

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in
St Matthew's Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton
on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Councillors in attendance:

L Jones - Chairperson
B Jones
P Lyons
T Lyons
D Buckley – joined at Item P124
J Fox

Also present:

Ward Councillor J Wheeler
G Lett – Clerk to the Parish Council
Stephen Parr – PCSO, Warrington South Police

6 residents

P119	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr J Higgins. Cllr D Buckley due to arrive during the meeting.
P120	Minutes of Previous Meetings The Minutes of the previous meeting (5 th December 2016) were agreed and signed as a true record.
P121	Planning Applications/Issues
P121.1	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were received at this point.
P121.2	<u>Commercial Planning Applications (2)</u> Application reference: 2017/29631 Location: WALNUT TREE FARM, NORTHWICH ROAD, STRETTON, WA4 4PG Description of development: Non-material amendment – proposed amendment to internal layout (location of ancillary office) and amendment to door/window openings on previously approved application 2004/03434 Applicant: Mr Tim Blackshaw Received: 18 th January 2017 NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

Application reference: 2016/28918

Location: STRETTON MOTORS, FIR TREE CLOSE, STRETTON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4NA

Description of development: Advertisement – proposed free standing non-illuminated directional sign

Applicant: J L Vans Ltd, Stretton Motors

Received: 14th September 2016

INITIAL OBJECTION TO SIZE OF SIGN PROPOSED, PLANS REVISED AND RESUBMITTED

*Cllr L Jones advised that members of the Council had met with the applicant to discuss positioning of the sign with a revised position proposed. It was **resolved** that the new position be approved by Council.*

Domestic Planning Applications (1)

Application reference: 2017/29598

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

Description of development: Full Planning – proposed single storey kitchen extension to rear elevation

Applicant: Mr David Smith

Received: 17th January 2017

NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED BUT COMMENT MADE TO SIZE OF EXTENSION IN RELATION TO EXISTING PROPERTY – COMMENT SUBMITTED TO WBC PLANNING

Notice of Decisions (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)

Withdrawn (0)

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Finance

P122.1

Accounts Authorised/ Requiring Payment

P Lyons

Reimbursement for purchase of drinks urn

Chq No. 614

£40.00

Appleton Maintenance Services

Repair to damaged footpath on A49 and levelling of grass

Cheque No. 615

£40.00

J Delooze

Renew 1x sign on old posts, 5x new posts set in cement and stone

Cheque No. 616

£750.00

Green Home & Garden

Collect, install and remove Christmas lights to trees in Stretton and Lower Stretton

Chq No. 617

£240.00

G Lett

Reimbursement for purchase of printer ink cartridges

Cheque No. 618

£124.33

G Lett - Clerk

Salary and expenses x2 months

Cheque No. 619

£557.04

D Buckley

Reimbursement for website costs

Chq No. 620

£100.61

ICO Renewal of Data Protection Register Chq No. 621	£35.00
D Buckley Reimbursement of historic website costs Chq No. 622	£11.98
Total	£1,898.96

All payments were agreed.

P122.2

Payroll

Due to complexity in ensuring HMRC compliance and after advice from ChALC it was **resolved** that the outsourcing of payroll system be progressed by the Clerk, noting external monthly costs of £8.00.

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Boundary Titles for Appleton Councillors

Following correspondence received from Ward Cllr J Wheeler relating to a proposal by Walton Parish Council to request the Borough of Walton to be incorporated within the recognised Borough title (currently 'Appleton'), the Chair read a response from LGBCE to Walton Parish Council summarising the situation as below;

"In respect of ward names for the borough council, these were consulted on during the review we conducted in 2014. On the basis of consultation responses, the Commission chose the ward names of Appleton and Stockton Heath.

The review is now completed and we cannot now unilaterally change the borough ward names. The only way ward names can be changed would be through the Council following the procedures outlined in the 2007 Local Government & Public Involvement in Heath Act. In a nutshell, the Council can, following consultation and a resolution, change the ward names but must seek our consent first to make such a change. Our consent is required up until 5 years after the end of the electoral review. After this five-year period (approximately 2020), the Council can make this change without our consent."

