

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillor in attendance:

L Jones – Chairperson
B Jones
T Lyons
P Lyons
D Buckley
P Marshall
J Doherty

Also present:

Ward Cllr J Wheeler (from Item P255)
G Lett – Clerk to the Council
4 Residents

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Appointment of new Councillors

J Doherty and P Marshall signed the Declaration of Office and Register of Interests forms and formally appointed as Councillors. Chair extending a welcome on behalf of the Council and Introductions made.

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Apologies

No apologies received.

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Chair requested that to avoid comments being missed only one Councillor to speak at a time. The Minutes of the previous meeting (2nd October 2017) were agreed and signed as a true record.

P252 Finance**P252.1 Accounts Authorised/ Requiring Payment**

The following payments were submitted for approval.

Linda Jones Reimbursement for refreshments for Twinkling Stretton Cheque No. 660	£18.93
Gillian Lett Salary and Expenses (October) Cheque No. 661	£421.33
D Buckley Reimbursement for website costs (September) Cheque No. 662	£5.99
Total	£446.25

All payments approved.

P253 Twinkling Stretton

Lights purchased as previously resolved. Cllrs L Jones and B Jones unable to attend event on 2nd December, allocation of duties agreed between attending Cllrs.

P254 Transparency Funding Application 2017

Clerk updated Council on application, with payment awaiting during November payment run. Amount to be confirmed.

P255 Boundary Commission Update

Response received from WBC regarding proposal from Hatton, Stretton and Walton to re-introduce these names within the Ward title. WBC advised that the boundary review implemented 4th February 2016 applies for 5-years, i.e. 2021 and that the proposal would result in an unacceptably long ward name.

It was **resolved** that a diary note be made to revisit the matter in 2020 for consideration in 2021. Clerk to contact Hatton and Walton PCs to update them on resolution.

Ward Cllr J Wheeler joined the meeting.

P256 Meeting with Police Commissioner

Cllr L Jones read an update from the Police Commissioner's latest meeting with local Parish Councils, comprising;

- Further cuts due with force Budget cut by £70m, with fewer Police Stations and officers using ipads for communication
- Further staff cuts expected over the next 3-years
- Going forward parishes will have to fully fund PCSOs at a cost of £33k per officer, albeit one PCSO to be allocated per ward (Stretton, alongside Hatton and Walton are included within Stockton Heath ward not Appleton)
- Aim is to have one station within each ward – currently 4 exist' Warrington Town, Stockton Heath, Risley and Penketh
- More electric bikes to be effective in smaller areas with cars and vans allocated to larger areas

Following the above it was **resolved** that a request be made for the PCSO to increase visibility within Stretton, noting Hatton has had a number of speeding visits with Tru-Cam in effect.

Query to be raised why Stretton has been allocated within the Ward of Stockton Heath as this seems to have reverted back to a historic decision, which had been superseded in more recent years.

P257 Planning Applications/Issues

P257.1 Declarations of Interest

The following Declarations of interest were received at this point;

- Cllr D Buckley relating to Smithy House
- Cllr P Marshall relating to The Partridge

P257.2 Domestic Planning Applications (1)

Location: Smithy House, Common Lane, Stretton, WA4 4PD

Proposal: Householder – Proposed detached garage and new vehicle access

Applicant: Mr Steve Hill

Received: 6th October 2017

No objection raised but comment made to perceived size of proposal. Query raised with WBC who responded as below. As such, comment submitted from Stretton PC re size of proposal;

Thank you for your email. I am the case officer dealing with the application referenced above and can confirm that the site is within the greenbelt. Our House Extensions Design Guidelines 2 still requires us to use 30% (up to) increase in floorspace as a guideline for acceptable extensions in the greenbelt. Therefore, I will be considering this in the determination of the application.

If the parish council is concerned that the proposal exceeds this limit and wish to make a comment as such, I would recommend that it is included in the response.

