

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillor in attendance:

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

Also present:

G Lett – Clerk to the Council
8 Residents

P216	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from Ward Councillor J Wheeler.</p>
P217	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting (7th August 2017) were agreed and signed as a true record.</p>
P218	<p>Vacancies</p> <p>Chair advised that Cllr J Higgins had resigned, resulting in a second vacancy on the Parish Council, which has been advertised on all noticeboards and the website.</p> <p>Due to a surprise request for an election for the initial vacancy, the Budget for 2017/18 has been revised to reflect an estimated cost of £2,500. The Parish Council would therefore look to appoint two Councillors via one election, to reduce pressure on the Budget.</p> <p>As this is the first time an election has been called and the significant impact it will have on current available funds and precept going forward, consideration may also have to be given to factoring in a further budget to futureproof the Parish Council accounts going forward.</p>

It was resolved that budget of £350 be approved to produce polling cards for the election.

It was resolved that an election be called for the second vacancy to run concurrently.

It was resolved that flowers and a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr J Higgins for all her hard work, including the annual newsletter, registering Ring O'Bells as a Community Asset and much more since being appointed in 2000. Notification also to be sent to Old School Trust as Cllr J Higgins also sat on the Board.

No interest shown in PROW Officer to date.

P219 Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan

It terms of the Local Plan the Parish Council had now obtained feedback from residents and attended both meetings/consultations with WBC Planning Department. It was proposed that an informal meeting be held to collate all feedback and construct a response, to be submitted to WBC.

All new information will continue to be added to the Parish Council website for residents to peruse.

P220 Planning Applications/Issues

P220.1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received at this point.

P220.2 Domestic Planning Applications (2)

Application reference: 2017/30972

Location: 65 BEAMISH CLOSE, STRETTON, WA4 5RJ

Description of development: Proposed single storey side and rear extension

Applicant: Mr Fulton

Received: 9th August 2017

NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

Application reference: 2017/31063

Location: OAKLEA, COMMON LANE, LOWER STRETTON, WA4 4PD

Description of development: TPO – Oak, (1) proposed removal of deadwood and crown reduce the remainder where necessary to 1.5m – 2m overall. Oak (2) proposed overall

crown reduction by 1.5m – 2m also the removal of 2 lower laterals extending over garage to contain and clear roof

Applicant: Mr H Boardman

Received: 18th August 2017

NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

Commercial Planning Applications (1)

Application reference: 2017/31091

Location: STRETTON VIEW FARM, MOSS HALL LANE, STRETTON, WA4 4QR

Description of development: Prior notification of agricultural or forestry development – proposed agricultural building or store farm equipment

Applicant: Mr Jack Thwaites

Received: 25th August 2017

REQUEST TO BE MADE TO WBC TO CONSIDER THAT ANY PROPOSED APPROVAL INCLUDES A CONDITION THAT PREVENTS A FUTURE CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION TO DOMESTIC PROPERTY

Notice of Decisions (0)

Withdrawn (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)

P221

Parish Noticeboards

Following proposed closure of the newsagents, sign and noticeboard removed from their premises. Sign damaged but noticeboard can be reused. Obtain local costings for erecting once site confirmed.

Consideration given to putting noticeboard outside Stretton Medical Practice – as board is wall based agreed to pursue Bee Hive, given location. Chair to take forward.

Walton Refurbishment Project to be considered for any future replacement noticeboards.

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Village Planters

It was resolved that a budget of £150 for replacement winter flowers be set – approved by all. Same service provider to undertake planting.

P223

Twinkling Stretton

Date of 2nd December agreed for Stretton, 3rd December Lower Stretton.

It was resolved that a budget be set £150 for replacement lights – approved by all. Pavilion booked and refreshments budget to be agreed. Request to be added to website and flyers asking for volunteers to assist with refreshments at Stretton event. Collection box in aid of NW Air Ambulance to be made available for any donations on the night.

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Finance

Cheshire Community Action

Membership 2017-18

Cheque No. 650

£20.00

G Lett - Clerk

Gross Salary and expenses (August)

Cheque No. 651

£421.33

D Buckley

Reimbursement for website costs (August)

Cheque No. 652

£5.99

L E Jones

Chairman's Annual Allowance

Cheque No. 653

£100.00

Shires Pay Services Ltd

HMRC / Payroll production (inv 01418 qtr 2 2017)

Cheque No. 654

£16.00

Total**£563.32**

All payments were approved

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Creamfields 2017

PC received a complaint regarding traffic being allowed to turn up via Cat & Lion traffic lights/lack of patrol. PC reported and police/warden posted within a timely manner.

Residents were turned away from Daresbury Lane – closed during the event. PC reported that there was evidence of people visiting residents within the cordoned area being turned back as no resident's badge displayed in car. To be fed back.

It was noted that the roads around the event very muddy post event, cleaned up but may impact on drains.

