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STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH MAY 2022 AT 6.30pm

Attendees:

Parish Council: Cllr. P Finlay (Chair), Cllr. G. Harker, Cllr. R. Foster, Cllr. M. Arnold, Cllr. J. Cooch, Cllr. S. Storrie.
Cllr N. Begy (Ward Member)
The Clerk
9 members of the public

Apologies: There were none

Minutes: The minutes from 5th May 2021 were acknowledged as a true and accurate record.

Chairmans Report

Cllr. P Finlay gave the following report:

"I've truly forgotten where we are with pandemic/Brexit/politics/war in Europe, suffice to say the last year has been 'interesting'! Within all that though, we have been able to come back together in person as both a parish and as Stretton Parish Council which is wonderful. Virtual meetings have their place but can't beat real interaction. The last year I feel we have made real progress with SPC. We have a new and varied councillor team representing the whole of the Stretton Parish from the north end in Stocken to the southern end at Stretton. We are beginning to hear more voices and more views and my hope and belief is we are being seen to act for all rather than the few. We have continued to be supported and guided by our clerk, Jayne Isaac. Jayne, we'd be lost without your calm and measured approach throughout. Nothing fazes you! This year's audit has gone very smoothly and has been commended by the auditor. Jayne, thank you. I also offer thanks to Nick Begy as our Ward Councillor. Nick, I know your support to SPC and representations to RCC are fully appreciated. The last few weeks have been tough and I wish you well in your independent role and look forward to your continued guidance. Thank you. Thanks are also due to the team of Parish Councillors. Richard Foster and Greg Harker continue their tenure and we sit here tonight in the beauty of the refurbished church thanks to Greg's tenacity to raise funds and develop this building into a fantastic community hub. Michael Arnold and John Cooch remain with us and joining the 'Stocken' side of the parish we also have Shani. Thank you all for your views and opinions this year. Thank you to Penny Issacs and Andrew Hayns for their hosting of the Stretton Parish Council website and for helping with training to enable Jayne to manage publications on the parish pages. Finally, thank you to the Queens Jubilee committee who have taken the bull by the horns and put together a number of events for the bank holiday weekend. There's a definite buzz about the parish and I'm personally looking forward to catching up with friends and to make new friends! In closing, it is at this point I will make it known to the wider public of my intention to step down from the role of Chair. I've already highlighted my thoughts and position to the councillor team so there's no surprises but welcome questions and chat."

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Susan Armstrong-Brookes (the Chair of the QJ committee) informed residents of the events being organised in Stretton village for the Queen's Jubilee.

Week commencing 23rd May kickstarts with Community Decorations Week - There is a working party (for those who have shown interest) to decorate the village with bunting and flags on Sunday, 29th May.

2nd June – There will be a field bonfire party with gates opening at 3.30pm to set up your picnic area. Celebrations will start at 4.00pm with live music from The Thursday Club and there will be BBQs available to cook your own food or bring your own - The bonfire will be lit between 7.00 to 7.30pm.

5th June – The Big Lunch will be held in the field at the top end of Church Lane from 2pm to 5pm. RCC have granted closure of Church Lane and we are in discussion with the Jackson Stops to possibly open on that day

Again there will be live music by the Vintage Singers - the music at both events has been sponsored by Tim Hart, owner of Hambleton Bakery.

A quiz for all ages has already been posted on the Stretton in Rutland FB page, with awards to be given out on the 5th June - there are lots of things to have a go at online including the best suggestions for our Time Capsule

Medals have been purchased for every young person in the parish

HMP Stocken are contributing two engraved picnic benches – 1 for The Shires and 1 for Jackson Stops

All available tables and chairs have been booked for the Big Lunch, so please bring your own.

Public Forum

If the weather is wet on the day, the Big Lunch can be accommodated in the Church.

Names and numbers are needed for insurance purposes - please email Sue ARMSTRONG-BROOKES on sebab12@aol.com.

The final flyer is to go out on the Stretton Facebook Page and will be delivered to every home in the parish.

Shani Storrie is currently designing the flyer – this will be shared with Greg Harker to put in the Newsletter.

A parishioner thanked Susan Armstrong-Brookes and the Committee for all their hard work in organising the Queen's Jubilee Events.