

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 29th October 2020 at 7pm held remotely on 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)

4 members of the public attended

Ref	Item
145/20	To receive apologies
	Apologies were received from Cllr. Brian Lester
146/20	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on items in the agenda
	There were no pecuniary interests declared. Cllr Greg Harker and Cllr Richard Foster stated they had non pecuniary interests in respect of the Planning Application for Highfield Farm, Rookery Lane.
147/20	Comments/questions received from the public
	Members of the public had been invited to submit any questions or comments by email by 28 th October. None were received. One resident attending the meeting raised the bus shelter (item 13 on the agenda) and pointed out that RCC are responsible for the maintenance of this.
148/20	To approve and sign the minutes from previous meetings
	PCM – 30 th July 2020 – Proposed by RF, Seconded by GH EO Meeting -20 th August 2020 – Proposed by GH, Seconded by RF EO Meeting – 17 th September 2020 – Proposed by MA, Seconded by RF EO Meeting – 5 th October 2020 – Proposed by GH, Seconded by PF The Minutes for the four meetings were signed as a true record – no corrections.
149/20	Matters arising from previous minutes
149.1	There was unanimous agreement on a cost of 3p per single sheet and 4p per double sheet for the use of the Greetham PC printer - to be invoiced 6 monthly.
149.2	Storage of Stretton archived files. The Chair of GPC has agreed that the steel cabinet at Greetham Community Centre could be shared to store Stretton files whilst the same Clerk is employed for both parish councils. The option of an extra cabinet is not possible due to the shortage of space. There was unanimous agreement to take up the offer. The more recent files currently stored in the Chair's garage to go in the first instance. The files stored in the Church need sorting to sift through what can be destroyed. It was acknowledged that certain records are kept in the Council Registry Office in Wigston. <i>Action: Clerk to contact LRALC to find out the requirements for records over 6 years old.</i>

149.3	<p>Replacement Salt Bins</p> <p>2020/21 costings from RCC Highways:</p> <p>Total of £333.10 per bin, to include supply, delivery and transfer of remaining salt to new bin, disposal of in situ grit box and 10% admin fee.</p> <p>It was agreed to order 1 bin for the outside the Village bus shelter with immediate effect.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to contact Highways to order 1 bin and check when top-up is due.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr. M. Arnold to check the bin at Stocken and report back.</i></p>
150/20	Financial matters
150.1	<p>Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2020</p> <p>The payments and receipts were noted and approved.</p> <p>Proposed by RF, Seconded by GH</p>
150.2	<p>To approve payments as follows:</p> <p>CPRE membership £36.00 (cheque 100468 to replace lost cheque 100460) included in 2019/20 accounts.</p> <p>Clerk expenses – 13th July to 31st October (to include working from home allowance) £75.85.</p> <p>Expenditure as detailed above, was proposed by RF, seconded by MA, and unanimously agreed.</p>
151/20	Planning – to receive the following:
151.1	<p>Planning Application 2020/0975/FUL</p> <p>Proposal: Variation of Condition 4 of planning application 2020/0455/FUL to allow existing annex to be also used for short term holiday accommodation.</p> <p>Annexe Highfield Farm, Rookery Lane, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7RA</p> <p>There are no material changes to the application, just a change of wording from the previous application.</p> <p>All agreed that the comments stand as before in terms of the material considerations.</p> <p>Unanimously approved – no objections.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to enter response on RCC Planning Portal.</i></p>
151.2	<p>Notice of Decision – Planning Application 2020/0776/LBA</p> <p>Proposal: 1. Replace roofing felt covering flat roof above flat no 4 with fibre glass.</p> <p>2. Cover large gaps around 13 front sash windows and hall entrance door with wooden edging. 3. Replace roofing felt covering flat roof above entrance hall with fibre glass.</p> <p>Stocken Hall, Stretton.</p> <p>Listed building consent granted.</p>
152/20	Vacancy for Co-opted position of Councillor
	<p>One application has been received from a resident. The Chair has spoken to the applicant who lives in Stocken Hall. He has a lot of experience in the public service and is very keen to get involved.</p> <p>All felt that the applicant was an asset needed, and it would be a huge bonus to appoint a Councillor from that part of the village, to give a balance of representation.</p>

	<p>All voted in favour.</p> <p><i>Action: Chair to contact the applicant to formally appoint him</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to send the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor for signing and the form to register disclosable pecuniary interests.</i></p>
153/20	Stretton Community Emergency Response Plan
	<p>An updated plan from John McCarthy has been circulated. John is retiring from the role and Cllr. Harker reported that Rob King in the village is a first responder who is available and keen to help.</p> <p>Proposed by PF, seconded by RF, unanimous agreement.</p> <p><i>Action: Cllr Harker to put Rob King in touch with John McCarthy.</i></p>
154/20	Stretton Parish Council Bank Account
	<p>The Clerk has been in touch with Alliance Bank to obtain information on changing the parish council bank account, due to the poor service offered by Barclays. Alliance Bank offer free banking for the first 6 months, however after that period there is a tariff of charges on all transactions. There are no charges payable on Lloyds Bank business accounts, but they are not accepting any new applications at present due to coronavirus.</p> <p>It was not felt favourable to change from Barclays to another bank incurring charges. The Chair proposed that in the short-term it would be best to stay with Barclays and get the correct process sorted out to enable online banking, then look at changing over to Lloyds when they take on new customers.</p> <p>All members agreed.</p> <p><i>Action: Clerk to give Chair all the bank details. Chair to contact Barclays to get a new mandate sorted and apply for online banking.</i></p>
155/20	Stretton Village Bus Shelter
	<p>The Chair raised the issue of the poor state of the bus shelter in Stretton village. It is becoming very dilapidated.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that the maintenance is the responsibility of RCC.</p> <p>Cllr. Nick Begy reported this to Emma Odabas, the Transport Operations Manager, and she is arranging for her team to assess the situation and arrange the necessary repairs.</p>
156/20	Items for future meetings
	<p>Budget for next year to plan for precept.</p>
157/20	Date and time of next Meetings
	<p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2021 at 7pm.</p> <p>As Cllr. Nick Begy is unable to attend on that date, it was proposed and agreed to bring the meeting forward by one week to Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7pm.</p> <p>Following meeting scheduled for Thursday 28th April 2021 at 7pm</p>

Meeting ended at 7.40pm

Draft Minutes issued on 31st October 2020

A signed copy is held on file.

Chair signature

