

DRAFT MINUTES – STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7pm on Monday 19th January 2026 at Greetham Community Centre, Greetham.

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

2025-102	All members of the Council were present, (Councillor Allan, Councillor Hawkes (Chair), Councillor Stokes). Ward Councillor Begy and one member of the public were also present.
2025-103	There were no apologies for absence received.
2025-104	There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.
2025-105	The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of a) the 17 th November 2025 Parish Council Meeting as drafted; b) The 17 th December 2025 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting as drafted.
2025-106	The Council RESOLVED to suspend the meeting at 19:03 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.
	Councillor Stokes took the opportunity to express his thanks to Mrs Corrinne Cassapi for organising the successful community litter pick in and around Stretton on Saturday 17 th January.
	The Public Forum was closed and the Parish Council meeting resumed at 19:04.
2025-107	Leicestershire Police were not in attendance, but the Council noted the helpful summary provided by PC Spruce on 3 rd December 2025 (attached at Annex).
2025-108	The Council RESOLVED to approve the revised Parish Clerk Job Description and Personal Specification (Proper Officer / Responsible Financial Officer). The Council RESOLVED to consider the modalities associated with the advertisement, application, screening and interview processes as well as the timeline for proceeding at the next meeting.
2025-109	There were no applications received to consider co-opting to the Council.

2025-110	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted receipt of Bank Interest in the sum of £64.01; b) Noted receipt from HMP Stocken for Street-lighting in the sum of £323.36; c) Noted the invoice 196/2526 for £21 to Greetham Community Centre for venue hire on 17th December 2025 had been paid; d) RESOLVED to approve payment of £52 to ICO.org for Annual Data Protection Registration; e) RESOLVED to approve payment of £210 to LRALC for the Annual Internal Audit Fee (2025-26); f) RESOLVED to approve a precept for Stretton for year 2026-27 in the amount of £3,850; g) RESOLVED to approve the Acting Clerk forward Stretton's 2026-27 precept to RCC.
2025-111	<p>The Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation for the period 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025; b) Noted the Table of transactions per the 2025-26 precept forecast; c) RESOLVED to approve budget line increases from reserves for the following budget lines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit (£210); - Bank Charges (£2); - Membership/Subscriptions (£18); d) Noted the increase in monthly Unity Trust Bank charges from 1 February 2026 rising from £6/month to £7/month; e) Noted that VAT recovery of VAT paid would take place at the end of the financial year (last week of March) for year ending 2025/2026. The Council further noted that the VAT reclaim for the previous financial year (2024-25) could not yet be claimed, due to insufficient documentation provided by the previous clerk.
2025-112	<p>The Council noted an update from Cllr Allan following correspondence with Mr Stuart Kidd (RCC Forestry Officer) concerning the positioning of a tree to replace the lilac that was felled last year (located on the corner of Manor Road / Church Lane). Following community feedback, the clerk will write to Mr Kidd suggesting a meeting with Councillor Allan to find and agree a location near the roundabout / Shires Lane for the new tree.</p>
2025-113	<p>The Council noted an update from Ward Councillor Begy that the new solar farm proposal, 'Kilnside Energy Park' at Woolfox / Pickworth bordering Stretton / Clipsham / Exton had been "put on hold".</p>

2025-114	The Council noted that the site for a waste bin near the bus stop on Stocken Hall Road was not supported by RCC. Councillor Allan will work with stakeholders, including Stretton Wood Community Director Mr Mark Cooper to identify an acceptable location for the waste bin before going ahead with the purchase.
2025-115	The Council noted the kind offer by Councillor Hawkes to have a look at the possibility of repairing the waste bin located on the corner of Shires Lane and Clipsham Road, and to report back at the next meeting.
2025-116	The Council noted the update from Ward Councillor Begy that Councillor Wise was continuing to push for the Stretton to Greetham cycle path.
2025-117	The Council noted receipt of correspondence as detailed on the meeting agenda.
2025-118	The Council noted the participation of Councillor Stokes on the well attended community litter pick at the weekend. There were no additional external items from outside the Parish or reports or meetings attended.
2025-119	Items for the next agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Per item 2025-108 above, to consider the modalities associated with the advertisement, application, screening and interview processes as well as the timeline for proceeding with recruiting a Parish Clerk / RFO; Per item 2025-114 above, Councillor Allan would report back regarding the placement of the new waste bin near Stretton Wood; Councillor Allan reported that during recent community litter pick, several traffic signs were found discarded; that RCC suggesting to contact Highways England to collect the signs.
2025-120	The Chairman confirmed the next meeting will take place at 7pm on 16 March 2026 at Greetham Community Centre, and closed the meeting at 20:11.

Cllr John Stokes

Acting Clerk to the Council

20th January 2026

Annex - Leicestershire Police Update for Stretton PC

 Jake Spruce 12/3/25
To: John Stokes, Lauren >

Hello John,

Thank you for your email and I apologise for the length of time that it has taken for me to reply, this is due to some extended leave I have taken.

I am forming a reply on the presumption that you've not sought assistance and received a reply on the matter elsewhere.

I had asked for a colleague to attend the meeting on 17th November in my absence, however they had a last minute emergency that they had to attend to and so were unable to go. Please accept our sincere apologies for this.

With regards to an update from the Police, please see the below that I had pre-prepared ready for the meeting:

Acquisitive crime statistics, (that effects the community):

October – nothing of note for Stretton (to date 23/10).

September – nothing of note.

August – 1 burglary to farm in Stretton, saddles, tools and a cattle trailer stolen.

July – nothing of note.

June – 1 report of persons being disturbed whilst tampering with a farm gate and then fleeing.

May – nothing of note.

April – nothing of note.

March – nothing of note.

February – nothing of note.

January – nothing of note.

Speed camera van statistics:

The Road Safety Partnership Mobile speed camera van has spent over 6.5 hours in Stretton in 2025 and captured a total of 7 offences. The van attends Stocken Hall Road.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Jake

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