Commercial Planning Applications (1)

Location: The Partridge, Tarporley Road, Stretton, WA4 4LX

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions- Condition 1 (Commencement Date), Condition 2 (Carried out in accordance with plans), Condition 3 (Car Parking Spaces), Condition 4 (Materials), Condition 5 (Cycle Stands), Condition 6 (Fencing), Condition 7 (Register of Occupiers), Condition 8 (First floor occupation) and Condition 9 (Accommodation occupation) on previously approved application 2017/29848

Applicant: Mr Andrew Maire, Morgan Maire & Co

Received: 12th October 2017

Notice of Decisions (0)

Not formally advised to date by WBC however applications at Grappenhall and Appleton heard at Development Management Committee. Update to be provided by Cllr P Lyons and Cllr T Lyons as a separate Agenda Item.

Withdrawn (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)

P257.3 Feedback from Development Management Committee

Cllr T Lyons provided feedback from DMC relating to Grappenhall and Appleton housing applications and proposals for the junction at The Cat & Lion/B5356.

Level of research and dedication of all involved acknowledged both prior to the DMC and at the meeting. Documents considered highly detailed and difficult to comprehend all technical elements. Specifically, Highways queried whether proposal to ease traffic concerns viable and questioned as such by DMC.

Objection to developments made on behalf of Stretton Parish Council on grounds of impact on surrounding roads within Stretton which are already considered at capacity, specifically Cat & Lion junction. Plans for address this issue submitted by Highways not considered suitable by PC for local road structure.

It was **resolved** to invite Highways to a future meeting to release and walk through the stats and data collated and submitted in support of the Grappenhall and Appleton applications and discuss proposals for Cat & Lion junction.

Plans for footpath between Black Cap and St Matthew's CofE Primary School as part of Stretton Road improvement work withdrawn due to lack of funds – consideration to be given to including such within Reserved Matters application once received.

Clerk to request meeting between Highways Engineers and Cllr J Doherty to discuss this proposal and pick up on speed issues on Stretton Road.

P257.4 Planning Enforcement ENF/17/07318

Follow up letter sent to WBC requesting that the above case be given high priority given the unauthorised works being undertaken and the danger of a precedent being set.

Email forwarded from WBC Planning from owner of land. Cllrs expressed grave concern over tone of the email and the fact that the matter is becoming protracted.

Clerk to chase WBC and request update and time limit for applicant to submit a planning application for works currently being undertaken.

Following feedback from local resident impacted by the above, website to be updated with details on how residents can raise concerns relating to Planning, to be expanded to include other resident concerns (litter/fly tipping, etc).

P257.5 WBC Training Course for Parish Councils - Planning

Proposed training events on 10th/11th January 2018 fully booked, request sent to arrange a further event given high demand.

P258 Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan / PDO

Next Consultation period due to commence April 2018 – Ward Cllr J Wheeler to confirm if any delay expected.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Clerk advised that Plan currently at consultation stage, ending 27th November.

It was **resolved** that Cllr J Doherty represent Stretton Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and report back on behalf of the group. Cllr T Lyons offered the PGT pavilion for meetings if appropriate.

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Correspondence

Clerk read out the following correspondence received;

