

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council held in St Matthew's Church Hall, Stretton Road, Stretton on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7:30pm

Councillor in attendance:

L Jones – Chairperson
B Jones
T Lyons
D Buckley
J Fox

Also present:

Ward Councillor J Wheeler – arrived Item P177
G Lett – Clerk to the Council

3 Residents

P174	Election of Chair and Vice Chair It was resolved that Cllr L Jones be appointed Chair and Cllr D Buckley Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.
P175	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr J Higgins and Cllr P Lyons. Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms signed.
P176	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes of the previous meeting (3 rd April 2017) were agreed and signed as a true record.
P177	Presentation by PCSO Stephen Parr Steve Parr reported stats for last month within Stretton, along Hatton Lane: out of c.70 vehicles 21 drivers reported over the speed limit with Fixed Penalty Notices sent to all. Top speed 55mph. Training of Trucam rolled out to more officers and should therefore be more visible.

Cllr J Wheeler entered the meeting.

Problem with cars parking on Stretton Road, causing safety issues at school drop off/pick up times. S Parr to review. Cars also parking on pavement on London Road, again causing safety issues. Residents encouraged to take photographic evidence or report to S Parr directly who will try to attend if available.

Individual reported on bike around Pewterspear wearing balaclava – reportedly known to Police and not considered a danger.

Near miss at Cat & Lion junction due to vehicle running a red light. Again request to gain evidence if able, to assist Police.

Fir Tree Close – lorries parking up despite vehicle size restriction. Cllr J Wheeler to forward emails to S Parr.

P178 Planning Applications/Issues

P178.1 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received at this point.

P178.2 Domestic Planning Applications (5)

Application reference: 2017/30229

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

Description of development: Outline Planning with all matters reserved – proposed detached three bedroomed dwelling for use of farm

Applicant: Mr J Thwaites

Received: 20th April 2017

Decision: IT WAS RESOLVED TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION – GREENBELT LAND WITH EXISTING PREMISES ON LAND TO SERVICE FARM

Application reference: 2017/30249

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

Description of development: Discharge of Conditions – proposed discharge of conditions 6 (Boundary Treatment), 7 (External Roofing and Facing Material) and 9 (New Vehicle access) on approved application 2015/26101

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Received: 20th April 2017

Decision: TO BE CONSIDERED BY WBC WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES

Application reference: 2017/30246

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

Description of development: Discharge of Conditions – proposed discharge of conditions 4 (Programme of Archaeological work) and 6 (installation of obscured glass) on approved application 2015/28344

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Received: 20th April 2017

Decision: TO BE CONSIDERED BY WBC WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES

Application reference: 2017/30257

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

Description of development: Discharge of Condition – proposed discharge of condition 10 (submission of tree protection plan) on previously approved application 2015/26101

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Received: 25th April 2017

Decision: TO BE CONSIDERED BY WBC WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES

Application reference: 2017/30124

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

Description of development: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) on approved application 2016/28344 (reserved matters application for two dwellings (layout scale appearance and landscaping)

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Received: 4th April 2017

Decision: TO BE CONSIDERED BY WBC WITHIN THEIR GUIDELINES

Notice of Decisions (3)

Application reference: 2017/29961

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

Description of development: Non-material amendment – proposed relocation of bedroom 3 from the roof to first and introduction of gables to front and rear elevations

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Decision: REFUSED

Application reference: 2017/29631

Location: WALNUT TREE FARM, NORTHWICH ROAD, STRETTON, WA4 5JW

Description of development: Non-material amendment – proposed internal layout and amendment to door/window opening on application 2004/03434

Decision: APPROVED

Application reference: 2016/28993

Location: ROADSIDE FARM, LONDON ROAD, WARRINGTON, WA4 5PG

Description of development: Outline planning consent including access, scale, layout and appearance, with landscaping as a reserved matter – demolition of existing

derelict barn/partial demolition of barn and the erection of 3 dwellings with improved access off London Road

Decision: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Withdrawn (1)

Application reference: 2017/30130

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

Description of development: Discharge of Conditions – proposed discharge of conditions 6 (Boundary Treatment), 9 (New Vehicle access) and 10 (tree protection) on approved application 2015/26101

Applicant: Mr Peter Jones

Decision: CANCELLED

Commercial Planning Applications (0)

Notice of Appeal (0)

Appeal Decision (0)

Cost Decision (0)

P178.3 Complaint relating to 2016/28993 ROADSIDE FARM, LONDON ROAD

Clerk reported the events relating to the non-recognition by WBC of the objection lodged by Stretton Parish Council in relation to the above application. No response to letter of complaint received to date, therefore Clerk to telephone WBC next day to request update. Matter to be escalated to Chief Executive if not dealt with promptly.

