



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting held at Greetham Community Centre on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

Members Present: *Cllr D Allan, Cllr C Cassapi, Cllr K Hawkes, Cllr J Stokes, Cllr S Storrie (Chair)*

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 may ask questions or make short statements on items relating to the Agenda, below or request topics for future meetings.

A member of the public prior to the meeting had sent a statement by email which was read out by Cllr Cassapi regarding the quarry application, highlighting concerns they had with the application and Rutland County Council's handling of quarry applications.

Cllr S Storrie gave a brief overview of correspondence received from the Chair of Stretton Rutland Community Hub Association (SRCHA). SRCHA have said they would like to renegotiate costs and charges for hire of the Church, they have put new charges forward.

Correspondence had been received from a member of the public to the Clerk's email relating to comments made at a previous meeting about the venue for Council meetings which have not yet been addressed. Cllr S Storrie confirmed this will be put on a future agenda.

2025-91 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ward Member Cllr N Begy.

2025-92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Stokes declared an interest in agenda item 2025-96. He confirmed he would leave the meeting at that point.

2025-93 RESIGNATION OF CLERK AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

It was agreed by a unanimous vote not to recruit a Clerk at the current time, the role of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) be unpaid and the roles would be appointed to councillors temporarily with 2 additional councillors nominated to access the website. Only routine uploads and changes to the website would be permitted with any substantial changes being brought to Council for consideration/approval. Support will be given by relevant Focus Groups for administrative tasks. This will be reviewed once the council is up to date with administrative tasks.

RESOLVED - Agreed unanimous in favour.

- 1) That Cllr C Cassapi be appointed as Acting Clerk.
- 2) That Cllr J Stokes be appointed as Acting Responsible Financial Officer.
- 3) That Cllr C Cassapi and Cllr K Hawkes be appointed as Stretton Parish Council's nominated representatives to access the Council's website for routine uploads and changes.

Action: Cllr C Cassapi to contact Rutland Web to ask for the two nominated councillors to be authorised to access the Council's website.

Action: Cllr S Storrie to collect laptop from previous Clerk/RFO and pass onto Cllr C Cassapi.

To approve final payment to former Clerk

It was agreed by the chair to move this item to after 2025-102 in view of the likelihood of the disclosure of exempt information.

To approve any payments to be made for advertising of vacancy.

This was not discussed due to postponement in recruitment of clerk.

2025-94a **LAND OFF NEW ROAD STRETTON QUARRY APPLICATION 2024/1459/MIN CONSULTATION**

Discussion regarding this planning application outlined issues relating to highways, dust control, air quality, public rights of ways, noise, operating hours, SSSI's and Parish Liaison. It was agreed to approach Rutland Quarry Forum to also comment on the application.

RESOLVED - Agreed unanimous in favour.

Cllr D Allan and Cllr J Stokes create a statement to be submitted as an objection to planning application based on the points discussed.

2025-94b **TO DECIDE TO SUPPORT RUTLAND QUARRY FORUM IN REQUESTING PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVE MONITORING OF THE PM10 IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.**

An update was given that Rutland Public Health had advised Rutland Quarry Forum that Environmental Health should be contacted.

RESOLVED - Agreed unanimous in favour.

Stretton Parish Council would support the Rutland Quarry Forum in their correspondence to improve monitoring of air quality in the surrounding area.

2025-95 **RAM JAM CONSULTATION**

It was noted that Stretton Parish Council's objection had been confirmed as received by Rutland County Council.

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Cllr J Stokes left the meeting.

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2025-96 **GEORGE HENRY WOOD CONSULTATION**

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, Cllr J Stokes left the meeting due to his declaration of interest as noted at 2025-92.

In the discussion on the George Henry Wood Management Plan produced by the Woodland Trust it was suggested the following requests be sent for consideration - the addition of benches, bins at laybys, access for local horse riders and the hedge along the roadside be trimmed back further as it makes visibility for vulnerable road users poor.

RESOLVED - *Agreed unanimous in favour.*

That Cllr D Allan creates a response based on points discussed and would be point of contact for The Woodland Trust regarding George Henry Wood.

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Cllr J Stokes returned to the meeting.

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2025-97 **VE/VJ DAY.**

VE Day was discussed, Saturday 10th May 2025 was suggested as the preferred date bearing in mind VE Day was 8th May and it was put forward that SRCHA be approached regarding its organisation. It was noted there was £300 allocated in the budget for this event if required.

RESOLVED - *Majority in favour*

- 1) That Saturday 10th May 2025 be noted as the preferred date for the VE/VJ Day 80th anniversary celebration event.*
- 2) That the SRCHA be approached to see if they would like to organise event.*

Action: *Cllr S Storrie to contact SRCHA*

2025-98 **WEBSITE** - To discuss and agree domain name and email changes to .gov website. To discuss and agree budget.

ACTION: *That the Communications Focus Group gather further information to bring back to a future Council meeting.*

2025-99 **PRECEPT**

It was noted that the Precept had been submitted to Rutland County Council and confirmation of receipt was awaited.

2025-100 **BANK MANDATE**

RESOLVED - *Agreed unanimous in favour.*

Service administrator, set up payment but not authorise – Cllr J Stokes as RFO.

Authorise payments– Cllr D Allan, Cllr C Cassapi, Cllr K Hawkes.

View only – Cllr S Storrie.

PAYMENTS

RESOLVED – *Agreed unanimous in favour.*

- 1) *Rutland Web £70.00 – the RFO seek to clarify the invoice charges with Rutland Web.*
- 2) *Stretton in Rutland Community Hub Association (SRCHA), invoice dated 06.01.2025 - £37.50 and invoice dated 11.11.2024 - £25.00 – the RFO seeks to clarify invoice charges with the SRCHA.*
- 3) *Rutland County Council – Uncontested By-Election (12.12.2024) £529.49 – the RFO clarifies invoice charges and timelines regarding poll cards with the Elections Team at Rutland County Council*

2025-101 **REMOVAL OF MICK GEORGE SIGNS**

Stretton Parish Council had written to Rutland County Council (RCC) Highways prior to the “20mph for Mick George HGVs” and “No Access for Mick George vehicles signs” were due to be installed, to clarify permissions required, no response was received. RCC Highways have recently written to Mick George requesting signs be removed. Since the signs have been removed, the Highways Focus Group has written to RCC Highways, again no response has been received.

RESOLVED - *Agreed unanimous in favour.*

That Cllr C Cassapi writes to the Chief Executive of Rutland County Council regarding this matter with a view to establishing a way forward.

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

RESOLVED - Majority in favour.

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting in view of the likelihood that exempt information might be disclosed in accordance with Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

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2025-102 **SPC COMPLAINT**

Members discussed steps to resolve the complaint.

RESOLVED

1) That further information is required prior to the complaint being progressed.

2) That the Clerk renews the Parish Council's subscription to the Information Commissioner's Office.

At 9.00pm, it was

RESOLVED – Unanimous in favour

That the meeting be extended and that Standing Order 3x be suspended in order to allow the remaining item on the Agenda to be considered.

2025-93 **FINAL PAYMENT TO FORMER CLERK**

RESOLVED

That further information is required before this matter can be progressed.

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Corrinne Cassapi – Acting Clerk to the Council 3rd February 2025