

**STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Matthews**  
**Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton on Monday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

Councillors in attendance:

L. Jones - Chairperson  
J. Higgins  
T. Lyons  
B. Jones  
D. Buckley  
D. Hutchinson

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

**N131 Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr J. Furber.

**N132 Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the previous meeting (1<sup>st</sup> February 2015) were agreed and signed as a true record.

**N133 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.

**N134 Planning Applications/Issues**

**N134.1 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received at this point.

**N134.2 Domestic Planning Applications (1)**

**Application reference 2016/27430**

**Location: New Farm, Spark Hall Close, Stretton, Warrington, WA4 4NU**

Description of development – proposed two storey extension to side and rear and removal of existing side extension

It was noted that WBC would ensure compliance of existing planning rules.

**NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED**

**Commercial Planning Applications (0)**

**Notice of Decisions (0)**

**Notice of Appeal (0)**

**Appeal Decision (0)**

**Cost Decision (0)**

**Withdrawn (0)**

**N135 Finance**

**N135.1 Accounts Requiring Authorisation for Payment**

G. Lett – Standing Order  
Salary/Expenses  
Cheque No. 576

£278.52

Green  
Collect, install and remove 4x sets of lights at PGT  
Cheque No. 577

£186.00

ChALC  
Training Courses for 2x Cllrs  
Cheque No. 578

£ 60.00

It was unanimously agreed that payment be made.

**Total £ 524.52**

**N136 Correspondence**

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

**Letter to Stretton Medical Centre (SMC)**

Letter sent to SMC asking if they wished to consider initiating contact with HCA regarding potential new build development at Pewterspear (Henbury Gardens towards St Matthew's School land), given capacity and parking constraints at existing Centre. Clerk advised no response received to date. Further action approved within N139.

**Training Schedule**

Copy of ChALC training plan already sent to Cllrs. Any requests from Cllrs to be sent to Clerk directly.

**John Lawson**

Personal request received from John Lawson, Whitley raising awareness of a local planning application appeal which could impact on HGV traffic on A559. It was resolved that Stretton Parish Council raise an objection to the application, given additional traffic impact on this road.

Regarding A559 in general, Cllr L. Jones advised that Cheshire West/East reported no major road problems on this road. Ian Stewardson, Cheshire Constabulary Traffic Department, suggested the potential for the council/highways to purchase land and widen road.

It was noted that traffic issues on A559 remain an ongoing Agenda item with Stretton PC to arrange a meeting with Ian Stewardson and inviting neighbouring Parish Councils to attend, who are affected along

this route.

**Cllr P. Kennedy**

Copy of Creamfields approval for additional day forwarded for our records.

Borough Council information forwarded to be retained on file should any resident raise a query relating to Travellers.

**Cheshire Community Action**

CCA has instigated a Community Transport Survey covering the region, requesting public feedback on local Public Transport. It was unanimously agreed that the link to the Survey be added to the website and newsagent noticeboard.

**Development Management Committee**

Report already sent to Cllrs. No action required.

**Parish Council Elections**

Outline process and dates etc sent to Cllrs.

**N137 Registering the Ring O'Bells as a community asset**

Cllr J. Higgins gave an update on the Community Asset application, with a decision to be made by 13th March. Cllr P. Kennedy suggested the need for WBC to raise the profile of Community Asset Scheme.

**N138 Electoral Boundary Review**

Changes to local electoral boundaries raised by D. Mowat, MP in Parliament. Matter debated however proposed changes ultimately passed. Cllrs raised concern regarding the replacement of 1 point of contact, with knowledgeable understanding of rural issues, with 3 new Borough Cllrs. It was noted that there would be a preference to have 1 point of contact within the new structure.

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

**N139 Stretton Medical Centre**

Following on from comments made under N136 it was agreed that the Clerk send a polite follow up letter to SMC.

**N140 Pewterspear Trustees Update**

Cllr T. Lyons reported that the Trustees were currently seeking Board approval for Pavilion redevelopment plans, covering 3 main areas; Sports, Community and Functions.

**N141 Anniversary Celebration Event / Family Fun Day**

Cllr T. Lyons reported that a Committee had been formed combining football/cricket representatives, with a view to arranging a Village Fun Day - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May proposed. Committee also looking to engage local suppliers in helping to deliver the event.

**N142 Projects;**

**N142.1 Village Betterment**

Cllr L. Jones reported that a significant amount of work had been undertaken to improve the verges between Beehive and M56 roundabout.

Village Planters approved at February meeting, with chosen company AMS Landscapes Ltd now appointed. Cllr L. Jones to meet with to discuss delivery and installation.

Footpath along A49 towards Tarporley eroding with verges becoming overgrown. Pricing for cut back and clearing of path to be sought from AMS.

#### **N142.2 Signage**

Order for new Village signs placed and currently being made. Delivery and installation date not yet known.

#### **N143 Councillor Issues**

##### **Cllr J. Higgins**

Cllr raised the issue of the need to agree Standing Orders for the Parish Council. Cllr Higgins had already had a conversation with Jackie Weaver from ChALC and she had provided a Model Standing Orders document as a starting point. A copy of Hatton PC's Standing Orders has also been circulated. After some discussion as to how to proceed, it was resolved that all Cllrs are to consider which points they want to include. It was also resolved that the Clerk contact ChALC and Ann Wright of WBC to clarify which points must form part of the document.

Cllr J. Higgins thanked resident Dion Camm for his input in litter picking around the M56 roundabout. Having approved purchase of litter pickers at February 2015 Meeting, it was agreed that the Clerk progress purchase.

Drains situated at Hall Lane, Lower Stretton continue to flood. Road cleaner has been reported on the road however the situation continues.

Last drain before roundabout junction on Northwich Road not draining. Previously reported to S. Walls. Clerk to progress complaint.

##### **Cllr D. Buckley**

Number of advertising signs in lay-by approaching M56 roundabout increasing and affecting the appearance of the Village. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Park Royal to request removal of advertising signs around the field and lay-by. Action to remove all other signs to be undertaken.

##### **Cllr T. Lyons**

Number of potholes remain between 38 Hatton Rd and Stretton Medical Centre. Clerk to report.

Speeding continues to be an issue outside the Business Centre on Stretton Road, with the 30 sign obscured by overgrown hedge, potentially privately owned. Need to establish who owns the land. Clerk to investigate how to proceed.

30 sign near St Matthew's Church towards Beehive obscured. Clerk to report.

Query raised regarding documentation storage, however it was noted existing arrangements incur no costs.

##### **Cllr B. Jones**

None to report.

##### **Cllr D. Hutchinson**

Cllr Hutchinson reported exhaust dumped at M56 roundabout. Clerk to request removal.

Potholes reported outside Barns heading out of the village towards Appleton Thorn. Clerk to report.

##### **Cllr L. Jones**

Weight of HGV's using A559 causing grids to drop. Clerk to report.

Following February's meeting Clerk approached PCSO to request 30 speed check be moved near entrance to Hollies. Stephen Parr advised this was a 40 zone and couldn't therefore be moved there. Cllr Jones advised that the proposed site was a 30 zone and requested speed check be moved. Clerk to request.

**N144 Public Forum**

No Resident issues raised.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

**N145 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Signed as a true record:

.....(Chairman)  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2016