

# STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Stretton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 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
082/21	<b>Chairman's Welcome and to receive apologies</b>
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. John Cooch.
083/21	<b>To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests on items in the agenda</b>
	There were no pecuniary interests declared.
084/21	<b>Comments received from members of the public</b>
	<p>A resident reported vandalism to their field on Clipsham Road. This has been reported to the police. Members of the public are asked to be vigilant.</p> <p>Cllr. R. Foster had been asked to raise the issue of the broken street lamp attached to "The Farmhouse". The street lamp is owned by the parish council, and as such it was requested that SPC consider paying for the repair.</p>
085/21	<b>To approve and sign the minutes from previous meetings</b>
	<p>Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 Proposed by GH, seconded by SS</p> <p>Extraordinary Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Proposed by RF, seconded by GH</p> <p>Extraordinary Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Proposed by MA, seconded by GH</p> <p>The minutes of the above meetings were unanimously approved and signed as a true record – no corrections</p>
086/21	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b>
	<p><b>Removal of sycamore tree in Manor Road</b> Cllr. Begy updated members of the meeting. The CEO of RCC has visited the site of the tree, and although he sympathises with the position, he will not overturn expert advice and set a precedent.</p> <p>All were very unhappy with this outcome as it has not taken into account the impact on the individual resident's health and wellbeing. There was a vote to write to the CEO to challenge this – unanimous approval.</p> <p>It was suggested and approved for Cllr. G. Harker to draft an appropriate letter, looking at it from the perspective of the homeowner.</p> <p><i>Cllr. G. Harker to circulate the draft letter to all Councillors for approval.</i></p>

<b>087/21</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>
087.1	The Finance Report and Bank Reconciliation to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 ( <i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i> ) was considered and approved unanimously.
087.2	<p>To approve payments as follows – (<i>already paid</i>)</p> <p>GDPR Renewal Fee - £35.00 (<i>paid by Direct Debit</i>)  The purpose of this was questioned. <i>To be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.</i></p> <p>Community Heartbeat – Annual support for defib. - £151.20 (<i>cheque no 100486</i>)  Community Heartbeat – Annual Rental of emergency phone for defib. - £72.00 (<i>cheque no 100489</i>)  CPRE Annual Membership Fee - £36.00 (<i>cheque no 100490</i>)  RCC – Clerk Salary Qtr 2 - £660.51 (<i>cheque no 100491</i>)  Clerk – Stationery and Stamps - £30.07 (<i>cheque no 100488</i>)  ACR Computers – ESET Renewal - £40 (<i>cheque no 100487</i>)</p> <p>The above payments were proposed by GH, seconded by MA  – unanimous approval.</p>
087.3	<p><b>Update on Budget 2021/22</b> (<i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i>)</p> <p>Members went through the expenditure to date against the project expenditure in preparation for setting the 2022/23 precept.  The budget proposal and precept for 2022/23 will be put forward for discussion and approval at the next meeting.  Some additions were noted, such as a budget for the Jubilee party.  Members were asked to think about any additions to add before the January meeting. Also, suggestions for any local donations out of the £100 budget allocated.</p>
087.4	<p><b>SPC Laptop</b></p> <p>There are ongoing problems with the SPC laptop, which as gone into ACR Computers for an assessment since a windows repair.  ACR have advised that in their opinion the machine is too old to upgrade as it is around 6 years old.  Greetham Parish Council will be purchasing a new laptop for the Clerk, and have put forward a suggested proposal to SPC as to how the use of a new computer could be shared. The proposal had been circulated to all in advance of the meeting.  All agreed this was a good idea, but does rely on SPC and GPC having the same clerk. If the clerk was to leave the arrangement would be terminated and SPC would need to purchase their own laptop.</p> <p>There was a vote on the proposal submitted by GPC and all were in favour.</p> <p>It was suggested that a back up plan be in place to have a budget contingency in place to purchase a new laptop when needed in the future.</p> <p><i>Clerk to get a final quote from ACR Computers on a new laptop to include licences, to allow a contingency figure in the budget.</i></p>

087.5	<p>The security of SPC files was discussed and it was suggested that all SPC files to be stored on the Cloud, with a full backup of files from the current laptop to a portable HD Drive.  <i>Research to be carried out on storing on the Cloud.</i></p> <p>GPC will add this item to their agenda for the January meeting to note formal approval and will raise an official offer letter to SPC at that time.</p> <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>
<b>088/21</b>	<b>Planning</b>
088.1	<p>Greetham Quarry north western extension and the restoration of Greetham Old Quarry  Cllr. N. Begy gave an update.  This is still on hold due to RCC working with Environmental Health on the dust levels. Dust monitoring is due to be carried out for 12 months.</p> <p>It is unlikely that the warehousing and housing planning applications will come before the Planning Committee until next year, as they interact with the Quarry extension and restoration of the old quarry.</p>
088.2	<p><b>To consider the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/1287/CAT</b> – Sycamore Tree (T7 (565)) – removal of dead hanging branch. Horse Chestnut (T0 (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. Yew trees (T10 &amp; T12) pruned to uncover gravestones. Holly trees (T2 &amp; T8) – reduction of width to uncover gravestones.  Location: St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Stretton</p> <p>No objections raised - there was unanimous approval to support this application</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/1385/FUL</b> – Removal of condition 3 (The development shall not be occupied until such time as the off-site highway improvement works at the junction of the B668 have been completed) in relation to Application Reference Number: 2020/0142/FUL – To allow development to commence prior to the off-site highway works being completed.  Location: Ram Jam Inn, Great North Road, Greetham LE15 7QX</p> <p>There was discussion on the clause being removed to carry out construction and it was noted that the planning of the site has already been agreed.  All voted in favour of supporting the application with no objection on the basis that units are not occupied until all highway adaptations are completed.</p> <p><i>Clerk to enter the responses on the above applications on the RCC Planning Portal.</i></p>
088.3	<p>The following Decision Notices were noted:</p>