The Council noted the response.

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Correspondence

Clerk read out correspondence received since previous meeting. In summary;

- Invitation to next Manchester Airport meeting with Parish / Town Councils – 7 March – Cllr Fox attending.
- Centre Park Link Update – online link for update <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/Centreparklink>
- Police Commissioners December update available online, useful website – www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk
- Large advertising board at Fir Tree Close (Cransley School open day) reported to WBC. Response to letter sent to Cransley School received stating that the sign had been 'sabotaged on numerous occasions' and that the School believes the sign is exempt under planning regulations as on private land. Copy of letter to be distributed to Cllrs.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk draft a standard letter detailing links to WBC processes for advertising which could be sent to any businesses/organisations erecting boards/signs without following the due process.

- Invitation to join Creamfields Liaison Team with Police and Live Nation re Creamfields 2017 – Cllrs L Jones and B Jones to attend.
- Telephone Box Consultation (update reported on WBC website). Cat & Lion Telephone Box - No objections received to removal, no calls made in last 12 months.

Cllr D Buckley joined the meeting.

- Request from North West Air Ambulance Charity to consider charity donation – request sent to all Parish Councils in the North East.

It was **resolved** that a donation of £50.00 be sent to the North West Air Ambulance Charity.

- Email from Neil Drum, Inspector, Cheshire Police – what should PCSOs be reporting, how and when?

PCSO advised that there is a new information base for capturing data which will standardise reporting going forward. Latest Police crime figures to be reported on Stretton Parish Council website.

- Invitation to Chair to Walton Parish Civic Centre Service 12 March 2017 – forwarded to Cllr L Jones.
- Land off Stretton Road, Appleton Thorn forwarded from Appleton PC re proposed housing development by Bloor Homes for 79 homes – forwarded for information.

It was reported that Appleton Parish Council are to object to the application.

- ICAN warning re bogus company claiming to be collecting £30.00 fee for green bin collection on behalf of WBC – link on website and posted on social media.
- Approach from Stockton Heath Parish Council requesting local Parish Councils incorporate a % increase in pre-cept to accommodate funding the Library. Response sent advising pre-cept already approved and advised to WBC.

P125 Christmas Tree lighting at Lower Stretton

Cllr L Jones reported that lights at Lower Stretton had stopped working prior to Christmas. Following removal by Green it was reported that the lights had been intentionally damaged. It was noted that 3 replacement sets would be required for 2017 Christmas period (2x damaged, 1x broken), with a review to continuing with tree lighting to be undertaken if further vandalism occurs.

P126 Advertising Banners / Signs

In addition to resolution within P124 it was agreed that a helpful guide for erecting advertising signs etc be added to the Stretton Parish Council website.

P127 Parking Outside Stretton Medical Centre

Ongoing parking issues reported with cars double parking and grass churned up. Clerk to request WBC to review and consider triangle for additional parking. Cllr representative to meet up with WBC as required.

P128	Replacement / additional litter bins for the A49 Layby near Spire
	A number of bins have been lost along this stretch, with remaining ones overflowing. Sandwich van customers may be exacerbating the issue. Clerk to request replacement / additional bins from WBC and chase request from WBC for details of sandwich van contract regarding litter.
P129	Tree branches overhanging footpath outside Nursery opposite the Beehive
	Tree branches hanging down. Cllr to confirm to Clerk whether action already taken, otherwise Clerk to write to Nursery requesting them to be cut back.
P130	Issues relating to A559
	Drains reportedly reviewed on A559 and not deemed severe enough for action. Clerk to continue to report potential dangerous damaged drains which could prove fatally dangerous, especially to cyclists.
P131	Recognition of resident's input to improving the borough
	It was agreed that the Clerk draft a poster for the website/noticeboards requesting residents to put forward names for 'Star Resident' for individuals who contribute to the Borough, e.g. improving the overall look of the borough by litter picking, etc.
	Thank you article to be included on website and annual newsletter.
P132	2016/17 Project updates
P132.1	Village Betterment
	Work to cut back and plant up area between the roundabout and layby in course of completion with £80.00 reduction in overall invoice advised by contractor.
P132.2	Village Signs
	Cllr L Jones reported the vandalism of new Borough sign situation at entrance to Pewterspear. Cost of repair requested from supplier, with other options to be considered if cost prohibitive.
	Given usual low level of vandalism in the area and the cost to purchase and erect the signs, PCSO in attendance at the meeting and keen to support action to identify the person/people responsible. All information welcome – incident reference 0717036515 .
	PCSO S Parr to enforce the Council's aim to pursue the matter by delivering leaflets to the Pewterspear area, and acting as point of contact alongside Clerk. Chair thanked S Parr for his/the Police's support.
P133	PCSO Report
	As PCSO S Parr had to leave the meeting he briefly updated the Council on Police matters. Following concern raised by residents relating to the speed of vehicles on Stretton roads, Warrington South shortly due to operate the Trucam speed camera within Stretton and nearby Hatton.

