

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in
St Matthew's Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton
on Monday 5th September 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Councillors in attendance:

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

Also present:
Gillian Lett – Clerk
3 residents

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Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Higgins, Cllr J Fox and Ward Cllr J Wheeler.

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Presentation by Stephen Parr, PCSO covering Stretton, Hatton and Walton

SP initially gave a brief background to his experience. In terms of key issues pertinent to Stretton he advised that he was one of only two officers trained in the region to use the handheld speed gun which results in speeding vehicles being issued with a ticket and points.

In relation to the smiley speed sign, SP noted that the involvement of the Parish Council would be beneficial in ensuring the battery was continuously charged and its movement was increased. There are currently 2 batteries which take 4–5 hours to recharge. It was agreed that the Parish Council should keep one battery (SP to deliver to Clerk) but the PCSO continue to move it around the borough as agreed.

SP advised he had recently monitored Stretton Road at the car park, with 10 vehicles reported speeding. He is to continue to cover several areas within his remit going forward.

It was also reported that a young resident at The Bungalow, Lower Stretton had been arrested and that the Hollow Tree had now closed down. Both are to remain on the Police's radar.

SP advised of the proposed restructure across the Police Force. This should result in more visibility within the borough.

PCSO Stephen Parr left the meeting. Cllr T Lyons temporarily left the meeting.

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Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous meeting (4th July 2016) were agreed and signed as a true record.

P59 Planning Applications/Issues

P59.1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received at this point.

P59.2 Domestic Planning Applications (4)

Application reference: 2015/28392

Location: STOCKLEY HOUSE, STOCKLEY LANE, STRETTON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4PQ

Description of development: Lawful development Certificate, proposed conversion of existing stable to create single bed accommodation. No alternations to external landscaping/hardscaping required

Applicant: Mr David Smith

Received: 6th July 2016

Application reference: 2015/28411

Location: STOCKLEY HOUSE, STOCKLEY LANE, STRETTON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4PQ

Description of development: Section 192 Certificate - proposed single storey kitchen extension plus roof alteration to existing bedroom to rear elevation

Applicant: Mr David Smith

Received: 14th July 2016

Application reference: 2015/28629

Location: 38 FOXHILLS CLOSE, STRETTON, WARRINGTON, WA4 5DH

Description of development: Householder - proposed single storey side and rear extension

Applicant: Mr Fergus, Wiseman

Received: 2nd August 2016

Application reference: 2015/28344

Location: THE VICARAGE, STRETTON ROAD, APPLETON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4NT

Description of development: Reserved Matter - reserved matters application for two dwellings (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) following outline application 2015/26101

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Received: 17th August 2016

Commercial Planning Applications (1)

Application reference: 2015/28773

Location: HATTON FARM, STRETTON ROAD, APPLETON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4TB

Description of development: Full Planning - proposed extension of farm track

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Fryer

Received: 26th August 2016

Notice of Decisions (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)

Withdrawn (0)

NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

P60	Finance	
P60.1	Accounts Requiring Authorisation for Payment	
	D Buckley Reimbursement of website monthly charges Cheque No. 594	£ 5.99
	AMS Cutting of grass/verges not completed by WBC Cheque No. 595	£120.00
	Warrington Borough Council Small Lottery annual charge – re. prize draws Cheque No. 596	£ 20.00
	The Print Centre Printing of 465x copies of Annual Newsletter Cheque No. 597	£220.00
	G Lett Salary and expenses 1/7/2016 – 31/8/2016 – 2 months Cheque No. 598	£557.04
	BDO External Audit fee for FY 31 March 2016 Cheque No. 599	£ 36.00
	G Lett Reimbursement of 1x 1 st class, 1x 2 nd class stamps Cheque No. 600	£ 10.44
	Total	£969.47
	All payments were agreed.	
	During the above Cllr T Lyons re-entered the meeting.	
P61	Correspondence	
	Clerk read out the correspondence received since the previous meeting.	
	Resident request to report re. lighting between Longwood Road and St Matthew’s church masked by trees – reported to WBC.	
	Applejacks – signage removed by WBC. Owner requesting sign be returned. Reported to WBC and they are to liaise with Applejacks directly.	
	Resident request to report cars parking on pavement at St Matthew’s – near accident where pathway meets road – Highways recommend railing be erected at the end of the path however this would require the pavement to be raised. It was agreed that an alternative of bollard(s) be proposed to Highways.	
	Resident reporting change of boundary line at property on Stretton Road – confirmed by Cllr T Lyons that resident had purchased land and no further action required.	
	Communication sent to The Bungalow following resident’s complaint (copied to Head Office and Stockton Heath Police Station) – a resident of the premises has since been arrested. Police to monitor. See also P69 below.	

Network Warrington response and advice re. revised timetable – Clerk has queried significance of change but yet to receive a response. See also item P65 below.

Audit now complete and details noted on noticeboards and soon to be published on website.

Advice of increase in hire costs for Church Hall from £100 p.a. to £120 p.a. – approved by all.

Warrington ICAN – scam warning involving WBC's name. Link to ICAN warnings now published on website.

Cllr P Lyons information on dog fouling – sent out to all Cllrs.

P62 HCA Development

Cllr T Lyons advised that the application from HCA to WBC for outline planning is due imminently.