P179 Finance

P179.1 Accounts Authorised/Requiring Payment

G Lett - Clerk Gross Salary and expenses Cheque No. 633	£278.52
L Jones Reimbursement for flowers for Cllr J Higgins Cheque No. 634	£35.00
Community Lincs Insurance Annual insurance renewal Cheque No. 635	£322.97

D Buckley Reimbursement for website costs (March & April) Cheque No. 636	£29.94
G Lett Reimbursement of stationery supplies (paper) Cheque No. 637	£9.00
Shires Pay Services Ltd Monthly fee x3 months Cheque No. 638	£24.00
John DeLooze Replacement of Village sign at Pewterspear Green Road Cheque No. 639	£150.00
Shires Pay Services Ltd Payroll – February & March Cheque No. 640	£16.00
Total	£865.43

All payments were approved

P179.2 Financial Year End Figures

It was resolved that the accounting/governance statement for the period ending 31 March 2017 be approved for submission to Auditor.

P179.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was resolved that Clerk approach current Internal Auditor to undertake audit for 2016/17 period.

P180 Review of Clerk's hours

Following review of workflow, it was resolved to increase the number of weekly hours from 5 to 8 with immediate effect.

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Correspondence

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

- Invitation to Pewterspear Green Trust AGM – 7th June, Cllr T Lyons attending, invitation sent to Chair
- Speeding update from Warrington South police – speed camera in effect 1 hour on Hatton Lane: 21 out of c.70 vehicles speeding, all to receive a Fixed Penalty Notice, highest speed 55mph (local resident)
- SID on loan to Hatton Parish Council covering border to Stretton – analysis over a number of days/times - 55.7% of vehicles driving in excess of 36mph
- Creamfields Residents Road Access Passes – requested details from Event Organisers for 2017
- Alleged felling of trees next to Primrose Cottage – reported, case closed - no breach
- Concerns raised by member of the Public in relation to the above address – advised no planning application received to date. Will inform if forthcoming
- Cameras situated around Cat & Lion junction – Belong to Company, Nationwide Data Collection, erected for traffic counts i.e. film data and then analyse in house – the survey was covering traffic at the junction of Stretton Rd./Tarpoley Rd./London Rd./Hatton Ln on 4th April. Highways not aware of cameras – potentially private use
- Email sent from Walton Parish Council to WBC registering the intention to apply for the ward boundary name to be changed to include Walton, Hatton and Stretton

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the private company who erected cameras at the Cat & Lion junction in order to establish what the data is to be used for. Also to establish if a private company requires approval to erect such equipment from WBC.

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St Matthew's Preschool

Item removed, no information available at time of meeting.

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Replanting of Village Planters

It was **resolved** to approve quote received to plant summer flowers across all Stretton PC owned planters - £125 and further £30 one-off payment to water new shrubs near layby on A49.

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Calor Rural Community Fund

Details received relating to available funding competition from Calor for projects across the rural community. To be forwarded to Cllr T Lyons re PGT.

P185**The Great Get Together**

Nationwide event to be held on 17/18th June to mark first anniversary of Jo Cox's murder. Councillors considered timeframe too soon to effectively organise/promote an event this year but would look to arrange event(s) for 2018, if to be run annually.

P186**2017 Newsletter**

Closing date for outstanding articles agreed for Friday 12th May.

P187**Councillor Issues**

Current Issues:

A559 – questioned whether there is budget available to repair road

A49 Tarporley Road – hedges require earliest cut back allowing for nesting birds

New Issues:

Knotweed requires spraying – Stretton Road and Hatton Lane – Clerk to report

Cat & Lion junction – lights sequence has changed – Clerk to request details as cars more likely to run a red light if less cars are being let through

Cat & Lion has cut hedge back – considered too low by resident. Cllrs have visited the site and area looked much improved, not deemed an issue to progress

Bin by Cat & Lion bus stop not emptied as often as other bins – Clerk to report

A board erected on kerb by Cat & Lion – Clerk to report and send letter to pub requesting relocation on own property

Banner erected near layby – Clerk to send letter to company

A board outside Ring O' Bells in Lower Stretton in dangerous position - as resident with zimmer frame cannot get past and cyclists cannot use the cycle lane

Other Comments:

Agreed to relocate SID to A559

Verges have been cut back – Clerk to thank WBC and request Schedule of Works

P188**Public Forum**

Public Rights of Way (PROW) Footpath Warden – current resident has been unable to attend meetings due to day/time of set meetings and has therefore suggested that the role / offer to attend meetings on behalf of Stretton Parish Council be extended. It was agreed to include an article within the newsletter.

Broken fence near Stretton Fox footpath has been replaced with a double gate. Already reported to PROW but Clerk to write to reiterate area not to be used for access.

Level of rubbish left now more evident following cut back of verges – can WBC dovetail cut backs with litter picks?

Resident enquired whether Stretton Parish Council could afford to appoint a Ranger? Clerk to request costs from Stockton Heath / Appleton and report back. Ascertain what duties can be undertaken and which are excluded due to health and safety. To be added as an Agenda item in June.

A559 Highways consultation still in course – Clerk to request expected timeframe.

Cheshire West are undertaking extensive road repairs on A559 – can WBC not liaise so work can be undertaken within Lower Stretton whilst road already closed? Cllr J Wheeler to investigate.

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will take place as follows;

Monthly Meeting – Monday 5th June 2017 at 7:30pm

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Meeting Closure

Chair closed the meeting at 9:05pm.

Signed as a true record:

..... (Chairman)
5th June 2017