

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Stretton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2022 commencing at 7pm at Stretton Church Community Hub

Members Present: Cllr. Richard Foster (RF), Cllr. Greg Harker (GH), Cllr. Shani Storrie (SS), Cllr. Nick Begy – Ward Member, Penny Isaacs (PI) – Minute Writer

9 members of the public attended.

Ref	Item
086/22	Election of Chair
	Since the last meeting, Mr Paul Finlay (acting chair), Mr John Cooch and Mr Michael Arnold had resigned from the parish council. The meeting had, therefore, to resolve who would take over as Chair. Mr Richard Foster proposed himself, as he had 5 years of previous experience. GH Proposed. SS seconded. The proposal was carried unanimously
087/22	Resignation of Clerk
	Mrs Jayne Isaac had resigned from her post as clerk. It was resolved that Miss Penny Isaacs would take the minutes of this meeting. Proposed by GH, seconded by RF and carried unanimously
088/22	Apologies for Absence
	There were no apologies for absence.
089/22	Declarations of Pecuniary Interests
	There were no declarations of pecuniary interests.
090/22	Comments received from members of the public on items on the Agenda
	<p>1. A member of the public referred to the planning application on the agenda, saying that any extension to the Showman's caravan park (Five Counties Park) should strengthen the need for the requirement for cycle/footpath from Stretton to Greetham.</p> <p>2. A second member of the public had 2 issues</p> <p>2a Stocken Prison extension – the minutes of the meeting on 29th September did not reflect what was said by the prison representative. He stated that they wanted to drop the clause that the sewerage system from Stretton to Cottesmore had to be upgraded before the extension could proceed. This was not in the minutes. The meeting, however, strongly agreed that the extension should not go ahead until the sewerage issue had been sorted out.</p>

	<p>The minutes of the 29th September meeting were not yet approved, but would be at the next meeting. The Chairman accepted the comment and the council will review the minutes before presentation at the next meeting.</p> <p>2b Ram Jam Inn. RCC had said that development of the site could not begin until the road safety issues had been put in place. However, the developers have demolished the Ram Jam Inn. There is now a 40mph section of the road behind the Ram Jam.</p> <p>Also, there was a 16th Century sign and a sundial from the Ram Jam that were due to go to the Rutland museum and he does not think this has been done.</p> <p>3. A third member of the public stated that the access road to the A1 Southbound from the Stretton roundabout had a speed limit of 60 mph. He felt it should be 30 or 40 to beyond the Shires School.</p> <p>He had also spoken to the contractors at the Ram Jam and they said the sun dial mentioned by the previous member of the public had been put on the top of a pile of recovered stone.</p> <p>4. A fourth member of the public stated that due to the cancellation of the previous meeting a response to the petition against SPC donating money to the Stretton, Rutland Community Hub Association had not been read out but was posted on the Correspondence page of the Stretton Parish Council website.</p>
091/22	Planning
091.1	<p>To consider the following application:</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Extension to existing travelling show persons site, comprising of 5 no. additional yards, extension to existing yard and creation of recreation/amenity area. Five Counties Park, Greetham Inn Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7SB</p>
091.2	<p>There were no formal objections to the proposal. However, the steadily increasing size of the Five Counties Park strengthens the need for a cycle/footpath from Stretton to Greetham. NB is due to meet with Greetham PC next week and will discuss.</p> <p>GH agreed to put the following comment onto the RCC planning portal from the parish council:</p> <p>Stretton PC has no objection to the extension of the Five Counties Park. However, the council noted that the population had increased significantly with multi-generational families in year round residence. The council view is that this strengthens the argument for a Greetham to Stretton cycle/footpath as the site is situated directly on the B668 with no pedestrian/cyclist connection to either Stretton nor Greetham.</p>
092/22	Parish Council Resignations and vacancies
	<p>The resignation of the three councillors was notified on 17th November 22. The election cycle will end in May and so, with less than 6 months to go, no election of new councillors will be organised. However, the council can co-opt additional</p>

	<p>members after 14 days from the formal notification date. This works out to be from 9th Dec.</p> <p>3 applications to join the council had been received and will be discussed at the next meeting in January.</p> <p>Mrs Sue Armstrong-Brookes</p> <p>Mr John Cooch</p> <p>Mr Terence Padmore</p> <p>RF thanked the applicants for their applications</p>
093/22	Recruitment of Stretton Parish Clerk
	<p>This was a closed agenda item and the Chairman asked members of the public to leave.</p> <p>An application to become clerk to the council had been received from Mrs Debbie Rolfe. Mrs Rolfe is already a clerk at other councils and gave a very strong performance at interview. The meeting resolved to appoint Mrs Rolfe with immediate effect.</p> <p>Proposed by RF, seconded by SS, carried unanimously.</p> <p>Discussion followed on practical details of computers and printers for the clerk. SPC explained how the previous clerk used the same laptop for 2 Parish Councils but all data securely divided (by ACR Computers Stamford) and the contract re the sharing agreement held between Stretton and Greetham. This could be the same between Stretton and Essendine, and printing on the same basis. This prevents the need for the clerk to have separate equipment for each of the Parish Councils she works with.</p> <p>Debbie Rolfe and PI to organise training for the website to be in the first week of the new year.</p> <p>Remuneration and contract of employment to be confirmed between now and the next meeting.</p>
094/22	Correspondence
	<p>Correspondence received by the Clerk for information has been posted on the website https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence</p>
095/22	Date and time of next meeting
	<p>Although originally programmed for 5th January, the agenda was likely to be long and involved and included the setting of the precept. In light of this, the meeting was delayed by 2 weeks in order to assist the new clerk with setting up the meeting.</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting Thursday 19th January 2023 at 7pm</p>

