the problems of the stretch between Peterborough and Blyth, and stating that his goal was to convert the stretch to motorway by 2050. Clearly this is of concern to the village, but it should be remembered that the route may or may not follow the current A1.

19/82 Development updates for Woolfox and St George's Barracks. The Clerk read from a report by Cllr. Begy:

St Georges: RCC application for £29.4m of Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) to provide infrastructure for the future redevelopment of St. George's Barracks had been approved. This will make this development more likely however we still await the local plan in the New Year to see what is included for St Georges, For info Greetham are in favour of St Georges for various reasons, but one being taking pressure off their village for housing.

Woolfox still have not supplied all the information required.

19/83 To receive a report from County Councillor. The Clerk read a report sent by Cllr. Begy

Debris on roundabout Cllr Begy has been in contact with Highways, the Environment Dept (who do the sweeping), the portfolio holder and the minerals authority. The matter has been raised to the latter authority who will look to make contact with the owners and make reparations. It transpired that many complaints about the debris have not reached the Head Office of Mick George. The clerk would contact the head office directly.

Greetham Quarry An application is likely to be made to extend the quarry. A heated public meeting was held with residents with many complaints on dust and noise. A liaison group is being created to work with the quarry.

Hooby Lane Quarry No news on any future development

Clipsham Quarry No change

Ram Jam Following rejection of their planning application, a new plan is to be submitted and developer looking to address issues with the appeal.

19/84 Insurance of grit bins owned by SPC. Excess to be reviewed at next insurance review.

Action: Cllr. Harker. Grit bins to be added to the asset register.
Clerk to obtain costs for replacement of the damaged bin near the bus shelter.
Clerk to request to RCC that our free grit top up be deferred until we need it.

- 19/85 **Correspondence: All correspondence received by Stretton Parish Council have also been posted on the Website**
<https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence>
Listed noted from agenda.
- 19/86 **Items for future meetings.** Nothing other than above items noted.
- 19/87 **Date and time of next meeting: 16th January 2020**

The meeting closed at 21:33 closed

Chair: _____

Date: _____