

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Matthews
Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton on Monday
4th April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors in attendance:

L. Jones - Chairperson
T. Lyons
B. Jones
J. Furber

Also present:
Cllr P. Kennedy
G. Lett – Clerk to the Council
4 residents

N146 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr J. Higgins and Cllr D. Buckley.

N147 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous meeting (7th March 2016) were agreed and signed as a true record.

N148 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) that they may have in any item of the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

N149 Planning Applications/Issues

N149.1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received at this point.

N149.2 Domestic Planning Applications (0)

Commercial Planning Applications (1)

Application reference 2015/27086

Location: Ring O'Bells Public House, Northwich Road, Stretton, Warrington, WA4 4NZ

Description of development – Nomination of Ring O'Bells as a community asset approved.

Notice of Decisions (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)
Withdrawn (0)

N150 Finance

N150.1 Accounts Requiring Authorisation for Payment

G. Lett – Standing Order
Salary/Expenses
Cheque No. 579

£278.52

G. Lett
Reimbursement of 12 x litter pickers from Landscape Supply Company
Cheque No. 580

£165.46

It was unanimously agreed that payment be made.

Total £443.98

N151 Correspondence

The list of correspondence was circulated and it was resolved that the same be noted and discussed by the Council.

John Lawson, Chair, Whitley

Clerk confirmed that the objection had been recorded in relation to a Whitley planning application appeal, due to potential increase in HGV traffic on A559.

No decision made to date.

WBC

Traffic notices to be published in Warrington news reported.

John Thorp

Warrington's Public Rights of Way Forum meeting to be held 14th April. Resident Andrea Marshall, Footpath Warden to attend on behalf of the PC.

Cllr P. Kennedy

Policing for Stretton Walking Day expected to be withdrawn, therefore there may be a cost implication for future events.

Repair of map

Resident Andrea Marshall has requested that consideration be given to repairing/cleaning the map located near St Matthew's church. Cllr T. Lyons advised that the plinth was jointly funded by Appleton/Stretton Parish Councils and PGT and that the original template for the map no longer existed. PGT has already considered similar action but does not feel that it can be successfully repaired and would need to be replaced by a completely new design. Therefore they have suggested that the map left as it is but that a replacement is obtained once it has deteriorated completely.

N152 Standing Orders

Standing Orders for FY 2016 completed and considered by PC. Given the guidance from ChALC and the legal requirement to hold Standing Orders. It was proposed by Cllr T. Lyons that they be adopted, on the basis that later amendments could be made as required and the proposal was unanimously agreed by those Cllrs present.

N153 Issues relating to A559

Cllr L. Jones outlined the meeting which took place at short notice with Ian Stewardson, Cheshire Constabulary Traffic Manager which was also attended by Cllrs from Whitley and Antrobus and Andrew Lett, Hatton Village Plan Implementation Group.

No workable solution could be achieved at this meeting, however it was agreed that Stretton PC (via Andrea Marshall, resident present at meeting) would approach residents affected in order to establish what would be their preferred solution, acknowledging WBC has no funding available. Options include; removal of build outs; speed bumps; compulsory purchase of land to widen the road.

It was resolved that the Clerk draft a letter to MP David Mowat to request his involvement given the escalating issues experienced with this road. Letter also to be distributed to all Parish Councils along the A559 route, with a request to forward to their MPs. Also, the potential to install lights was resurrected, as a further option. To be put forward to Ian Stewardson.

N154 Registering the Ring O’Bells as a community asset

As noted above, application to register the above as a community asset has been approved.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Lyons also circulated a link to a BBC news item that contained some information relating to the support available to parties who had undertaken similar registrations elsewhere in the country.

N155 Stretton Medical Centre (SMC)

Cllr T. Lyons attended a meeting with Dr Jain and Practice Manager who advised that they were very interested in meeting with HCA to see if there was any potential for a new practice to be incorporated within their plans to develop their remaining sites within the village.

Dr Jain would like to continue to grow the practice, but the existing site and location has restricted these plans. A purpose – built new surgery would provide a much needed and valued facility for this growing area.

Footpath on Stretton Road

Cllr T. Lyons also proposed that contact be made with HCA regarding the addition of a new footpath and pedestrian crossing along Stretton Road, which would provide safer route for residents to and from St Matthew’s School particularly given the speed of the traffic on this road.

It was resolved that Cllr T. Lyons draft a letter inviting HCA to consider the above proposals.

N156 Litter pickers

Clerk advised that 12 litter pickers had been delivered for distribution to Cllrs and Footpath Warden Andrea Marshall for general use around the borough.

N157 Projects;

N157.1 Village Betterment

Cllr L. Jones reported that the planters were in situ and filled with soil, with planting expected within 7-10 days.

As reported at March’s meeting, footpath along A49 towards Tarporley is eroding with verges becoming

overgrown. It was agreed that pricing for cut back and clearing of path to be sought from AMS once all planters have been completed and work signed off.

Signage

N157.2 Delivery expected in next 2 weeks. Delivery to be arranged to resident Mr Dion Camm for storage prior to installation.

N158 Councillor Issues

Cllr T. Lyons

The Knotweed along Hatton Lane is beginning to shoot and requires further control by WBC. Clerk to contact WBC to request they are sprayed again.

Broken fence outside St Matthew's churchyard still requires repair and Cllr T. Lyons proposed that the PC should consider funding this as part of our betterment plans. It was resolved that Cllr L. Jones request cost of repair from current planting contractor.

Speeding continues to be an issue outside the Business Centre on Stretton Road, with the 30 sign obscured by overgrown hedge, potentially privately owned. Clerk has reported to WBC querying who owns the land. Clerk to request update.

30 sign near St Matthew's Church towards Beehive still obscured. Clerk to request cut back.

Cllr T. Lyons enquired if there could be a link up with other local Parishes to publish an integrated map of the public rights of way / walks across of the wider area. As a starting point, Andrea Marshall will provide details of the Stretton walks to be forwarded to Cllr D. Buckley for inclusion on the website. Clerk to request same from neighbouring villages, if available.

Cllr B. Jones

Water continues to run down fields to Hall Lane, with drains positioned too high to be effective. Clerk to escalate to Jim Turton, given inactively on previously reported problems.

Cllr B. Jones queried the potential cost should an election be necessary and whether the PC should consider retaining monies year on year to fund such. Ward Cllr P. Kennedy provided a contact at WBC who could advise the PC Friday 8th April on whether an election is required.

Cllr J. Furber

None to report.

Cllr L. Jones

None to report.

N159 Public Forum

Resident issues raised;

Residents thanked Cllr P. Kennedy for all his support and assistance during his period of office.

Grid outside Stretton House has crumbled and a hole formed. Clerk to report the issue as a potential danger.

Litter pick taking place Saturday p.m. in Lower Stretton. It was requested that the Clerk write to The Stretton Fox to request that they also undertake a litter pick outside their premises.

It was reported that HGVs are mounting the pavement when joining the M56 eastbound carriageway at Junction 10 causing pedestrians to have to step backwards and posing a serious danger. Clerk to report to Highway to request the provision of a barrier to reduce the risk to pedestrians.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

N160 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record:

.....(Chairman)
9th May 2016