

## STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Members Present:** Cllr. Michael Arnold (MA) (Chair), Cllr. Richard Foster (RF), Cllr. Greg Harker (GH), Cllr. John Cooch (JC), Cllr. Shani Storrie (SS), Cllr Nick Begy (NB) (Ward member), Jayne Isaac (Clerk)

7 members of the public attended

Ref	Item
<b>043/22</b>	<b>Chairman's Welcome and to receive Apologies</b>
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Paul Finlay.
<b>044/22</b>	<b>Declarations of pecuniary interests on items in the agenda</b>
	None
<b>045/22</b>	<b>Comments received from members of the public</b>
	None
<b>046/22</b>	<b>To approve and sign the minutes from previous meetings</b>
	The minutes of the PC meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> May and EO Meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June were accepted and signed as a true record – no corrections. Proposed by GH, seconded by SS – unanimous approval
<b>047/22</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b>
	There were none that are not already covered in the agenda.
<b>048/22</b>	<b>Presentation by the Shires</b>
	<p>Charlotte Niekerk, Head of Services at Shires gave an overview of the services and provision provided.</p> <p>The Shires provides specialist education and care for young people aged 11-19 years of age with autism, associated learning difficulties and complex needs. It comprises of two specialist independent schools and one children's home on the Stretton site. There are 14 residential pupils and 6 day pupils who come from areas all over the country.</p> <p>Charlotte explained the diverse range of needs and how the team of staff care for their needs to prepare them for the next stage of their life. Staff are trained in behaviour management and it was noted that some of the children are non verbal, which makes it difficult for communities to engage with.</p> <p>Jamie Hill, Head of Education spoke about the teaching and learning. An education and health care plan is drawn up to meet each individual's need. The plan focuses on the development of life skills and to prepare them for adulthood.</p> <p>Shires are keen to look at ways as to how they can integrate some of the more able pupils into the community. They would like to get a message out to the village to treat the accompanied children normally when met around the village. They are also keen to help where they can – litter picking, cleaning etc and to have some interaction with the village. The Shires has had some complaints and difficulties within the village, hence the need for communication. It was suggested and agreed for an article to go in the next Stretton and Stocken Newsletter.</p>

<b>049/22</b>	<b>Queen's Jubilee Celebrations</b>
	<p>Susan Armstrong-Brookes gave a report on the Queen's Jubilee events. The event on Thursday (BBQ, picnic and bonfire) was a huge success with 80-100 people attending</p> <p>Despite the drizzle on Sunday, the event went ahead in the field and 60 people attended. The vintage singers were excellent.</p> <p>It was noted that 3 youngsters from Shires had attended.</p> <p>QJ medals have been delivered to all young people and trophies handed out. The time capsule is still to be organised and the planting of the second tree.</p> <p>Tremendous feedback has been received from all who attended the events, and parishioners are keen to hold another community event – suggestion of a picnic in September.</p>
<b>050/22</b>	<b>QPJ Tree Planting</b>
	<p>There was discussion as to where the tree purchased for the QJ could be planted. The tree is an ornamental silverbirch.</p> <p>One suggestion was the green by the chicane opposite the bus stop.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask Highways on a suitable area for planting on the visit walk through.</p> <p><i>Cllr. N. Begy to contact Highways and report back</i></p>
<b>051/22</b>	<b>Stretton and Stocken Emergency Response Plan</b>
	<p>Michael Houlden has taken on the role of Emergency Responder – the handover has been carried out.</p> <p>He was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting to introduce himself.</p> <p>Michael has contacted Thomas Morley at Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Services following an email regarding a Pop Up Emergency Services Hub.</p>
<b>052/22</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>
052.1	<p><b>Receipt and Payments to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b></p> <p>The Finance Report with receipts and payments to 30<sup>th</sup> June (<i>circulated in advance of the meeting</i>) was considered and approved unanimously.</p>
052.2	<p><b>Approval of invoices for payment:</b></p> <p><b>Invoices paid in June:</b></p> <p>Queen's Jubilee expenditure (out of 22/23 budget against provision of £1000 set aside)</p> <p>S. Armstrong-Brookes</p> <p>QPJ Trophies - £49.19</p> <p>QPJ Medals and Ribbons - £57.08</p> <p>100m Bunting - £14.99</p> <p>Colour-in-mugs - £18.80</p> <p>Ketchup/mayo/mustard - £4.40</p> <p>Fire Lighters - £3.75</p> <p>BBQ Charcoal - £24.00</p> <p>Total £172.21 – <i>Cheque No: 100514</i></p> <p>J. Stokes – Selfi-frame for QPJ from Quion Print - £30.00 <i>Cheque 100506</i></p> <p>C. Pattison – Band for QPJ - £450.00 <i>Cheque 100508</i></p> <p>Aqualoos – Portable loos for QPJ - £204.00 – <i>Cheque 100513</i></p> <p>A.J. Gallagher – PC Insurance for 22/23 - £451.24 – <i>Cheque 100508</i></p>

