

# STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Stretton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7pm at the Jackson Stops

**Members Present:** Cllr. Paul Finlay (PF) (Chair), Cllr. Richard Foster (RF), Cllr. Michael Arnold (MA), Cllr. Greg Harker (GH), Cllr. Shani Storrie (SS), Mrs Jayne Isaac (Clerk), Cllr Nick Begy (Ward member)

1 member of the public attended

Ref	Item
<b>001/22</b>	<b>Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies</b>
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. John Cooch.
<b>002/22</b>	<b>To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on items in the agenda</b>
	There were no pecuniary interests declared.
<b>003/22</b>	<b>Comments received from members of the public</b>
	<p>Cllr. Nick Begy had received a message from a member of the public asking for an update on the footpath from Stretton to Greetham.</p> <p>There has been a conversation with the MP who has committed to a visit in the near future. The footpath is on the list at RCC, but dependent upon money becoming available. Greetham Parish Council are also in support of the footpath.</p> <p>It was noted that some trees have been planted up the Stretton Road between Stretton and Greetham. Cllr. Nick Begy said he would investigate to find out who has planted the trees and where the funds have come from.</p>
<b>004/22</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes from previous meetings</b>
	<p>Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>The minutes were unanimously approved and signed as a true record – no corrections</p>
<b>005/22</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b>
005.1	<p><b>Removal of sycamore tree in Manor Road</b></p> <p>A letter to the CEO to challenge the outcome, taking into account the impact on the individual resident's health and wellbeing, has been drafted and approved.</p> <p><i>Chair to sign the letter and forward on.</i></p> <p><i>Chair to liaise with the resident to give an update.</i></p>
005.2	<p><b>Stretton Community Emergency Response Plan</b></p> <p>Michael Holden has expressed an interest in taking up the role of co-ordinator at Stocken Hall end of village.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Shani Storrie to ask Michael Holden to contact Cllr. Greg Harker</i></p>
005.3	<p><b>Replacement of Village Sign</b></p> <p>The current village sign is to be removed and replaced.</p> <p><i>Chair to put a notice on the village facebook page for design ideas.</i></p>
<b>006/22</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>
006.1	The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 ( <i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i> ) was considered and approved unanimously.
006.2	To approve payments as follows – ( <i>already paid</i> )

	<p>RCC – Clerk Salary Qtr 3 - £660.51 (<i>cheque no. 100492</i>) Proposed by RF, seconded by MA – unanimous approval.</p>
006.3	<p><b>Replacement of SPC Laptop</b> Greetham Parish Council have approved the purchase of a new laptop and to rent out space on the computer to Stretton Parish Council. The cost of the computer with MS Office software and labour to set up and move SPC data off old machine will be approximately £900. The rental cost to SPC would be £171 pa payable on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year. Any repairs or maintenance would be paid for by GPC. The computer will remain an asset of GPC and will be insured by GPC for damage or loss. Acceptance was proposed by RF, seconded by MA and all voted in favour. GPC will raise an official offer letter including all the details.</p> <p>It was agreed to factor in the budget, a contingency fund to purchase a new computer when needed in the future.</p>
006.4	<p><b>Annual Review of Clerk's salary</b> The NALC pay award and payscales are delayed and awaiting agreement. The increase will be backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. To be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
006.5	<p><b>Budget for 2022/23</b> The budget proposal for discussion had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Chair went through the proposed budget expenditure for 2022/23 line by line. Membership/Subscriptions – reduced to £240 due to cancellation of the GDPR subscription. Equipment/Repairs/Maintenance – No proposed expenditure as GPC will own laptop and they will pay the ESET renewal and any repairs. Audit Procedure - £200 Clerk's Salary incl. home working allowance – increased to £2,700 Clerk's overtime - £200 Annual Admin payroll charge to RCC - £220 Clerk's Expenses – reduced to nil Stationery, postage and printing – reduced to £70 Defib. Maintenance and replacement fund - £250 E Telephone - £75 Grit Bins - £200 Street Lighting - increased to £500 Training - £100 Insurance - £400 Donations - £100 Hire of Community Hub for PC Meetings - £200</p> <p>The following new items of expenditure were added following discussion:</p> <p>Queens Jubilee - £1,000 suggested as a contribution from SPC towards village celebrations – All voted in favour</p> <p>Contingency Fund to purchase a new SPC laptop when needed - £300 Yearly contribution for share of GPC laptop - £171</p> <p>Replacement of Village Sign - £200 to cover materials <i>Chair to contact Governor at HMP Stocken regarding labour</i></p>

