

# STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Stretton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 commencing at 7pm at Stretton Church Community Hub

Members Present: Cllr. Paul Finlay (PF), Cllr. Michael Arnold (MA), Cllr. Richard Foster (RF), Cllr. Greg Harker (GH), Cllr. Shani Storrie (SS), Jayne Isaac (Clerk)

11 members of the public attended

Ref	Item
<b>068/22</b>	<b>Chairman's Welcome and to receive Apologies</b>
	<p>The Vice Chair, Cllr. Paul Finlay opened the meeting as Cllr. Michael Arnold had submitted a formal letter of resignation as Chair on 26<sup>th</sup> September. As the agenda had already been published, it was too late to add to the Agenda.</p> <p>The Vice Chair agreed to lead the meeting and the election of Chair will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was expressed to Cllr. Michael Arnold.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. John Cooch and Cllr. Nick Begy (Ward Member)</p>
<b>069/22</b>	<b>Declarations of pecuniary interests on items in the agenda</b>
	<p>Declarations of pecuniary interests were received against Agenda Item 10 – Community Hub from the following Councillors:</p> <p>Cllr. S. Storrie as a Committee Member and Treasurer of the Community Hub.</p> <p>Cllr. R. Foster as a PCC Member, Treasurer of Friends of Stretton, and his wife is on the Community Hub Committee.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Harker as being involved with the set up of the Community Hub, although not a Committee Member.</p> <p>Cllr. G. Harker had applied for a dispensation with the RCC Monitoring Officer to participate and vote in the discussion on the Community Hub (Agenda Item 10) in accordance with the rules in the Code of Conduct. The dispensation has been granted in this instance, as without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of council business/matter would be so great, as to impede the transaction of the business.</p>
<b>070/22</b>	<b>Presentation by Ian Henderson, HMP Stocken Prison</b>
	<p>Ian Henderson from HMP Stocken Prison updated the meeting on the status of the Section 73 application to remove condition 4 – Planning Application 2022/0911/MAF.</p> <p>He explained that the Prison was currently taking blockages out of the system daily. HMP Stocken are building 4 new macerators on site as part of the expansion project. The work is to start in October and will take 6-8 weeks.</p>

	<p>Once the sewage leaves the prison boundary it becomes an Anglian Water issue. Anglian Water know that the sewage system needs to be upgraded to cope with the extra sewage from the prison expansion, and they have given an indication that this will take approximately 4 years.</p> <p>The upgrade is beyond the remit of HMP Stocken, and therefore they wanted to drop the precondition that the sewerage system had to be upgraded before the extension could be occupied. However, the meeting was firmly of the view that the precondition should remain. (Amended, Jan 23)</p>
<b>071/22</b>	<b>Comments received from members of the public on items on the Agenda</b>
	<p>2 members of the public raised strong concern on Agenda Item 14 – Planning Application to remove Condition 4 (upgrade of 2 off-site pumping stations by Anglian Water prior to occupation). In summary, despite assurances from Anglian Water, the increase in size of the prison population was more than 25% and would have a significant effect on the amount of extra sewage. The pumping station had not coped on several occasions already and is not fit for purpose.</p>
<b>072/22</b>	<b>To approve and sign Minutes from previous meetings</b>
	<p>The minutes of the PC Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and the EO Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July were accepted and signed as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed by RF, seconded by GH, unanimous approval.</p>
<b>073/22</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous meetings</b>
	<p><b>Procedure if defibrillator is unserviceable:</b></p> <p>There was concern raised in the public forum at the last meeting regarding the defibrillator being out of action for a limited time.</p> <p>To clarify, the defibrillator is registered with East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS). There is a maintenance contract in place to provide replacement parts. If the defibrillator is unserviceable, the designated village co-ordinator will notify EMAS via the Webnos website and EMAS organise replacement parts to get it back up and running. There is no requirement or plan to inform all members of the public.</p> <p>The correct procedure, if anyone is faced with a medical emergency, is to dial 999. On being put through to EMAS you will be directed to the nearest serviceable defib, be that in Stretton or at The Shires or elsewhere.</p> <p><b>Update on PC Bank Account:</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the move to change bank Accounts is currently on hold until a new Chair is appointed.</p>
<b>074/22</b>	<b>Stretton and Stocken Emergency Response</b>
	<p>Michael Houlden introduced himself to the meeting as the new Stretton and Stocken Emergency Coordinator. He was appointed to the role 3 months ago. Michael asked if that there could be other coordinators be appointed to cover the village, Stretton Woods and Stocken Hall/Farm/Mews as this would help with the response time. Additionally, he is looking for additional volunteers in case of emergencies. They would only be required to participate 2 or 3 times a year for</p>