- Various correspondence relating to allocation of s106 monies to go to Grappenhall relating to 180 homes within Stretton – letters sent from Stretton PC to Guardian and WBC, follow up letter sent to WBC challenging response.
 - It was **resolved** that the letter be shared with PGT
 - Copy of correspondence relating to s106 monies between Stretton PC and WBC to be forwarded to HCA and Warrington South MP, questioning walk to school policy
 - Disappointment expressed as to the lack of appeal within the decision-making process, with none reportedly available as to where monies can be used
 - Request for release of information as to how decision reached to be made within ROI Act
 - Contact to be made with St Matthew's CofE Primary School at ascertain stance on s106 allocation of monies
- Various correspondence received relating to 180 homes (application 2016/28807) at Pewterspear – response sent outlining activities completed by PC within Stretton relating to development and involvement of Public
- Invitation from Appleton PC to attend informal meeting on Monday 27th November at Appleton Parish Hall, 6.30pm to discuss Local Plan – 5 Cllrs available to attend
- Invitation from WBC to attend Passenger Transport Summit – 15th November and Managing our Highways Summit – 29th November. Cllr J Doherty to potentially attend 15th, Cllrs Pat & Tony attending 29th
- Link to Green Bullet bulletin sent from Jacqui Johnson, CPRE – forwarded to Cllrs
- Latest Traffic notices from WBC – sent to Cllrs info only
- Invitation from WBC to attend a training session on Monday 6th November at 6pm to discuss the Code of Conduct and other issues relating to standards and behaviour in general
- Also, a meeting of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 9th November, again at 6pm in the Town Hall – Clerk unable to attend, anyone wish to go?
- WBC has asked if we want the Twinkling Stretton event promoted on their website – decline as local Stretton residents function only
- Response from Highways (forwarded to Cllrs) regarding;
 - Stretton Road – 20mph outside School – still being reviewed as 20mph not historically a 'fix' elsewhere

- A559 update on proposal – removal of build outs mentioned, have written back to Highways stating this is against residents wishes – awaiting response. Highways invited to 30th October meeting and will invite again to December meeting
- Copy of email chain sent relating to St Matthew’s School and road markings, forwarded to Cllrs – asked for clarification from Highways
- Broken fence outside St Matthew’s Church removed as agreed. Any kerbs in a dangerous condition to be repaired but no new kerbs proposed
- Thank you from resident regarding cutting back of tree branches along PGT footpath
- Handover meeting between WBC, outgoing officer Andrea Marshall and new officer John Appleton now taken place – thank you letter to be sent to AM
- Various correspondence relating to field next to The Partridge – separate Agenda item
- Various correspondence between Ward Cllr and Stretton PC relating to Stretton PCs speech content to be heard at DMC – re Grappenhall and Appleton planning applications. Request for all future correspondence to come via Clerk email address
- Email via Ward Cllr J Wheeler regarding vehicle hitting high kerb of traffic island just off jct 10 M56 on A559 – already reported as dangerous. Details provided to JW to progress with WBC. Also, street light now out – reported 27/10
- Correspondence received from resident relating to lack of knowledge of candidates for Cllr vacancies on Stretton Parish Council. Chair explained that WBC take ownership of the process once an election is called and, whilst falling short on information, is outside the PCs control

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Councillor Issues

Current Issues/Matters:

- Ongoing flooding on A559 – latest images forwarded to WBC

New Issues/Matters:

- Question raised relating to content of Correspondence – Clerk advised that Correspondence relates to all correspondence received in during the period
- Question raised whether Agenda sent to Cllrs as well as published with 3 days notice prior to meeting – Clerk confirmed yes
- Double parking on Ashford Drive/Henbury Gardens causing issues – question raised whether emergency services able to access all properties. Comment made that any new housing development to address double parking concerns (garages too small, cluster parking spaces not used). Also, clarification to be sought on access for work vehicles
- Cllr P Lyons to replace Cllr J Higgins on Old School Trust – details required. Clerk advised query raised with school and church but not yet ascertained details. Cllr D Buckley to obtain further details
- Query raised whether Mersey Gateway has impacted on local roads by vehicles avoiding the toll road. Clerk to check whether impact evidenced with WBC / request Police to complete HGV weight limit checks
- It was **resolved** that Sundays be email free day unless correspondence is urgent

- Clerk to collect Remembrance Sunday poppy wreath and lay it at St Matthew's Church cenotaph
- Informal get together to be arranged with all Cllrs and partners invited

P262 Public Forum

- Suggestion forwarded to write to PCSO to thank them for the work undertaken within Stretton, specifically relating to speeding issues.

P263 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7:30pm.

P248 Meeting Closure

Chair closed the meeting at 9:15pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... (Chairman)
4th December 2017