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2017/18 Projects

Continuance of planting up the verge along A49 Tarpoley Road between Beehive and Jct 10 of M56 raised. It was agreed to allow new plants to mature before considering more planting along this area.

Open invitation to residents to be considered, asking for proposals to be put forward as to what areas/ideas residents would like the Parish Council to consider as part of a Community Engagement project. Open Day, involvement of St Matthew's School and/or stall at Stretton Walking Day to meet Councillors suggested. Cllrs to review Engagement ideas and report back at next meeting, outlining required actions/outcomes.

Cleaning contract considered for all 'Stretton' signs to ensure longevity. Quotes to be obtained to consider adopting as a project at a future meeting.

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Councillor Issues

Street lights on Stretton Road out, some already reported. Clerk to report any additional broken lights and chase existing report.

Issues relating to A559 to be split out on separate document and sent to WBC/Highways. Dropped grids reported again.

Fly tipping on Hatton Lane reported and collected.

Supplementary Planning document recently sent to Councillors – to be added to next Agenda, with required actions/outcomes.

Bendy bollard on side of A559. Drivers facing back of sign facing other way – danger of drivers not realising there is a reservation in the roads, particularly in poor weather conditions.

A49 from Lower Stretton to Stockton Heath – cars creating two lanes (one to turn into Stretton Road), which when cars are parked on opposite side of the road (particularly on double yellow lines) are causing opposing vehicles to have to slow right down or stop.

Debris on M56 roundabout Jct 10 and hedges not cut back on left hand side of A49 (opposite old Hollow Tree). Clerk to request cut back and rubbish to be picked up.

Gullies on south side of M56 Jct 10 island blocked – already reported to WBC with pictures provided.

Complaint received from resident regarding proposed potholes on Spark Hall Close being repaired ahead of major roads where potholes have been reported and remain outstanding.

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Public Forum

Footpaths as identified above on A49, Hatton Lane and Stockley Road reporting overgrown hedges – Stockley Road and A49 already reported to WBC, Clerk to contact Hatton Lane resident to request cut back of hedge.

Query regarding reportable content of Public Forum comments with Minutes raised. Guidance on formal Minute content within Public Forum session to be raised with ChALC and reported back to Parish Council and resident.

Resolution regarding closure of library put forward by resident for Council consideration. Council **resolved** not to support the request. Resident has requested library closure to be added to next Agenda, required actions/outcomes to be advised.

Resident raised potential Projects for consideration – area between Beehive to M56 Jct 10 roundabout. Tree planting project across Borough. To be added to next Agenda, with required actions/outcomes.

	<p>Noting previous comments regarding communication to Councillors at unsociable hours – consider listing email addresses on website? All current contact made via Clerk email address – strettonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk or telephone.</p> <p>Tree next to map – binding too tight. Contact to be with contractor to address.</p>
<p>P137</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Apologies received in advance from Cllr T Lyons and Cllr P Lyons.</p>
<p>P138</p>	<p>Meeting Closure</p> <p>Chair closed the meeting at 9:15pm.</p> <p>Signed as a true record:</p> <p>.....(Chairman) 6th March 2017</p>

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