

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Stretton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 commencing at 7pm at the Jackson Stops

Members Present: Cllr. Paul Finlay (PF) (Chair), Cllr. Richard Foster (RF), Cllr. Michael Arnold (MA), Cllr. John Cooch (JC), Mrs Jayne Isaac (Clerk), Cllr Nick Begy (Ward member)

1 member of the public attended

Ref	Item
052/21	Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies
	There were no apologies.
053/21	To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on items in the agenda
	There were no pecuniary interests declared.
054/21	Comments received from members of the public
	None received.
055/21	To approve and sign the minutes from previous meetings
	Annual Meeting and Quarterly PC meeting held on 5 th May 2021 Proposed by RF, seconded by MA Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 th May 2021 Proposed by PF, seconded by MA The minutes of the above meetings were unanimously approved and signed as a true record – no corrections
056/21	Matters arising from previous minutes
056.1	Replacement or re-painting of village sign The village sign in Manor Road is out of date and falling down. After discussion, it was agreed that this is not fit for purpose – removal/replacement of the sign to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
056.2	Re-painting of village post box. It was confirmed that responsibility sits with Royal Mail. There is a 5 year schedule to repaint. <i>Clerk to contact Royal Mail to find out when the re-painting is due.</i>
056.3	Kerbing on Manor Road Cllr. N. Begy confirmed that RCC have no plans for future kerbing.
057/21	Vacancy for co-opted position on the parish council
	In response to the advertisement for a councillor, there has been one applicant. The Chair has spoken to the applicant who lives in Stocken Hall Mews. She works in education as a teacher, and has experience at local authority level managing support services for behaviour and attendance for Leicestershire Schools. All felt that the applicant would be able to make positive contributions to the parish council. All voted in favour. <i>Actions:</i> <i>Chair to contact the applicant to formally appoint her.</i>

	<i>Clerk to send the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor for signing and the form to register disclosable pecuniary interests.</i>
058/21	Financial Matters
058.1	The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation to 30 th June 2021 (<i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i>) was considered and approved unanimously.
058.2	<p>To approve payments as follows:</p> <p>ACR Computers- MS Office repair on SPC laptop - £55 (<i>already paid and approved</i>)</p> <p>RCC – Clerk Salary Quarter 1 plus overtime and the annual payroll administration charge - £1,114.43</p> <p>Greetham Parish Council – Charges for printing 1.1.21 – 30.6.21 - £5.52</p> <p>The above payments were proposed by RF, seconded by JC – unanimous approval.</p>
058.3	<p>The exercise of public rights.</p> <p>Dates for the public rights exercise ran from 7th June to 16th July. There have been no requests from members of the public to inspect the end of year accounts.</p>
058.4	<p>Annual Review of Clerk's salary</p> <p>The NALC new payscales for 2021-22 are due in August, so the review should be based on this financial year. It was agreed for the Chair to meet with the Clerk to carry out the annual review once these have been published.</p> <p>Proposal for annual increase to be considered/approved at the next meeting.</p>
059/21	Planning
059.1	<p>Warehousing and housing application at Old Quarry site, Greetham</p> <p>Cllr. Nick Begy gave an update to members on the current situation. SWAG (Stop the Warehousing Action Group) have produced a lot of evidence to gain refusal to the application, in particular a lengthy report to Highways. This will go the planning committee – no date set at present. SWAG are now focussed on what might be ahead if there is an appeal - it looks likely that the application will get refused on a number of policies. With regard to the quarry extension at Greetham, this will be going back to the Planning Committee in August. In the meantime, a scoping document has been received to assess the feasibility of whether the land at the corner of Thistleton Lane and Stretton Road would be suitable to quarry. This is not an application at this stage.</p>
059.2	<p>Planning Application – 2021/0793/MAF</p> <p>Development of new houseblock, new workshop, office, extended multi-faith building and extension the car park at HMP Stocken.</p> <p>HMP Stocken, Stocken Hall Road, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7RD</p> <p>All felt that greater clarity is needed to gain a better understanding of the proposal in order to give a full and informed response. Therefore suggested and agreed for contact to be made with the Governor to request a meeting for a briefing of the plans, providing the opportunity for questions.</p> <p><i>Clerk to contact the Governor's PA to request a meeting.</i></p>