	<p>Purchase of Speed Indicators - £2,000 proposed, all voted in favour.</p> <p>The total figure recalculated for the 2022/23 budget amounts to £9,126. Proposed by RF, seconded by MA to increase the precept to £9,126. There was unanimous agreement.</p> <p>The rationale for the increase is due to some one-off costs, such as the Queens Jubilee celebrations and speed indicators, plus general inflation rises, in particular electricity.</p> <p><i>Clerk to complete precept request and send to RCC</i>  <i>Clerk to update Budget spreadsheet and circulate to all.</i></p>
<b>007/22</b>	<b>Planning</b>
007.1	<p><b>Greetham Quarry north western extension and the restoration of Greetham Old Quarry</b>  Cllr. N. Begy gave an update.</p> <p>The Quarry Forum set up by GPC is official recognised by RCC. RCC are still in the period of collecting data on background dust. The dust monitoring needs to be in place for an extended period of time to cover seasonal variations.</p> <p>The restoration of the old quarry is ongoing and GPC are pushing for enforcement of restoration to commence as soon as possible, to meet the deadline of end of September.</p> <p>The decision on the warehousing and housing applications should be coming to a conclusion within the next 2/3 months, and is dependent on the dust monitoring.</p>
007.2	<p><b>To consider the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/1458/MAF</b>  Proposal: Section 73 (material amendment) to Planning Application 2020/1480/MAF – Erection of 60 leisure lodges for occupation on a non-continuous basis, renovation and conversion of existing barns to form a leisure suite including gym, swimming pool and ancillary spaces including staff accommodation, renovation and alteration of the existing Clubhouse, erection of a new maintenance facility, alterations to the grounds, including changes to the golf course and construction of lakes for leisure and ecological purposes, and ancillary works including alterations to the access drive, provision of a visitor check-in kiosk, alterations to car parking, creation of a circular walk, alteration and extension of the noise bund, and consequential landscape works.  Location: Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham.</p> <p>Unanimous approval to support – no objections  <i>Clerk to enter response on RCC Planning Portal</i></p> <p><b>Screening Application Ref: 2021/1426/SCR</b> – Proposed Solar Farm to be located at HMP Stocken  Discussed and noted.</p> <p>To note the following Decision Notice:</p>

	<p><b>Planning Application 2021/1287/CAT</b></p> <p>Sycamore Tree (T7 (565) – removal of dead hanging branch. Horse Chestnut (T9 (563) – Removal of low secondary branch. Yew tree (T4) – pruning of branches to allow light into church and uncover graves. Yew tree (T6) – pruned to take branches off the stone wall and reduce its width to uncover gravestones. Holly trees (T2 &amp; T8) – reduction of width to uncover gravestones.</p> <p>Location: St Nicholas Church, Stretton</p> <p>RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.</p>
<b>008/22</b>	<b>HMP Stocken Prison expansion Plans</b>
	A further meeting has been arranged with Simon Wallace for an update on the expansion plans. This has been rescheduled to 19 <sup>th</sup> January.
<b>009/22</b>	<b>Stretton Community Speedwatch</b>
	<p>Cllr. Richard Foster chased up a response from Heather Caldicott to the CSW recommendations made by SPC. A response to the CSW queries was received on 11<sup>th</sup> December and circulated to all for information.</p> <p>The review of installing any additional traffic calming measures is likely to be 12 - 18 months.</p> <p>It was agreed that SPC should continue to pursue the installation of traffic calming measures and Cllr. Nick Begy said he would raise concern with RCC in the first instance, and also enquire about the feasibility to widen the path on the left hand side of Clipsham Road to George Henry Woods.</p> <p>A vote of thanks are noted to John Leefe for pruning the hedges along the Clipsham Road.</p>
<b>010/22</b>	<b>Queens Jubilee</b>
	<p>The sum of £1,000 has been put aside in the 2022/23 budget to contribution to celebratory events in the village. It was noted that a committee needs to be formed to co-ordinate the events, perhaps with one member from the Council on the committee. A public meeting was suggested for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm to be held at the Church Community Hub to form a committee and plan the celebrations.</p> <p>Cllr. Greg Harker agreed to put this in the village newsletter to go out end of January.</p> <p>Councillors to lobby volunteers to join the committee.</p>
<b>011/22</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The next PC meeting will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm.</p> <p>The Parish Meeting and Annual PC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.</p>

Meeting ended at 8.43pm.

Issued on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Approved at Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Signed by Chair .....