	<p>The above payments were proposed by GH, seconded by JC - Unanimous approval</p> <p><b>Invoices to be approved and paid in July:</b>  Stamps for postage - £6.80  Stretton Church – Hire of venue for PC meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July - £40.00  RCC – Clerk Quarter 1 Salary - £808.26 plus Annual Payroll Admin Charge £190.00 - Total £1036.26 (inc. VAT).</p> <p>The above payments were proposed by RF, seconded by JC - Unanimous approval</p>
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052.4	<p><b>To note income received:</b>  Hambleton Bakery – Donation for band – QPJ Celebrations - £500.00  G. Bothwell – Donation for Tree – QPJ - £100.00</p>
052.5	<p><b>Summary of income and expenditure for Queen’s Jubilee Celebration - circulated in advance of the meeting.</b>  Total expenditure amounted to £1319.41 less £600.00 income from donations received. This leaves a surplus of £280.59 left from the budget of £1,000 allocated.  After discussion it was proposed that the surplus be rolled over to other planned village events. All voted in favour.</p> <p><b>PC Bank Account with Barclays Bank</b>  The Clerk gave an update on the bank account with Barclays. Online banking with the Barclays account is not possible with two signatories which are needed to meet PC rules. As a result, cheques are still having to be issued rather than paying invoices by BACS.  Lloyds Bank are now taking on new business customers and they can offer the Treasurer’s Account which facilitates online banking. The Clerk to initiate the online payment, followed by two signatories to authorise. This account and arrangement works successfully with Greetham Parish Council.</p> <p>The Lloyds online application has to be opened by the Chair as a current signatory and the switch can then be carried out from Barclays to Lloyds. The information held with Barclays will need to mirror that on the application form for Lloyds for the switch to go ahead without any problems. A current mandate form is currently in progress with Barclays to add Cllr. M. Arnold as Chair and remove all named persons on the account who are no longer on the parish council.</p> <p><i>Chair to complete Bank Mandate Form provided and return to Barclays, then apply to set up the Lloyds Bank Treasurer’s Account.</i></p>
<b>053/22</b>	<b>Planning</b>
053.1	<p>Consideration of the following:</p> <p><b>Planning Application: 2022/0627/FUL</b>  Proposal: Erect steel shed in corner of the Church land for storage facility. St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Stretton</p> <p>The planning application has been withdrawn – no longer an agenda item.</p>
053.2	<p><b>Planning Application: 2022/0726/FUL</b>  Proposal: Replacement windows to front elevation</p>

