

MINUTES – STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7pm on Monday 16th March 2026 at Greetham Community Centre, Greetham.

Councillor Hawkes (Chairman) opened the meeting at 7pm.

2526-121	All members of the Council were present, (Councillor Allan, Councillor Hawkes (Chair), Councillor Stokes). One member of the public attended. Ward Councillor Begy sent his apologies due to work commitments.
2526-122	There were no apologies received.
2526-123	There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.
2526-124	The Council RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to allow members of the press and public to ask questions or make short statements on items relating to the agenda or request topics for future meetings. There were no statements or questions from the member of the public. The meeting resumed.
2526-125	The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the 19 th January 2026 Parish Council Meeting as drafted.
2526-126	The Council RESOLVED that following a review, Councillor Stokes should continue in the role of Temporary Acting Clerk/RFO, pending recruitment of a Parish Clerk/RFO.
2526-127	The Council RESOLVED that following a review, Councillor Hawkes should continue in the role of Temporary Acting Webmaster, pending recruitment of a Parish Clerk.
2526-128	The Council RESOLVED to: a) Advertise the vacancy for the Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer on Friday 3rd April for approximately four weeks via Stretton and Stretton News Facebook pages, the SPC website, village noticeboards and LRALC website. Councillor Allan agreed to draft an advertisement and to circulate to councillors prior to advertisement; b) Require applicants to submit a one-page cover letter and their curriculum vitae to the Chair: khawkes@strettonrutlandpc.co.uk; c) Meet to screen applications and finalise interview questions at 13:30 on 13th May at Brightside Restaurant to decide which applicants to interview at Greetham Community Centre, tentatively arranged for 28th May.
2526-129	The Council RESOLVED to respond to Rutland County Council's letter received 20 th January 2026 to inform that Stretton Parish Council does not require RCC to

	print and distribute Poll Cards to parishioners for a future bye-elections / parish elections, thereby saving an estimated £696.22. The Council RESOLVED to inform residents through a communication if an election would be forthcoming. The Council RESOLVED that the clerk should respond accordingly to Mr Jeremy Barnes, RCC Electoral Services Manager.
2526-130	There were no applications received to consider co-opting members onto the Council.
2526-131	The Council RESOLVED to object to the revised planning application 2025/1526/ADV – 1 no. internally illuminated totem sign on land adjacent to Ram Jam Services. The reasons for objection previously submitted would be revised accordingly. The Council noted that RCC had granted the applications 2026/0135/CAT – (T1) 1 no. Beech and 2025/1557/FUL – Retrospective Application to replace 12no. timber windows.
2526-132	The Council noted the following payments and receipts: a) Invoice 219/2526 – Greetham Community Centre – Venue Hire, SPC Meeting 19th January 2026 - £26; b) Online transfer to ICO.org – Information Commissioner’s Office – Annual Registration - £210; c) Bank Charges (January 2026) - £6; d) Receipt from Community Heartbeat Trust - £300.
2526-133	The Council approved the Bank reconciliation for the period 1 April 2025 to 10 March 2026 and noted the table of transactions per the budget forecast.
2526-134	Councillor Allan informed that discussion with Stuart Kidd, RCC Forestry Officer was ongoing and a site visit was planned for next week, requesting that the item is considered at the next meeting.
2526-135	The Council noted the written update received from Ward Councillor Begy that the new solar farm proposal, ‘Kilnside Energy Park’ at Woolfox / Pickworth bordering Stretton / Clipsham / Exton had been “shelved“.
2526-136	Councillor Allan informed that she anticipated an update at the next meeting concerning the placement of a new litter bin on Stocken Hall Road; The Chair informed that he would provide an update at the next meeting concerning the repair of the waste bin on Shires Lane.

2526-137	The Council noted the written update from Ward Councillor Begy regarding the Stretton to Greetham cycle path. <i>“With plans for a new development at Greetham, last week I put in a request to Cllr Wise for this and traffic management in general is revisited and a holistic view taken as there is this, the existing development, quarry extension, new quarries and potential expansion of 5 counties”</i> .
2526-138	The Council noted the request by the Chair to discuss the SPC Asset register, however no issues were brought forward. The Council therefore decided to review the Asset register at the upcoming Annual Parish Council Meeting.
2526-139	The Chair informed that: a) Both defibrillators are ‘working and rescue ready’; b) The new owner of the Stretton Wood Estate property to which the defibrillator is currently attached requires the defibrillator to be removed. The Chair will liaise with Stretton Wood Estate management to consider a new location for the defibrillator; c) Marina Gough has joined as a new defibrillator guardian; d) Mrs Cassappi has been invited to become a defibrillator guardian.
2526-140	The Council noted receipt of the following correspondence: a) 22 January 2026 – Email from Stuart Kidd, RCC regarding tree location; b) 20/23 January 2026 – Emails / Letter from Jeremy Barnes, RCC regarding 2027 Parish Election Costs; c) 23 January 2026 – ICO Renewal Confirmation; d) 27 January 2026 – LRALC – Internal Audit Authorization; e) 27 January 2026 – Email from Phil Shaw, Route Manager, National Highways – update on the National Highways Social Value Fund; f) 28 January 2026 – Email from Police Commissioner: 2026-27 PCC Police Budget Position; g) 29 January 2026 – Email from RCC, Public consultation reminders: Annual Budget, Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, Rutland Local Plan; h) 6 February 2026 – Email from RCC: Introduction to electric vehicles and EV charging for councillors; i) 27 February 2026 – Email from RCC: No increase to general Council Tax as Rutland County Council agrees spending plans for the year ahead; j) 2 March 2026 – Email from RCC: Reminder: Information about new food waste collections; k) 3 March 2026 – Email from RCC: Food waste mobilisation update
2526-141	The Council considered future venues for the SPC meetings, reviewing the options of St. Nicholas Church, “The Hub”, HMP Stocken Visitor Centre and Greetham Community Centre (GCC). The move to GCC was appreciated and well received; easily accessible, warm, and far less expensive than hiring St

	Nicholas Church. The Council therefore decided to continue with meetings at GCC for the next 6 months and to then review again. The Council decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at HMP Stocken Visitor Centre (subject to availability) at 6pm on Wednesday 6 May. The Council decided to hold the Annual Parish Council meeting at GCC on 3 June 2026 at 6pm. The Chair closed the meeting at 20:48.
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Cllr John Stokes
Acting Clerk to the Council
23rd March 2026