

# STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Matthew's Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7:30pm

Councillor in attendance:

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

Also present:

G Lett – Clerk to the Council  
22 Residents  
Jamie Fisher, Highways, WBC  
Ian Stewardson, Traffic Office, Cheshire Police  
Stephen Parr, PCSO, Warrington Police

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### **Presentation by Jamie Fisher and Ian Stewardson re A559**

Follow up presentation delivered relating to potential solutions to ongoing safety matters relating to A559.

J Fisher advised that HGV's cannot be stopped using the road, acknowledging this results in vehicles mounting the pavement due to narrowness of the road. Average speed recorded between 30-40mph.

Possible solution is to remove build outs and install average speed cameras at 30mph, which JF suggests would remove vehicles mounting the pavement and improve flow of traffic from M56 roundabout. PC and residents strongly disputed the anticipated outcome, as vehicles mount pavement along the route not just at the build outs, endangering pedestrians. Pavement considered too narrow if build outs removes, also, the anticipated constant flow of traffic would make exiting side roads difficult and for pedestrians to cross.

Alternatives discussed included land purchase to widen road, but considered cost prohibitive and outside scope of Highways. Business case would need completing by Highways, delaying implementation of a solution.

Sole speed camera not considered effective by Highways and alternative option to reduce speed to 20mph also turned aside as does not meet criteria; criteria challenged by PC. Traffic Regulation Order would be required – Highways view was that Police would not enforce 20mph limit.

JF to undertake further consideration to issues raised by PC/residents and comment further.

Flooding along route between Ring O’Bells Garage and Hollies highlighted – JF to take action and address.

**P266 Presentation by PCSO Stephen Parr**

Recent Stats provided including 1x anti-social behaviour, 1x burglary, 1x attempted burglary, 1x violence, 8x speeding enforcements

Trucam offline for 4 weeks but will try to utilise camera fortnightly within borough.

**P267 Apologies**

Apologies received from Ward Cllr J Wheeler.

**P268 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting (30<sup>th</sup> October 2017) were agreed and signed as a true record.

**P269 Finance**

**P269.1 Accounts Authorised/ Requiring Payment**

The following payments were submitted for approval.

Pat Lyons	
Reimbursement for lights & batteries for Twinkling Stretton	
Cheque No. 663	£85.00
Linda Jones	
Reimbursement for refreshments for Twinkling Stretton	
Cheque No. 664	£82.58

Gillian Lett Salary and Expenses (November) Cheque No. 665	£421.33
D Buckley Reimbursement for website costs (Oct/Nov/[]) Cheque No. 666	£5.99
Shires Pay Services Ltd Payroll services quarter 3 2017-18 Cheque No. 667	£24.00
Philippa Lovell Internal Auditor gift for completion of FY2017 audit Cheque No. 668	£25.00
Appleton Maintenance Services Remove old plants and refill with Winter plants Cheque No. 669	£125.00
Warrington Borough Council Election charges Cheque No. 670	£2,342.58
Gillian Lett Reimbursement for stationery/ink cartridges/Laminator sheets/paper Cheque No. 671	£190.52
Green Home & Garden Collection, installation/removal Christmas tree lights x2 Cheque No. 672	£264.00

***All payments approved.***

**P269.2 Budget 2018/19 and Pre-cept Review**

Clerk reported Budget for 2018/19. Due to Election costs in 2017, the Parish Council no longer holds surplus funds and has cut costs to maintain breakeven. As such an increase in pre-cept is proposed.

**It was resolved** that the 2018/19 Budget be approved subject to Election Reserve to be built over 2 years and General Reserve reduced to £700.

**It was resolved** that the Pre-cept be increased to £23.56 (Band D).

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**Twinkling Stretton**

Good turnout for both events, albeit numbers down at Stretton on last year. Cllrs thanked for their input, with £10 raised via donations from residents in support of North West Air Ambulance. Further donations pledged by Cllrs increased funds to £50.

**It was resolved** that PC donate £30 to NWAA and for surplus supplies to be donated to St Rocco's as a raffle prize or retained for next year's event (dependent on expiry date).