	<p>Manor Cottage, Manor Road, Stretton LE15 7QZ After discussion, there was unanimous agreement to support this application. <i>Clerk to enter response on RCC Planning Portal.</i></p>
053.3	<p>To note the following Decision Notice: <b>Application Number: 2022/0032/PTA</b> 1 no. Wellingtonia – reduce by 20 metres 4 Spinney Lane, Stretton LE15 7RB</p> <p>RCC have refused consent. The resident of the property is appealing against the decision.</p>
053.4	<p><b>Process on planning for new members</b> Cllr. N. Begy summarised the two main points out of the document already circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting:-</p> <p>However uncontroversial a planning application may be deemed, it must go to a PC Meeting or EO Meeting for a decision to be made.</p> <p>Councillors to familiarise themselves with the difference between material planning considerations and non-material planning consideration.</p>
<b>054/22</b>	<b>Councillor training with LRALC for new members</b>
	<p>Cllr. S. Storrie expressed her wish to attend Councillor Training with LRALC. There is a course scheduled on 8<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £45 that she would like to attend. Approval was sought and approved.</p>
<b>055/22</b>	<b>Rutland's New Local Plan</b>
	<p>There is an Issues and Options Consultation on Rutland's New Local Plan. This gives an opportunity to submit comments - deadline date 30<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed for all Councillors to read and digest the document and take forward for discussion at the next PC Meeting.</p>
<b>056/22</b>	<b>Sycamore Tree in Manor Road</b>
	<p>A further letter in response to Stage 2 formal complaint Ref 24/22 has been sent to Penny Sharpe at RCC. There is no further news to date. <i>Cllr. N. Begy to chase a response</i></p>
<b>057/22</b>	<b>HMP Stocken Expansion</b>
	<p>Update from Cllr. Storrie following the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May with Ian Henderson (HMP Stocken Building Project Manager).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The design work for the extension is almost finished and has gone over estimated costs by 40% due to inflation.</li> <li>• Start date for extension to the prison was planned for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022, starting with the fence, gates and electric supply. The start date has now moved to September possibly.</li> <li>• The meeting asked that the sewage issues, particularly the capacity of the Stretton pumping station, are kept high on the agenda. It is understood that this is a condition of the prison expansion going ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>058/22</b>	<b>Traffic Calming and Highways</b>
	<b>Stretton to Greetham footpath</b>

	<p><b>George Henry Wood Footpath Speeding on Clipsham Road</b></p> <p>Cllr. N. Begy reported of the delayed visit due to the political upheaval at RCC with new portfolio holder.</p> <p>Cllr. Rosemary Powell (the new portfolio holder) is concerned that the issues have gone on so long and has acknowledged that these need to be fixed. She has summarised her understanding of the issues and Cllr Begy, with Cllr Harker, has responded giving the PC's understanding – now awaiting a date for the visit.</p> <p><i>Cllr. N. Begy to take up the issue of hedge pruning on Clipsham Road</i></p>
<b>059/22</b>	<b>School Bus</b>
	<p>It was noted that the School Bus operating from Stocken Hall Farm and Hall has not returned since the temporary removal due to Covid.</p> <p>There are currently 4 children, aged 11 to 16 who are currently having to walk to and from Stocken Hall Farm and Hall to Stretton Woods to catch their school bus.</p> <p><i>Cllr. N. Begy agreed to investigate.</i></p>
<b>060/22</b>	<b>Stocken and Stretton Newsletter</b>
	<p>Cllr. G. Harker informed the PC that RCC was no longer prepared to print off the newsletter and that the likely cost of private printing would be in the order of £75 for 150 copies.</p> <p>The options for printing hard copies and electronic versions were discussed. There was unanimous support to aim for 4 newsletters per year, and to aim to find sponsors/sell advertising. There was support for the electronic version but also recognition that there are still some in the parish who either do not have access to the internet or would prefer a hard copy.</p> <p>Andrew Hayns had offered to set up an electronic version via our village web site. All agreed to investigate this and, if cost effective, should work towards a hybrid system. Because of GDPR regulations, everyone will have to opt in to an electronic mail distribution system.</p> <p>It was agreed to continue with the current format, including advertising, whilst investigating the cost and practicality of introducing a hybrid system of opted in electronic and hard copy versions.</p> <p><i>Cllr. G. Harker to feedback to Helen Campbell who has taken over the Newsletter.</i></p>
<b>061/22</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:</p> <p>RCA Notes of Meeting 27.4.22</p> <p>National Highways Maintenance – 16.5.22 (notification of works on A1).</p> <p>Rutland's New Local Plan Newsletter</p>
<b>062/22</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The following dates were agreed:</p> <p>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm to be brought forward to <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> to comment on the Issues and Options that face the County with the New Local Plan.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm</p>

Meeting ended 20.52

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Approved at a meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September

Signed by Chair .....