059.3	<p>Initial concerns were raised regarding the impact on the residents and the parish in terms of additional traffic and sewage.</p> <p>At this stage, there was unanimous agreement to enter the following initial comments on the planning portal, with more detailed comments/conditions to follow:</p> <p>Response: "Neutral"</p> <p>Stretton Parish Council request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - traffic calming measures in place - details on sewage system, due to pumping station being near full capacity - landscaping and tree planting - site visit and walk the ground with HMP Governor - potential impact to be assessed of the increased traffic movement <p><i>Clerk to add comments on the RCC Planning Portal</i></p> <p>Decision Notice – 2021/0537/FUL Appleyard, Manor Road, Stretton Replacement conservatory Planning permission approved and noted.</p>
060/21	Standing Orders
	<p>The Chair read out the suggested wording to add to section 3t of the standing orders to cover the policy on apologies:</p> <p><i>Councillors have a duty to attend and, if they are unable to do so, must contact the Parish Clerk with an apology and explanation. If a Councillor fails to attend any meetings for six months, they will automatically cease to be a councillor unless the council discussed and approved the reason for absence before the end of the six-month period. This follows the guidance of Local Government Act 1972 s85.</i></p> <p>Proposed by PF, seconded by RF, unanimous approval.</p> <p><i>Clerk to add to Standing Orders and circulate to all. Clerk to publish the revised Standing Orders on the website</i></p>
062/21	Update on Sewage Issues
	<p>Since the last meeting held with Anglian Water, ongoing issues are being monitored and reported by Stretton and Greetham Parish Councils to keep the pressure on.</p>
063/21	Climate Change Action Group
	<p>A Climate Action Network Meeting was held on 8th July. The aim is to connect people and to create a Climate Action Group across parishes. There is a green week event organised for 28th – 26th August.</p> <p>Cllr. Nick Begy reported that Greetham Parish Council want to be involved in a wider Climate Action Group with other PCs.</p> <p><i>Clerk to ask contact at GPC to get in touch with the Chair at SPC to discuss involvement in a wider Climate Action Group.</i></p>
064/21	Community Speed Watch
	<p>Cllr. Richard Foster gave a full update on the speed watch held 5th – 19th July. There were 12 volunteers (4 councillors included). 29 sessions were carried out, with 168 being caught travelling over 36 mph, and 299 noted travelling between 31 and 35 mph. Over 194 letters have been sent out.</p>

	<p>Cllr. Richard Foster is producing a report to present to RCC and Leicestershire Police next week. The draft response has gone to all volunteers for any comments/revisions by Monday. He gave a summary of the report, highlighting the recommendations.</p> <p>What went well – an excellent team of volunteers</p> <p>What could be improved – more flexibility within the system</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed reminders on 30 mph speed limit extended to Stretton Lakes - Slow down signage by George Henry Woods - chicane at the sharp corner - Speed indicator detectors <p>A vote of thanks was expressed to Cllr. Richard Foster for carrying out an excellent job in coordinating the speed watch.</p>
065/21	Clipsham Quarry
	<p>It has been reported that there are quarry lorries causing noise and disruption at unsociable hours. The speed is not always adhered to which adds to the volume of noise.</p> <p>Cllr. Nick Begy has raised this with George Wilson the quarry owner, who states that lorries are not allowed on site until 7am. RCC are currently working on quarry conditions with the quarry owner. However, nothing can be done with regard to private operators going into the quarry.</p> <p>RCC Highways are currently monitoring the road damage.</p> <p>It is hoped that addressing the speed issue may settle things down.</p> <p>The issue will continue to be monitored by RCC..</p>
066/21	Correspondence
	<p>Correspondence received by the Clerk for information has been posted on the website https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence</p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>Police Report for May</p> <p>HMP Stocken Community Update</p> <p>Open letter to Alicia Kearns re: uncontrolled development</p> <p>Police Newsletter for June</p> <p>Letter from Cllr. Mirander Jones on Climate Action Groups</p> <p>Police Report for June</p>
067/21	Any other Business
	<p>A complaint has been received from a resident regarding the sycamore tree growing excessively in Manor Road. This has previously been reported to RCC, but the tree officer has been reluctant to take action.</p> <p>It was agreed to take photos as evidence for discussion at the next meeting with reasons for removal.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that if removed, the tree could be replaced by 2 walnut saplings. This may be more appropriate in the right place at the side of the bench in Manor Road.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Paul Finlay to take photos of the overgrown sycamore tree</i></p>
068/21	Next Meeting
	<p>Date and time of next meeting 21st October at 7pm.</p> <p>The Church Community Hub is proposed as the venue.</p>

Meeting ended at 8.04pm

Draft Minutes issued on 26th July 2021

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

Chair Signature