

# Draft Minutes of Stretton Parish Council Meeting

held in Stretton Community Hub, Church Lane, Stretton  
on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.00 pm

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## CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT DURING THIS SESSION

- 2023- 36 A complaint received by the council was discussed in closed session. It was agreed that the complaint should be considered as a complaint against the whole council and that, wherever possible, the council would follow the approved council complaints procedure. It was agreed that dispensations, to have been issued in Jun, were not required and so the requirement would be rescinded.

**ACTION** - The Chairman agreed to write to the complainant outlining this and the next steps.

- 2023- 37 To discuss the remuneration for Parish Clerk  
It was agreed by unanimous vote to increase the Clerks remuneration from Pay Scale 14 to Pay Scale 17 as per the local government services pay agreement scale.

## 6.25PM SESSION CLOSED AND DOORS REOPENED FOR MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Public **Forum**: Members of the public may ask questions or make short statements on items relating to the Agenda, below or request topics for future meetings.

There were 2 members of public present, they did not request to speak

- 2023-38 Record of **Members Present**  
Cllr G Harker, S Armstrong-Brookes, J Cooch and C Cassapi  
Also present were Ward Councillor N Begy and Clerk to the Council D Rolfe
- 2023-39 To receive **apologies** for Absence  
It was agreed by a unanimous vote to accept the apologies for absence from Cllr S Storrie-  
**RESOLVED**
- 2023-40 **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**: To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any requests for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests'  
There were none
- 2023-41 To discuss and resolve the rescinding of Special Dispensations proposed on 23rd May 2023 for approval on 28th June. Cllr G Harker gave an overview of the reasons for rescinding the dispensations. On further investigation it was confirmed by the Monitoring Officer that these were not actually required in the first place therefore the requirement for the dispensations will be rescinded with immediate effect. Approved by unanimous vote.- **RESOLVED**. This meant that there are now no standing dispensations and that any future requirement for dispensations would be considered as required.
- 2023-42 **To approve and sign the Minutes** of the Full Council Meeting of 21st September 2023  
It was proposed that the minutes of 21st September 2023 were a true and accurate record, which was agreed by a unanimous vote in favour - **RESOLVED**
- 2023-43 **To receive any Matters Arising from the immediately preceding Parish council meeting for information exchange** i.e 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023
- Mailchimp – Cllr C Cassapi provided the council with information before the meeting.  
It was agreed that Cllr Cassapi would be the guardian of the Mailchimp account  
**ACTION:-** Cllr C Cassapi and Ward Cllr N Begy to finalise the document for publication
  - **ACTION:-** Cllr G Harker to update Councillor Surgery Action Plan.
- 2023-44 **To receive and approve payments and note receipts** from 1<sup>st</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 as per the financial report attached.  
Council agreed by a unanimous vote in favour that the financial report produced and bank reconciliation from the 1<sup>st</sup> April – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 be accepted as an accurate record. The chairman signed the reports. – **RESOLVED**
- 2023-45 **To receive Highways update**
- Discuss proposal on street lighting  
**ACTION** Cllr S Armstrong-Brookes will write to HMP Stretton to discuss a donation towards the cost of the street lighting recharge
  - To receive update on Speed Indication Detection System (SIDS)

Cllr G Harker gave an update on recent communication with Head of RCC Highways (Christine Wise). It was agreed to leave the sum of £2000 in the reserves for a new Speed Indicator Device (SID)

**ACTION** Cllr G Harker, Cllr C Cassapi and Ward Cllr N Begy will continue to liaise with Christine Wise until a suitable resolution to the speed issue within Stretton has been found.

- Update on actions raised at Councillor Surgery

**ACTION** Highways Focus Group to arrange a meeting to discuss outstanding issues

**ACTION** Clerk to set up individual Focus Group pages on the website

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#### **Miscellaneous agenda items**

- **Emergency Plan**

The emergency plan has been reviewed and is currently in the process of being updated.

**ACTION** Cllr G Harker will contact all stakeholders in the Emergency Plan and update accordingly. This will be presented back to the Council at the March meeting.

- **Update on Anglian Water & sewage pumping station upgrade**

Cllr G Harker gave an update on recent communications with Justin Johnson (RCC Planning) and Mark Andrews, Chief Executive of RCC. Stretton Parish Council have expressed their disappointment with Anglian Water's response and will be invited to discuss the issue in due course with Anglian Water

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#### **To receive, discuss and approve Precept totals for 2024/25 as per report attached**

It was agreed by a majority vote in favour to request the amount of £8805.00 for the 2024/25 Precept. This is a 2.54% reduction on last year. It was also agreed to give the Clerk to the Council delegated power to book suitable venue's for the purpose of holding Parish Meetings.

There was one abstention - **RESOLVED**

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#### **To receive any matters arising for information exchange in respect of planning applications received and to note the decisions of RCC upon applications validated and determined.**

- Application No 2023-1153-CAT - NEUTRAL
- Application No 2023-1151-PTA - NO OBJECTION
- Application No:-2023/1250/FUL

PROPOSAL: Extension to existing travelling showpersons site, comprising of 7 no. additional yards, extension to existing yard and creation of recreation / amenity area

Address:- Five Counties Park Greetham Inn Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7SB

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. The planning authority may also wish to consider whether a 50-mph speed limit might be appropriate on this stretch of road, together with pedestrian warnings.

#### **Rutland County Council Local Plan**

The council will formulate a response to send to RCC on behalf of the Parish of Stretton however it was agreed at the meeting that the council would object to the proposal for a travellers/gypsy/showmen site on ground adjacent to Stocken Mews (ref H10.2). The location proposed in the Rutland Plan was not supported by infrastructure. I.e no public transport, no schools, no water, sewage, electricity. The council was supporting the public meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec where Ward Councillor Begy would outline the plans.

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#### **To receive and note future Agenda items from Councillors**

- Stretton Parish Council Reserves Policy
- Donations Policy
- Village Issues (Sign and General Waste Bin)
- Website/Councillors Email Addresses
- Community Connected
- Rutland Climate Action
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Focus Group Review/Co-Option of Non Members

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#### **Meeting closed 20:25 and next meeting date to be confirmed 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Deborah Rolfe, Clerk to the Council, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**