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**Transparency Funding Application 2017**

Clerk advised PC that £636 due to be received in bank account within December.

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**Planning Applications/Issues**

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**Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of interest received.

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**Domestic Planning Applications (3)**

**Location:** 2017/31558 – 21 Beamish Close, Stretton, Warrington, WA4 5RJ

**Proposal:** Section 192 (Lawful Development Certificate) – Proposed demolition of existing single storey extension and replace with new

**Applicant:** Neil Guest

**Received:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Decision:** FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Location:** 2017/31623 – 487, LONDON ROAD, WARRINGTON, WA4 5PP

**Proposal:** Lawful Development Certificate Section 192 - Proposed single storey rear extension

**Applicant:** Mr & Mrs T Morgan

**Decision:** FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Location:** 2017/31590 – SUNNY BANK, STRETTON ROAD, APPLETON, WA4 4NP

**Proposal:** Full Planning - Change of use from open space to private garden

**Applicant:** Christine Freeman

**Decision:** NO OBJECTION BUT COMMENT MADE RE TPO (UNAWARE)

### **Commercial Planning Applications (2)**

**Location:** 2017/31538 – Barn at Tanyard Farm, Well Lane, Lower Stretton, WA4 4PA

**Proposal:** Class Q Prior Approval - Proposed conversion of barn to a four bedroom dwelling **Applicant:** Mr J Thwaites

**Received:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Decision:** **OBJECTION REGISTERED ON GROUNDS OF GREEN BELT LAND**

**Location:** 2017/31597 – Walnut Tree Business Centre, Walnut Tree Farm, Northwich Road, Stretton, WA4 4PG

**Proposal:** Discharge of Condition - Proposed Discharge of Condition 4(Cowling) on application 2017/30812

**Applicant:** The Hollies Farm Shop

**Decision:** **NO OBJECTION**

### **Notice of Decisions (2)**

**Location:** 2017/29929 – Land South of Astor Drive, East of Lichfield Avenue &, South of Witherwin Avenue, Grappenhall Heys, Warrington, WA4 3LG

**Proposal:** Outline application; Proposed residential development, up to 400 dwellings, including means of access, recreational open space and related infrastructure

**Decision:** Application 2017/29929 be approved as per the officer recommendation subject to conditions and S106 agreement

**Location:** 2017/29930 - Land bounded by Green Lane &, Dipping Brook Avenue, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5NN

**Proposal:** Outline application; Proposed residential development; up to 370 dwellings, means of access; neighbourhood centre (including retail convenience store up to 500 square metres; health centre up to 1,000 square metres and place of worship/community use up to 1,000 square metres, with associated outside space, access and parking) recreational open space and related infrastructure

**Decision:** Application 2017/29930 be approved as per the officer recommendation subject to conditions and S106 agreement

**Withdrawn (0)**

**Notice of Appeal (0)**

**Appeal Decision (0)**

**Cost Decision (0)**

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### **Planning Enforcement ENF/17/07318**

Clerk read following response from WBC Planning;

The site owner has sought pre-application advice from the Development Management Team, and therefore enforcement action must be put in abeyance pending the response of the Development Management Team regarding the acceptability of the development that has been undertaken. I think that you may have attempted to

contact Development Management for an update, and my understanding is that a response is to be provided to the pre-application submission by them shortly, which will then allow for matters to be progressed from an enforcement point of view. I have requested that the investigating officer provide an update when we are able to do this, and advise of the next steps going forward.

**P271.4 WBC Training Course for Parish Councils - Planning**

Further Training Course to be arranged. Details to be forwarded on receipt.

**P272 Allocation of s106 monies arising from housing development in Stretton**

Query raised re s106 monies and if there is a minimum percentage which should be allocated to local communities. Clerk to contact Ward Cllr J Wheeler for information and item to be added to next Agenda.

Cllr L Jones to attend meeting with Faisal Rashid MP South Warrington, January 2018 where the above matter will be raised, requesting funds to be utilised locally within Stretton.

