DRAFT MINUTES – STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7pm on Monday 5th October 2026 at Greetham Community Centre, Greetham.

2627-39	Councillor Hawkes (Chairman) opened the meeting at 7pm. All members were present. Ward Councillor Begy was present as well as one member of the public.
2627-40	There were no apologies for absence.
2627-41	There were no declarations of percuniary interest.
2627-42	The Council RESOLVED at 19:03 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. The Chair extended his thanks on behalf of the Council to Mr & Mrs Cassappi for their work to repair the stile at the top of Church Lane. The Council meeting resumed at 19:04.
2627-43	The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the 3rd August 2026 Annual Parish Council Meeting with changes as distributed.
2627-44	The Council received a briefing from Alice Moorhouse-Hughes from 'Communities Prepared', on community preparedness and resilience in case of severe weather / utility outage or other disaster. https://www.communitiesprepared.org.uk The initiative is part of the Leicestershire & Rutland community resilience forum which aims to support residents, communities, local councils across Rutland, Leicester and Leicestershire to increase their preparedness for current and future risks such as severe weather and utility outages. This past summer has highlighted the challenges and risks involved with severe weather such as heatwave, and hot weather and the importance of being prepared. Additional information about the Risk Ready Programme, access resources, and view previous and upcoming webinars on topics such as summer preparedness and utility outages on our website:

	https://www.llrresilienceforum.org.uk/prepare-your-community/risk-ready-communities The Council RESOLVED to review the legacy Emergency Plan for Stretton, and to work with Alice Moorhouse-Hughes to update the community response plan; inform parishioners about the forthcoming webinars; to consider an initial draft community response plan at a future Council meeting.
2627-45	As an update on the recruitment of a Parish Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, the Chair confirmed he had not received any applications. The Council RESOLVED to request LRALC re-advertise the position with a closure date in early January 2027.
2627-46	As an update on the co-option of Councillors to the three vacant positions, the Acting Clerk confirmed that no applications have been received.
2627-47	The Council RESOLVED to submit a 'neutral, no objection' to planning application 2026/0921/FUL : Replace the wooden stable front door with a composite stable front door. Replacement of boundary fence, like for like. Installation of EV Charger, Air Source Heat Pump, Solar Panels and Battery Storage.
2627-48	The Council noted payments/bank charges levied/receipts as follows: a) Invoice paid to Greetham Community Centre for Venue Hire 3rd August - £24; b) Unity Trust monthly Bank Charges levied – August 2026 - £7.
2627-49	The Council considered and RESOLVED to approve the: a) Financial reconciliation for the period 1 April – 28 September 2026; b) Table of transactions for the period 1 April – 28 September 2026; c) SPC Co-Option Policy; d) SPC Policy Review Schedule. The Council noted the requirement for printer supplies informed by the temporary Acting Clerk.
2627-50	The Council noted that Cllr Allan informed that the installation was imminent for a floor mounted Victoriana polythene plastic waste bin by RCC in the location of the Stocken Hall Road / Public Footpath; The Council noted the ongoing work with RCC to consider the location of a new dog waste bin at the car entrance to George Henry Wood.

	The Council noted the work undertaken by Cllr Hawkes to repair the waste bin on Shires Lane / Clipsham Road.
2627-51	Ward Councillor Begy confirmed the cycle path between Stretton and Greetham remained on the RCC agenda, and committed to follow-up with the portfolio holder, given that this remained an open item on the Parish Council Agenda for many years. The need for the cycle path was well established; children cycle to Greetham to play; residents in Stretton / Greetham walk between villages, but was very dangerous given the heavy goods / A1 traffic traveling on B668.
2627-52	The Chair confirmed that a defibrillator at the Dog Training Centre, near Stretton Wood Estate had been successfully installed, wired recommissioned and will be certificated by Mark Kirby at no cost to the community. The Chair confirmed that both Stretton defibrillators received regular checks and were serviceable.
2627-53	The Council considered the need for a Youth Club, following information received from Leicestershire Police that there had been antisocial behaviour. The Chair considered that before detailed plans for establishing a Youth Club could be considered further, it would be important to establish whether St. Nicholas Church could be opened to support the needs of young people in the community. The Council noted that finding a leisure space for young people was an objective outlined at the Annual Parish Meeting; RESOLVED to write to the Parochial Church Council to see whether the church could be opened for use by youth, under appropriate community supervision.
2627-54	The Council considered opportunities for grant funding from a list provided by RCC, noting that no requests for grant funding had been received from the community.
2627-55	The Council noted the correspondence received/exchanged since the last meeting: a) Email 13/14 August 2026 – RCC – Household Waste Capacity Issues; b) Email 19th August 2026 – RCC – Free Support to Build Risk Ready Communities; c) Email 19th August 2026 – RCC – Community Speed Watch;

	d) Email 3rd & 10th September 2026 – RCC – Local Plan Consultation Period; e) Email 14th September 2026 – Communities Prepared – 'Risk Ready Communities'; f) Email 17th September 2026 – Meeting with MADE Partnership re Woolfox Development; g) Email 24th September 2026 – RCC – Rutland Local Plan – Scoping Consultation Webinar; h) Email 24th September 2026 – Clerk – Works at Ram Jam; i) Email 24th September 2026 – Rutland High Sheriff – Awards. The Council noted: • The offer by the developer to meet regarding the Woolfox application; [Developer] • The need to respond to the High Sheriff vis-à-vis the award/venue/date; [Chair] • The intention to draft a letter to Gov. HMP Stocken.[Clerk]
2627-56	The Chair closed the meeting at 20:45, and confirmed the next meeting would take place on Monday 16th November 2026 at 7pm, Greetham Community Centre.

Cllr John Stokes
Acting Clerk to the Council
7th October 2026