

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7pm at the Jackson Stops, Stretton.

Members Present: Cllr. Paul Finlay (Chair), Cllr. Michael Arnold, Cllr. Greg Harker, Cllr. John Cooch, Cllr. Shani Storrie, Cllr. Nick Begy (Ward Member), Mrs Jayne Isaac (Clerk)

5 Members of the public attended

Ref	Item
075/21	Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Richard Foster.
076/21	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary interests on items in the agenda
	Cllr. Shani Storrie declared an unregistered interest in item 078.2 due to her friendship with the Bothwell family.
077/21	Comments/questions received from the public
	<p>A member of the public raised their concern on the outcome from the meeting held with the tree officer at RCC. The meeting went very badly with Stuart Kidd and he was totally inflexible with his decision based on the RCC tree policy not to remove, despite the problems. The tree is growing excessively and once it grows to full size it will cover the resident's back garden. It is presently blocking light out of the resident's lounge and there is concern that this may affect the value of the house. The resident felt from the attitude of the tree officer that trees come before people.</p> <p>Another resident at the meeting offered to prune the higher overhanging branches as a temporary measure.</p>
078/21	Planning
078.1	<p>Planning Application: 2021/0968/FUL & 2021/0969/LBA – The Shires School, Shires Lane, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7GT</p> <p>Proposal: New detached annex classroom block, associated parking and fencing with new site access gate.</p> <p>There were no objections and there was unanimous agreement to support the application.</p> <p><i>Clerk to enter the response on the RCC Planning Portal</i></p>
078.2	<p>Appeal Ref: 2020/0008/APPEAL – Proposed permanent agricultural dwelling</p> <p>Site: Millwell Farm, Stocken Hall Road, Stretton LE15 7RW.</p> <p>The appeal start date is 13th May 2020 and the Hearing is scheduled for 14th September 2021 at 10am.</p> <p>The appeal to refusal of the planning application 2019/0909/OUT was noted. SPC supported this application and have no grounds for objection.</p>
079/21	Meeting at HMP Stocken
	Cllr. Shani Storrie gave an update from a meeting held with Simon Wallace at HMP Stocken regarding the expansion plans.

	<p>Three Councillors attended the meeting with Simon Wallace and all felt that this was a very positive meeting. HMP Stocken are keen to keep residents and the parish council informed, and they are happy to hold quarterly meetings.</p> <p>The plans include a lot of re-organisation of the buildings on site, in particular: New housing block to accommodate an extra 214 inmates. New workshop for training Extensions to a multi faith area Extended kitchen More units in the visitors hall Tracker room for equipment Increased parking spaces</p> <p>There will be an additional 66 members of staff on different shifts, but no overnight work – Monday to Friday only.</p> <p>HMP Stocken are aware of the sewage issues and want to improve facilities to do this. They are currently putting in tenders for an additional macerator. They are also aware of the traffic and speeding issues.</p> <p>The start build date is June 2022 with a build finish expected for December 2023.</p> <p>A further update can be provided in October. <i>SPC to arrange a further meeting with Simon Wallace</i></p>
080/21	Meeting of Parish Councils affected by Quarrying Activities
	<p>Greetham Parish Council propose to hold a meeting in October inviting all parish councils who are (or may be) affected by quarrying activities. Cllr. Paul Finlay offered to represent SPC at that meeting.</p> <p>The rubble from quarry trucks left on the road around the island at Stretton was noted as a problem. <i>Cllr. Paul Finlay to write to Highways and cc NB</i></p>
081/21	Request for removal of Sycamore tree in Manor Road
	<p>Cllr. Greg Harker reported on the village site meeting held with Stuart Kidd following the request to remove the overgrown sycamore tree, which could potentially fall into the road. Unfortunately, the RCC tree officer was particularly unhelpful and would not look at alternatives, even though this tree is clearly causing a nuisance, affecting the quality of the residents' lives.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Nick Begy to appeal to the portfolio holder with all the arguments discussed for removal of the tree.</i></p> <p>At the same meeting a visit was made by Stuart Kidd to Clipsham Road. It was agreed that the overgrown vegetation from the east end of Manor Road to George Henry Wood would be cut back. RCC will write to all the landowners.</p>

Meeting ended at 7.45pm

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Minutes approved at PC Meeting on 2nd December 2021 – Signed copy held on file

Chair Signature

