

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Stretton Parish Council Meeting on 5th October 2020 at 7pm held remotely by Zoom

Members Present: Cllr. Paul Finlay (Chair), Cllr. Greg Harker, Cllr. Richard Foster, Cllr. Michael Arnold, Mrs Jayne Isaac (Clerk) Cllr. Nick Begy (Ward Member)

1 member of the public attended

Ref	Item
141/20	To receive apologies
	Apologies were received from Cllr. Brian Lester
142/20	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on items in the agenda
	There were no none.
143/20	Planning – to receive the following
143.1	<p>Application: 2020/0842/MAF — Proposal: Importation of inert waste to facilitate construction of a motorcross track comprising a 700 metre long track and associated banking, berms and jumps. Installation of an administration office and visitor welfare facilities, 34 car parking spaces, bike servicing area, new landscaping, access and water attenuation basins/ditches. Proposed Motorcross Site, Great North Road, Greetham, Rutland.</p> <p>Cllr Nick Begy, at the Chair's request, gave an update on the feeling from Clipsham and Greetham Parish Councils – both of whom have very strong objections. There has also been a strong objection submitted from Greetham Valley who are taking legal action. A summary of Clipsham and Greetham PC response was outlined to members to help SPC in their deliberations.</p> <p>Cllr Nick Begy had received a few telephone calls from Stretton residents who did not have enough time to raise questions in advance of the meeting. There is a letter opposing the Motorcross planning application with 10-15 signatures from Stretton residents, which is due to be submitted.</p> <p>The Chair opened up the meeting to members for comments. After discussion, it was generally felt that a lot of assumptions had been made by Motorcross and the Environment Agency, without evidence to back it up.</p> <p>All members voted, and there was unanimous agreement to give a response of “Neutral” on the planning application with the following comments on ecology, noise, traffic and waste:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. On ecology, it is suggested that an onsite field visit be carried out by an experienced and qualified ecologist at the correct time of year. SPC fully support the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust report as highlighted in their recent email.

143.2	<p>2. It is suggested that a Highways England survey be carried out on the A1 traffic, with particular reference to the volume of traffic and the short egress from the layby. There is also a longer term implication if, for safety reasons, the layby has to close or the stretch is brought up to motorway standard. An assessment of car parking capacity should also be carried out to avoid the layby becoming congested on competition days.</p> <p>3. A noise survey to be carried out with evidence provided from other Motorcross venues. Stretton is already designated a hazardous noise area through proximity to the A1. This was confirmed in a HE noise survey done in 2017, where noise levels peaked at 85dB at 3 locations in Stretton. SPC is of the view that permission should not be granted until a full assessment of noise is completed, (both from noise levels and from nuisance caused by continuous noise for nine hours per day between 9 am and 8 pm) and appropriate noise abatement measures taken.</p> <p>4. If approval was given, there would need to be ongoing noise monitoring in place.</p> <p>5. Before granting planning permission an independent and professional study is required to evaluate a risk assessment on the control of waste deposits to be tipped into the quarry and also to evaluate the risks of contamination to underlying water courses and aquifers. This professional study to be carried out by an agency approved by the LPA and paid for by the Developer. The completed study will be subject to examination and inquiry by Rutland County Council Environmental Health Department. The cost of this study and of the measures recommended to be agreed in writing to be borne by the developer.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to put response of “Neutral” with agreed comments on RCC Planning Portal</i></p> <p>Application 2020/1102/CAT - Proposal: 1 no. Holly Tree – Crown reduction of 3 metres and shape, so it is level with the neighbours roof and in order to reduce overhang over the road. Hollytree Cottage, Manor Road, Stretton. Discussed and unanimously approved – no objections. <i>Action: Clerk to put response “Approved” on RCC Planning Portal.</i></p>
144/20	Date and time of next meeting
	Next full Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 29 th October 2020 at 7pm by Zoom.

Meeting ended at 7.35pm

Draft Minutes issued on 6th October 2020

The Minutes were approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th October 2020.

A signed copy is held on file.

Chair signature: _____