	<p>any “practice/training” on any equipment. Also that storage be found for all the emergency equipment.</p> <p>An update was provided on the free demonstration that the Leicestershire Fire Services will be carrying out at the event on 8<sup>th</sup> October. There will be various stalls at the event – defibrillator operation, first aid, fire rescue etc, with individual training on use of the defibrillator.</p> <p>There was a request for the PC to support with the costs associated with the Fire and Rescue Services event on 8<sup>th</sup> October being held at the Community Hub.</p> <p>The costs of hiring the venue for the event are chargeable at £15 per hour for 5 hours (£75) plus heating/electricity costs. The Community Centre Hub can determine the full cost of electricity used after the event.</p> <p>A maximum figure of up to £200 was proposed and voted on.</p> <p>This was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Consideration of an annual review and setting aside an annual budget for emergency response training was discussed to ensure ongoing commitment to the safety of the village community.</p> <p>It was agreed to evaluate the position after the event on 8<sup>th</sup> October, as to whether to build this into next year’s budget.</p>
<b>075/22</b>	<b>Community Hub</b>
	<p>Cllr. S. Storrie and Cllr. R. Foster left the room as they had declared their interests in the agenda item.</p> <p>Susan Armstrong-Brookes (SAB) reported that the Committee for the Community Hub has been established and there is a committee and constitution in place and a separate bank account being set up with a view to the hub gaining charitable status.</p> <p>She updated the meeting on the progress made with the set-up of the Community Hub, and outlined the events in the pipeline. The events organised are generating funding and there are local businesses who have signed up to the ‘Organisation Membership’.</p> <p>SAB is looking for the PC to promote and support the hub, and there was a request put forward for the PC to take out ‘Organisation Membership’ at a minimum cost of £750.</p> <p>Members agreed they support this in principle, but for audit purposes a detailed written proposal with the benefits outlined would need to be submitted to SPC.</p> <p>Agreed that SPC would then present this to LRALC for legal guidance before approval at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>SAB to provide a written proposal to the Vice Chair</i></p> <p>The hire charges of the Community Hub for PC Meetings were outlined:</p> <p>There is currently a charge of £40 for PC meetings based on 4 hours heating costs (2 hrs prior to the meeting and 2 hrs for the meeting). With the advent of higher charges for electricity, these charge rates would have to be reviewed and</p>

	<p>had to be realistic. The PCC, who manage the church, could not afford to subsidise any event.</p> <p>Notwithstanding, it was noted that there has been no charge incurred for EO Meetings.</p>
<b>076/22</b>	<b>Stocken and Stretton Newsletter</b>
	<p>Helen Campbell the editor of Stretton News gave a presentation with update on the newsletter and request for funding by SPC.</p> <p>The autumn edition went out at the start of September and the printing costs of £105 were met by the placement of 3 paid adverts with £35 left over to go towards the cost of the winter edition.</p> <p>Helen is currently looking at other methods of funding due to increased printing costs with the long-term aim of the newsletter going digital, but with a printed copy for those who cannot access a digital newsletter. She is considering doing a door-to-door survey in the parish to see what individuals want so that there is a record to ensure that deliveries are accurate and more can be sent out as a digital version.</p> <p>It was explained that the winter edition may be a bit of a halfway house, so likely to need some financial support of up to £70 from SPC.</p> <p>The allocation of a maximum amount of £70 for the December print run of the Newsletter out of the SPC budget was voted on.</p> <p>Proposed by RF, seconded by MA – unanimous.</p>
<b>077/22</b>	<b>QPJ Tree Planting and Time Capsule</b>
	<p>A tree already purchased has been kept on one side to be planted in memory of the Queen's Jubilee once a site has been agreed.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Storrie suggested the gap on the roundabout by the A1 which would be visible on entry to the village.</p> <p>A suggestion was made for the time capsule to be planted centrally in the village by the pump.</p> <p>All voted in favour.</p> <p><i>SS to speak to Highways to get approval</i></p>
<b>078/22</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>
078.1	<p><b>Receipt and Payments to 31<sup>st</sup> August and update on budget expenditure.</b></p> <p>The Finance Report with receipts and payments to 31<sup>st</sup> August (<i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i>) was considered and approved unanimously.</p>
078.2	<p><b>Approval of invoices for payment</b></p> <p>GPC – Printing costs for the period January 2022 to August 2022 - £7.27</p> <p>Stretton Church – Hire of venue for PC meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September - £40.00</p> <p>Community Heartbeat – Defib. Annual Support - £151.20 incl. VAT</p> <p>Community Heartbeat – Defib. Emergency Phone - £72.00 incl. VAT</p> <p>CPRE – Annual Membership - £36.00</p>

