

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting held at Stretton Community Hub, St Nicholas Church on Monday 6th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

5 members of the public attended the meeting.

Cllr Storrie informed the Council and the public that the meeting was being recorded.

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

A member of the public requested Stretton Parish Council make contact with HMP Stocken regarding their plan when Stocken Hall Road is flooded. In the recent floods over 100 cars were parked around the village by HMP Stocken staff causing obstructions to residents.

2025-67 **Members Present**: Cllr C Cassapi, Cllr R Foster, Cllr K Hawkes, Cllr S Storrie (Chair), Ward Member Cllr N Begy

2025-68 Apologies

None were received

2025-69 **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

None were disclosed

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Prior to consideration of the following items of business, it was

RESOLVED- *Majority in favour.*

That in accordance with section (1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted.

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2025-70 Discussion on Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and approval of appointment to position

RESOLVED: Agreed unanimous in favour

Appoint Jadene Bale to position of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer with immediate effect.

RESOLVED: Agreed unanimous in favour

A Staffing Committee was created, members Cllr C Cassapi, Cllr K Hawkes, Cllr R Foster and Cllr S Storrie.

The public and press rejoined the meeting.

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2025-71 Appoint a temporary Clerk and RFO

This item was not discussed due to Clerk and RFO being appointed.

2025-72 Discussion on approval of polling cards and associated expenditure

RESOLVED: Unanimous in favour

Polling cards will not be requested from Rutland County Council. A document will be produced with all the necessary information that poll cards would contain and on the reverse information relating to the role of councillor. This will be posted to all dwellings in the Stretton Parish. The clerk to create and then circulate to all councillors for approval, Cllr C Cassapi to print. Cllr C Cassapi, Cllr K Hawkes, Cllr S Storrie to deliver.

2025-73 Discussion of first draft Precept for 2025/26

The draft precept figures were reviewed and it was agreed to finalise at next meeting.

2025-74 Approval of payments

RESOLVED: *Unanimous in favour*

- a. RCC Street lighting invoice £752.09- Approved for payment
- b. Anti-virus software, ESSET HOME Security Essential for 3 years £83.98 including VAT-Approved for payment
- c. Emergency Phone Cellular Annual Rental Yr £72.00 including VAT- Approved for payment
- d. LRALC 2024 AGM delegate fee £15.00(previously reimbursed by J Stokes)- *Paid 26th November 2024 Approved*
- e. Rutland Web Invoice Number INV002559 total £35.07 *Paid 26th November 2024 Approved*

Planning application - 2024/1384/FUL Revisions (part retrospective) to the internal road layout to remove two-way access between the Ram Jam Petrol Filling Station and Ram Jam Services, including installation of existing retractable bollards and one-way flow plates.

RESOLVED: Unanimous in favour

Cllr K Hawkes would create diagram with alternative solution for traffic management to be reviewed at next meeting.

Cllr C Cassapi create statement objecting to removal of 2 way vehicular access to be reviewed at next meeting.

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Corrinne Cassapi – Acting Clerk to the Council

5th February 2025