

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Matthew’s Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7:30pm

Councillor in attendance:

- L Jones – Chairperson
- B Jones
- T Lyons
- P Lyons
- D Buckley

Also present:

- Ward Cllr S Harris
- G Lett – Clerk to the Council
- 4 Residents

P233	<p>Presentation by Jacqui Johnson, CPRE Planning Volunteer</p> <p>Stretton PC invited CPRE Planning volunteer Jacqui Johnson to come and give a presentation on the background to CPRE activities and current position regarding WBC’s Local Plan and Preferred Development Option (PDO). Additionally, as CPRE assist with Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) they may also be beneficial to the current NDP being undertaken within Stretton.</p> <p>Clarification requested on whether Greenbelt land can be legally sub-categorised and what Exceptional Circumstance does the PDO meet – JJ to question with National Planning team.</p>
P234	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from Ward Councillor J Wheeler.</p>
P235	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting (4th September 2017) were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>

P236 Finance**P236.1 Revised Budget 2017/18**

Following the release of WBC's LP / PDO and the requirement to hold an election the current FY Budget has been revised to reflect increased costs for professional advice and election costs.

It was resolved that the Revised Budget be approved.

P236.2 The following payments were submitted for approval.

John Delooze Relocating noticeboard to Bee hive Cheque No. 655	£40.00
G Lett - Clerk Gross Salary and expenses (September) Cheque No. 656	£421.33
D Buckley Reimbursement for website costs (September) Cheque No. 657	£34.75
BDO External Audit Cheque No. 658	£156.00
Linda Jones Reimbursement for flowers for Cllr J Higgins Cheque No. 659	£29.00
Total	£681.08

All payments approved.

P236.3 Wreath for Remembrance Sunday approved within Budget, to be purchased via local supplier.

- P237 Twinkling Stretton**
- Purchase of refreshments/treats and replacement lights damaged last year already approved within Budget. Cost to put lights up awaited. Allocation of duties agreed.
- Flyer wording to be amended to include request for volunteers to help serve refreshments at Stretton event.
- P238 Transparency Funding Application 2017**
- It was resolved that the application be submitted for funding to assist with compliance of Transparency Code.*
- P239 Planning Applications/Issues**
- P239.1 Declarations of Interest**
- No declarations of interest were received at this point.
- P239.2 Domestic Planning Applications (0)
Commercial Planning Applications (0)
Notice of Decisions (0)
Withdrawn (0)
Notice of Appeal (0)
Appeal Decision (0)
Cost Decision (0)**
- P240 Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan / PDO**
- Stretton PC's objection to Local Plan/PDO submitted in line with WBC's guidelines. Available to view on SPC's website.
- Letter received from Appleton PC suggesting PCs join together to appoint an external Planning Consultant to review the Local Plan. Cllrs very supportive and keen to work closely with neighbouring PCs, noting the benefits of a holistic approach and undertaking one larger piece of work instead of numerous smaller pieces.
- However due to enforced election and reserve election costs funds have been depleted and without external donation and notable VAT claim the accounts would report a deficit for the current financial year.

It was resolved that a letter supporting local PCs joining together to oppose the Local Plan and PDO be sent to Appleton PC, but that it is unable to contribute financially at this time. Stretton PC happy to contribute in other ways than financially.

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Vacancies / Election

Three candidates for Parish Council election due to take place Thursday 12th October.

Resident John Appleton offered to take up the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer role. Handover from current Officer to be arranged. Chair thanked both parties.

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Correspondence

- Various updates from Stockton Heath Library Working Group, forwarded to Councillors – some basic analysis of data in answer to questions received from Livewire. Resolution already passed not to contribute – current financial position prevents PC reconsidering financial support at this time.
- Request sent to WBC to add an additional Public Consultation date to the schedule given the high numbers in attendance at the Park Royal – declined by WBC although extension to consultancy period given.
- Caravan reported to WBC in field, Lower Stretton – still awaiting visit from WBC – *Chair reported caravan, car, generator and large container now on site. Reported to be setting up a small holding. Access to The Partridge affected and concern regarding visibility when entering/exiting the site. Letter of complaint to be sent to WBC given lack of progress to date. Copy complaint to Ward Cllr S Harris.*
- Public Notice: the noticeboard previously situated on the newsagents opposite the Cat & Lion is now on the Bee Hive wall.
- Overgrown hedge on footpath alongside A559 from Stretton House to Stockley Lane reported – awaiting response.
- Invitation to Manchester Airport Parish Council meeting received 19th Sept – sent to Councillors.
- Police Commissioners Meeting 12th October – 2x Cllrs to attend.
- Traffic Regulations to be published in the Warrington Guardian received – sent to Councillors.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Residents advised that they were waiting until Stretton PC at full capacity before reporting, however rough Constitution drawn up and canvassing of residents to commence.

Stretton PC confirmed submission of the application letter to start NDP to WBC and will request an update.

P244 Amendment to November 2018 meeting date

It was resolved that the November meeting be moved to 12th November 2018 to avoid clash with Bonfire Night.

P245 Councillor Issues

Current Issues:

- Flooding on A559 reported again, images to be forwarded to WBC.

New Issues:

- Closure of Stretton Road for roadworks noted. Request for removal of broken fence outside Church to be sent to Highways.
- Gullies on London Road blocked with grass growing out of them images sent to WBC.
- Tree branches along footpath between Longwood Road and Pewterspear Green Road blocking street lighting. PGT to arrange cut back.
- Build out on A559 – bendy bollards down – potential danger to vehicles due to high kerbs on build out.
- Tidy up of roundabout at Jct 10 M56 requested.

P246 Public Forum

- Question raised in respect of upcoming election and whether candidates are going to publish what they will bring to the Parish Council. Chair explained usual co-opt recruitment process whereby candidates are interviewed, but that this process does not occur when an election is called.
- Resident noted protest against Western Link and WBCs Local Plan due to take place on 16th October.

P247 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 30th October 2017 at 7:30pm

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Meeting Closure

Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... (Chairman)
30th October 2017

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