P63 Email Addresses for Councillors

It was reported that there have been a number of emails received by Cllrs during unacceptable hours, impacting on personal lives. Noting the voluntary nature of the role, this practice needs to be curtailed.

Additionally, there is ongoing impact on the capacity of personal email accounts given the significant size of some attachments, which is causing some difficulties.

It was agreed to look into separate email addresses for each Councillor linked to the Parish Council email address being set up for all Cllrs in order to alleviate the above issues.

P64 Transparency Funding

Clerk confirmed that the application for funding in order to comply with the Transparency Code had been approved and a proposed list of items to be purchased be sent to all Cllrs for approval at next meeting.

P65 Bus Services – No 45 bus

Above bus service to continue, however noting proposed changes which have yet to be clarified.

P66 Creamfields

Donation from Creamfields kindly received for 2016. Feedback received from this year's event included;

Noise dependent on direction of wind; Marshall not present at Cat & Lion junction resulting in vehicles entering the no zone area; failure of electricity at time of event launch – Live Nation reportedly not involved as use own generators (fishing line over cables reported to be the fault).

Above feedback to be reported to Live Nation.

P67 Issues relating to A559

Response received from David Mowat (MP) following formal meeting. In general, issues had been understood with some anomalies noted. A copy of a letter sent from David Mowat to WBC and the Police

Commissioner outlining these issues was read out by Cllr L Jones.

However, -arranging a suitable date for both David Mowat and the new Police Commissioner to meet with residents has proven to be very difficult. As such, it is proposed that further dates be offered to both parties whereby David Mowat is able to attend and with a representative of the Police Commissioners Office be present if he cannot attend himself.

Cllr L Jones also read out letters sent to Morrisons and Roberts Bakery relating to their vehicles using the A559 and the resultant issues. Morrisons response letter read out with drivers to be encouraged to use alternative routes where possible.

It was reported that officials had been seen monitoring the A559 recently.

P68 Projects;

P68.1 Cllr L Jones advised the following proposal falling within Village Betterment and Signage Projects;

Village Betterment

Quote received for cutting back and planting the area between the roundabout and the layby;
- c.40m of cleaning area up and planting shrubs – total £770.

Village Planters – only additional cost is for replanting as and when required.

The only outstanding item to this project relates to the improvement of the area between the Beehive and the layby.

P68.2 Signage

Quote for SIX new/replacement signs received;
- £788 each
- £139.05 set up charge
- £160 delivery
Total = £5,027.05

Posts should be in situ, however if need replacing cost is £169.47 per pair.

The total cost of the project was noted, however the above completes this project and provides a lasting legacy in relation to the Creamfields monies, and also providing an increased identify to the village.

P69 Councillor Issues

Cllr L Jones

Articulated lorry erroneously turned into Hall Lane and had to reverse back down – Dead end sign proposed? Clerk to report and request sign from WBC.

A resident has requested a litter picker for use when walking out and about. Andrea Marshall to provide.

Hollow Tree reportedly sold for £3.5m, purchaser not yet known.

Scotties Butty Van is currently parking on the grass verge. Clerk to report.

Following on from a report that a youth from the Bungalow was trespassing on an elderly resident's land, it has been reported in the Warrington Guardian website that a youth has been arrested for assault on Tarpurley Road. Although may not be linked it was noted that neither the Bungalow or their Head Office has acknowledged receipt of the letter sent by Stretton Parish Council. Clerk to contact HO and ensure receipt, copying the original letter to Warrington Social Services.

Cllr D Buckley

None.

Cllr T Lyons

A temporary sign for the Hatton Arms has been chained to a signpost opposite the Cat & Lion and requires removal. Clerk to request.

Also signs advertising a beer festival at the Stretton Fox have not been removed after the event. Clerk to request removal

Cllr P Lyons

None.

Cllr B Jones

None.

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Resident's Issues

It was noted that the footpath between Hollies Farm Shop and Stockley Road was overgrown and requires cutting back. Cllr L Jones to enquire about ownership and report back.

Blue bin bag left out down Hall Lane. Clerk to enquire if Stretton Fox has done this and request removal.

Planning application for Foxhills Close – resident noted that as a nearby neighbour there had been no notice of this application to date.

Request made to tidy up area near Cat & Lion lights (around existing street furniture). It was noted that this may be undeliverable given the number of wires around the boxes in this area. It was agreed that Cllr. Lyons would review this area and report back.

Consideration also to be given to installing a new planter near the bus stop at this junction under the Village Betterment project to help keep back the overgrown verge. Cllr Lyons to investigate and report back.

Resident reported the following issues relating to Spark Hall Close and have previously been reported to Ward Cllr J Wheeler;

Hedges not cut back, particularly near Mere Farm, forcing pedestrians into the road; Gutters are weed strewn and causing deterioration to the tarmac; Verges overgrown into the carriageway despite being reported previously; Speed limit currently 60mph – PCSO agreed to refer to Highways earlier in the meeting; Satnav errors – can dead end signs be repositioned or no satnav route sign erected; Pot holes – already reported to WBC; Corner fencing (hear new planter) needs replacing. Clerk to write to Park Royal to consider funding replacement fencing.

White lines on road facing Pewterspear Road faded and considered dangerous. Clerk to report.

Meeting closed 9:30pm.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record:

.....(Chairman)
3rd October 2016