078.3	<p>The above payments were proposed by SS, seconded by GH - Unanimous approval</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the proforma invoice from the Community Hub had been withdrawn as it could not be finalised until approval sought (Ref: 074/22).</p> <p>The amount is to be finalised after the event based on heating costs.</p> <p><i>Invoice to be submitted for approval at the next meeting.</i></p> <p><b>Write off of the SPC Laptop</b></p> <p>ACR Computers in Stamford have assessed the SPC laptop as having damage to the hard drive, and in view of its age recommend this be scrapped. This was approved in principle.</p> <p><i>Agreed for Clerk to get a quote from ACR Computers to wipe the laptop clean and dispose as necessary.</i></p>
079/22	<b>Planning</b>
079.1	<p>Update given by Clerk on the following applications, following the RCC Planning Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2020/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry</b> Deferred so RCC can discuss with Mick George further conditions.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/0170/MAO – 30 residential dwellings</b> Outline Housing Plan Approved.</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2021/0171/MAO – Warehousing</b> Rejected by RCC – Unanimous vote.</p>
079.2	<p><b>Consideration of the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application: 2022/0842/FUL</b> Proposal: Single storey side extension, alterations to existing fenestration and new retaining wall. Jacobs Barn, Rookery Lane, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7RA</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement to SUPPORT – no objections</p>
079.3	<p><b>Planning Application: 2022/0911/MAF</b> Proposal: Section 73 application in order to remove Condition 4 (upgrade of 2 off-site pumping stations by Anglian Water prior to occupation) of application 2021/0793/MAF - Development of a new houseblock, new workshop, office, extended multi-faith building and extension to the car park at HMP Stocken. HMP Stocken Prison, Stocken Hall Road, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7RD</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement to strongly OBJECT to the removal of Condition 4. Draft comments were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Harker would rewrite them into an appropriate form for inclusion by the clerk the following day.</p>
079.4	<p><b>Planning Application 2022/1048/CAT</b> Removal of lowest limb of 1 No. sycamore. Prune back branches (next branches up above one to be removed only) by approx. 1.5m into appropriate pruning points for good growth. Approx 8 cuts of around 2-4 cm diameter (orange).</p>

079.5	<p>The Rookery, 10 Spinney Lane, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7RB</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement to SUPPORT – no objections</p> <p><b>Planning Application 2022/1031/CAT</b></p> <p>Push back line of trees behind property to appropriate pruning points just the far side of the fenceline (blue). Land North of Spinney Lane, Stretton, Rutland</p> <p>There was unanimous agreement to SUPPORT – no objections</p> <p><i>Clerk to enter the responses on all of the above Planning Applications on the RCC Planning Portal</i></p> <p>The following decision notice was noted:</p> <p><b>Application Number: 2022/0766/FUL</b></p>
079.6	<p>Proposed single storey porch side extension, new rooflight to the front elevation, dormer and folding sliding doors to the rear. The Barns, Manor Road, Stretton LE15 7QZ</p> <p>RCC have granted the planning permission subject to conditions.</p>
<b>080/22</b>	<b>Rutland's New Local Plan – Issues and Options Consultation</b>
	<p>Cllr. S. Storrie gave a summary of the proposed responses and key points in response to the Issues and Options Consultation.</p> <p>It was agreed for SS to circulate her comments to all Friday morning for any revisions before entering on the RCC system to meet the deadline date of 30<sup>th</sup> September.</p>
<b>081/22</b>	<b>Request for removal of Sycamore Tree in Manor Road</b>
	<p>The response to the Stage 2 formal complaint received from Penny Sharpe at RCC was discussed.</p> <p>All felt strongly that the response did not address the issues raised and still needed to be addressed and taken further.</p> <p>The stage 2 complaint, however, needed to go forward from the complainant rather than the council and so Mr &amp; Mrs Visser (in the audience) were invited to send in a further letter of complaint following the response received.</p> <p><i>The Vice Chair to write to Cllr. Nick Begy as Ward Member to gain advice on the next steps.</i></p>
<b>082/22</b>	<b>Update on Traffic Calming and Highways</b>
	<p>Cllr. Greg Harker reported on the walk through visit from Cllr R Powell (Highways) to gain advice on whether and when SPC may get a SID and to improve the signage. The Highways Officer was sympathetic to the speeding issues and appeared to accept the arguments.</p>

	<p>It was noted that if SPC were to fund their own SIDs then RCC would choose the contractor and carry out the installation which would be likely to cost in the region of £5000.</p> <p>Cllr Powell agreed to look at the issues and let SPC have the proposed way forward – whether SPC will qualify for SIDS or need to contribute towards the payment.</p> <p>A further speed survey may be requested to provide further evidence.</p> <p>It was noted that the hedge along the Clipsham Road has been cut and RCC have taken over responsibility for this.</p>
<b>083/22</b>	<b>School Bus</b>
	<p>Cllr. S. Storrie reported that parents have directly written to RCC with their concerns over the school transport for Stocken Hall Farm and adjoining properties.</p> <p>RCC have confirmed that they are happy with the current arrangements and there would be no change.</p>
<b>084/22</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: Rutland Climate Action Notes 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Letter from RCC Penny Sharp regarding 24/22 Complaint – Stage 2</p>
<b>085/22</b>	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>
	<p>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm – Election of Chair Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm – Budget/Precept request</p>

Meeting ended 21.00

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Signed by Chair .....Cllr G Harker..... Dated .....19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.....