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Correspondence

The Clerk read out correspondence received since previous meeting, in summary;

- HGVs and camper vans parking on Fir Tree Close – reported to PCSO and WBC, awaiting response
- Letter from Police Commissioner to participate in feedback survey – welcomed by Councillors and fed back to Police Commissioner's Office
- Creamfields Residents Passes secured for Hatton Lane resident, not previously received
- Manchester Airport/Council meeting due to take place 19th September, forwarded to Councillors
- Local Councils Excellence Awards 2017 – invitation to submit applications, forwarded to Councillors
- WBC additional Local Plan drop in arranged for 4th September at Park Royal – added to website and noticeboards. Following feedback from residents at August meeting, request for WBC to make clearer plans – received confirmation that plans at Park Royal would be clearer
- Two further emails received re Local Plan from Stretton residents, updated on progress and also advised the process of providing personal feedback to WBC directly
- Invitation extended to CPRE to address Parish Council meeting – unable to make August meeting but can attend 2nd October meeting
- Confirmation received from WBC that gullies on A559 would be cleared by 31st August
- Latest Community Report provided by Manchester Airport – added to website
- Various updates from Stockton Heath Library Working Group forwarded to Councillors – outstanding questions not yet answered. Advised to contact Livewire directly, awaiting response

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Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved that Stretton Parish Council support the request for a Neighbourhood Plan for Stretton.

The Chair read the following statement;

“The residents need to form a steering group and come back to the PC at the next meeting with names, responsibilities and qualifications.

There is a need to have one spokesperson to attend each PC meeting and give a short report. As the PC is 2 councillors down at the present time we will have to wait until we have the 2 new councillors and then decide who will join the group.

The PC will contact WBC to agree the designated area of the parish of Stretton. The Chair will contact Lucy at CCA to see how to start the process of applying for grants to support the plan.

The steering group will need to organise their own Clerk as the PC Clerk cannot undertake any further hours.

It is expected that the steering group to work amicably with the PC and to treat everyone with respect and civility. It has come across just recently that a certain amount of hostility has been felt. The PC has done everything that the residents have requested us to do and although it may take longer than you would like we have to follow certain systems.

In case you are not aware each Councillor give the time totally free. No payments or expenses for all the work that they undertake. So please when requesting things, remember that we all have lives to be going on with and sometimes we haven't got extra time to do things 'right away'.

On the point of working together, I want to say how extremely disappointed I was that a member of your group put a letter in the Warrington Guardian inviting people from a lot of areas in the town to attend the meeting that the PC had organised for Stretton Residents to understand the Neighbourhood Plan. I asked specifically how many people you envisaged to attend the meeting and was given a number of 20 at most. This was asked as we had to book a suitable venue for the meeting.

This Church hall holds 40 people. Please check their website. We do not own the hall and have to hire it. Over 40 people turned up. It could have been possible that the meeting could have been cancelled due to overcrowding. What I would have been really upset about is if any Stretton resident could not have been able to get in because it was full of people from outside the area.

We need to work together and not have individuals going off doing their own things alone, otherwise it will not work.”

The floor was opened up to questions.

Resident advised that the steering group details would be forwarded to the PC. It was also raised that the steering group may not wish to utilise CCA as consultants. Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall have both used Kirkwells. Stretton steering group may prefer to do the same.

Actions:

- Chair to obtain grant process from CCA
- Steering group – names, responsibilities and qualifications of members
- Steering group – to forward application to PC for submission by PC to WBC regarding the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan – to include whole of Stretton
- Steering group – to meet to agree process and actions/timeframe

Resident commented that the steering group and the PC do need to work together going forward and thanked the Parish Council and Councillors for the work they undertake. Comments supported by other residents.

P228 Amendment to November meeting date

It was resolved that the November meeting be moved to 30th October due to reduced number of Councillors available to meet quorum.

P229 Councillor Issues

Current Issues:

- A559 out to Northwich – dropped grid reported again
- Blocked grids again reported – WBC to clean by 31st August

New Issues:

- Confirmation that Cllr J Higgins to be removed from Stretton Old School Trust board also. Cllr P Lyons to replace
- Yellow bendy bollard down at entrance to Stretton Fox
- Grid outside St Matthews Church Hall standing proud

P230 Public Forum

- Question why speeding limit outside St Matthews C of E Primary School not 20mph and for PCSO to be more visible within the village. Highways already involved but would not recommend 20mph. Clerk to report complaint to Highways. Clerk to invite PCSO to next meeting and ask for greater presence outside St Matthews C of E Primary School. Ward Councillor J Wheeler to be advised and response/support requested
- Planter outside Park Royal not straight – PC already aware and reported but planter too heavy to move once in situ. Will contact Park Royal once building work on house completed to see if it can be corrected
- Planting between Bee Hive and M56 roundabout – resident reported back that they were aware of free funding for trees which could be utilised to enhance the area but given potential for housing development, not to be pursued at this time

P231 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will take place on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7:30pm

P232 Meeting Closure

Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Signed as a true record:

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

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