**P273 Spooky World Traffic**

Satnav erroneously directing traffic down Well Lane, Lower Stretton with complaints received from local residents.

**It was resolved** that a letter be written to Apple Jacks requesting better signage and satnav to be corrected.

**P274 Neighbourhood Plan**

Clerk advised that the Consultation period had now closed with no objections.

Cllr J Doherty advised that the next step is for the Steering Group to post flyers advising residents and providing details on how to get involved.

**P275 Correspondence**

Clerk read out the following correspondence received;

- Draft Air Quality Action Plan Consultation is now open until 15 December 2017 – refer Consultations via WBC website – forwarded to all Cllrs

- Flytipping on Hatton Lane – 3 complaints in 12 months – in two instances no waste found when officer attended, therefore not looking to erect a sign at this site
- Double parking on Ashford Drive/Pewterspear Green – advised to contact Police via 101 if concerns held – raise with PCSO
- Traffic signals at London Rd / Hatton Ln / Stretton Rd – cars coming through on London Road when Hatton Lane on green. Response received;

We have looked at this junction and the signal intergreens are correct, therefore if vehicles are still travelling through the signals along the A49 once Hatton Ln has a green signal, then they must be passing through a red light to do this. We as a council have no powers over such actions and I would recommend that you refer this to the police as this is a traffic offence. If the intergreens were extended not only would it reduce the capacity of the junction, therefore creating more queues and frustrated motorists this would then result in more drivers jumping the light, making the situation worse than it already is.

- Letter from Sustainable South Warrington Group regarding the need for Parish Councils to work together in respect of the Local Plan – forwarded to Cllrs, response to be agreed to send to SSWG
- CPRE articles – forwarded to Cllrs for information
- Email contact from resident regarding cross hatch road markings at entrance to Spark Hall Close. No response from WBC received to date
- Invitation for representative from Parish Council to undertake a reading at St Matthew's Church Carol Service – Cllr D Buckley agreed to represent the PC – 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Email advising materials stored at stopped up section on Tarporley Road due to vehicle breakdown. Farmer made aware and rectified next day

Further request to be sent to Ward Cllrs J Wheeler requesting that Stretton PC be copied into any correspondence which relates to PC business. Currently being sent to residents directly and not via PC.

#### **P276 Transport Summit Meetings**

Cllr T Lyons and Cllr J Doherty expanded on feedback previously emailed to Cllrs relating to the 2 Summit meeting which took place in November 2017. Further information to be sent out c.Springtime.

#### **P277 Parish Council Liaison Meeting**

Cllr T Lyons advised that meetings were to take place bi-annually. Feedback includes;

- WBC invest less in public transport than Liverpool and Manchester Councils
- Looking to develop a more dementia friendly environment
- Local Plan on Agenda, have asked for Neighbourhood Plan to be added also

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**Councillor Issues**

Current Issues/Matters:

- Ongoing flooding on A559 – latest images forwarded to WBC
- Bollards down near layby opposite Spire. Previously reported but no corrective action taken. Ask WBC to consider railings
- Gullies blocked along London Road. Previously reported but no action taken
- Proposed amendment to road and junction at Cat & Lion not considered fit for purpose. Safety/capacity concerns repeatedly reported. Cllr J Doherty met with WBC to highlight issues. Further research to be undertaken relating to report completed in support of Grappenhall and Appleton housing applications. Cllr to update

New Issues/Matters:

- WBC Traffic seeking resident feedback re speed/parking outside St Matthew’s CofE Primary School. Further details to be provided once responses received and analysed
- **It was resolved** that Cllr J Doherty and/or Cllr P Marshall attend South Warrington Joint Parishes Group meetings, representing Stretton PC

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**Public Forum**

- Public Rights of Way (PROW) meeting to be held December
- PC asked to consider issuing a legal notice of intended prosecution to WBC relating to longstanding works not being undertaken

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7:30pm.

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**Meeting Closure**

Chair closed the meeting at 10:15pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... (Chairman)  
 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018