	<p><b>Planning Application 2021/0968/FUL</b> – New detached annex classroom block, associated parking and fencing with new site access gate. Location: The Shires School, Stretton LE15 7GT RCC have granted planning permission subject to conditions.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/0793/MAF</b> - Development of a new houseblock, new workshop, office, extended multi-faith building and extension to the car park at HMP Stocken. Location: HMP Stocken, Stocken Hall Road Stretton Rutland LE15 7RD RCC has granted planning permission subject to conditions.</p>
<b>089/21</b>	<b>HMP Stocken Prison expansion Plans</b>
	<p>Since the meeting held with Simon Wallace held in July on the expansion plans, Wates have <del>some</del> won the tender and will be the construction team completing the work.</p> <p>The planning permission has been approved (See Ref: 088.3) The approval is subject to the discharge of conditions to be met, primarily relating to ecological requirements, surface water drainage and off-site pumping station upgrades.</p> <p>Simon Wallace has advised that there are ongoing talks regarding the sewage system that is going to be put in place in line with the conditions set by Anglian Water.</p> <p><i>Clerk to arrange a further meeting between Councillors and Simon Wallace in January.</i></p>
<b>090/21</b>	<b>The removal/replacement of the village sign</b>
	<p>All voted in favour of the current village sign to be removed and to consider a replacement.</p> <p>It was suggested that ideas be sought on the design of a new sign. <i>Chair to put a notice on the village facebook page for design ideas.</i></p>
<b>091/21</b>	<b>Co-ordinator the Stretton Community Emergency Response Plan</b>
	<p>The Emergency Response Plan is in place. However, the co-ordinator of the plan has resigned. A vote of thanks for his hard work and dedication was med for John McCarthy. In the meantime, until a replacement is found, the current plan is still effective and could be implemented if the village faced difficulties, for example, caused by weather.</p> <p>It was agreed for Councillors to canvass residents to take over the role of co-ordinator.</p> <p>The equipment kit is currently stored by Cllr. G. Harker and this could be stored centrally in the Church hub once completed.</p> <p><i>Agreed for Chair to advertise the co-ordinator role on the village facebook page.</i></p>
<b>092/21</b>	<b>Rutland Quarry Forum</b>
	<p>The first meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November at Greetham. The liaison committee has been set up to allow local villages affected by quarries, to have input into policy. There will be regular meetings, allowing the parish councils a voice.</p>
<b>093/21</b>	<b>Update from Highways England on A1 upgrade</b>
	<p>Cllr. G. Harker gave the following update received from the Head of Highways: “Both the schemes are now very well progressed for the resurfacing between Wothorpe and South Witham. This is split into two phases, with the northbound carriageway starting in February 2022 with completion expected May. We will then be moving onto the southbound carriageway. Initially, this is expected to be starting around July 2022, but we are currently looking to see if this could be brought forward.”</p>

<b>094/21</b>	<b>Traffic and Speeding Issues</b>
	<p>The 30mph speed limit is still not being recognised along the Clipsham Road. Robyn Green at Highways has put in a ticket for e-more 30mph speed signs, but is now on maternity leave.</p> <p>Following further discussion, it was suggested that more evidence needed to be gathered of speeding to lobby RCC. Recommendations have been put forward to RCC in a report following the Community Speed Watch carried out in July.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Cllr R. Foster to write to Ian Razzell at RCC Highways for an update on their actions following the recommendations put forward in the CSW Report.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Clerk to write to Laurie Appleton to request a police speed watch exercise to gather further evidence.</i></li> </ol>
<b>095/21</b>	<b>Environmental Issues</b>
	There have been no further sewage issues reported, but these will potentially be raised during the winter months.
<b>096/21</b>	<b>Queens Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>
	<p>Consideration of plans for Queens Jubilee were discussed.</p> <p>Ideas around street parties and an event at the Church Community Hub – to be budgeted for in the SPC 2022/23 budget.</p> <p>It was noted that a village co-ordinator/committee will need to be set up to organise events.</p>
<b>097/21</b>	<b>Future Rutland Conversation</b>
	<p>Rutland residents have helped to create a new shared vision for the future of Rutland – a vision with long term goals based on the things that are most important to local people</p> <p>The draft Future Rutland Vision report is available  <a href="http://www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland">www.rutland.gov.uk/futurerutland</a></p>
<b>098/21</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p>Correspondence received by the Clerk for information has been posted on the website <a href="https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence">https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence</a></p> <p>Noted:</p> <p>Police Report June 2021</p> <p>Rutland Police Newsletter July 2021</p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Forum Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021</p> <p>Notes from the Climate Action Group meeting 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</p> <p>Police Report July 2021</p> <p>Police Report August 2021</p> <p>Connect Bus Flyer</p> <p>Letter from Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium</p> <p>Letter from Lord Lieutenant of Rutland re Queens Jubilee</p> <p>Police Report September 2021</p> <p>Rutland Age Newsletter – October 2021</p> <p>Police Report October 2021</p>
<b>099/21</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.</p> <p>Schedule for future dates to be suggested and agreed at the January meeting.</p>

Meeting ended at 8.26pm.

Draft Minutes issued on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Approved at Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – Signed by Chair .....