

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council Remote meeting held on Monday 5th October 2020 at 6:30pm

Councillors in attendance:

Cllr L Jones – Chair
Cllr D Buckley – Vice Chair
Cllr B Jones
Cllr A Lyons
Cllr P Lyons
Cllr J Doherty
Cllr P Marshall – from Item R147

Others Present:

Ward Cllr J Wheeler – from Item R147
G Lett – Clerk to the Council

R141	<p>Apologies</p> <p>It is noted that Ward Cllr J Wheeler tried to attend the monthly meeting on 14th September but missed the change in start time to 6:30pm. Ward Cllr J Wheeler is due to attend this meeting but will miss the start. No further apologies received.</p>
R142	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>No members of the public in attendance.</p>
R143	<p>Approval of previous Minutes</p> <p>Minutes for the Monthly Meeting of 14th September 2020 were signed as a true copy.</p>
R144	<p>South Warrington Parishes Joint Working Group (SWP)</p> <p>All updated reports from SWP Group forwarded to Cllrs. Latest update received 5th October – contents to be reviewed by Cllrs and any attendance to the Parish Group presentation on 29th October to be communicated via email and confirmed to Clerk.</p>
R145	<p>Finance</p>
R145.1	<p>Finance papers for October payments were approved as below.</p>

G Lett Salary and Expenses (August) Cheque No. 803	£421.33
P Lovell Gift for completion of internal audit 2020 Cheque No. 804	£50.00
Beechwood Industries Ltd (Primrose Hill Nurseries) Winter flowers for 5x planters Cheque No. 805	£182.50
Total	£653.83

R145.2 Budget for Remembrance Wreath

£30 Budget approved.

R146 Planning Applications/Issues

R146.1 No Declaration of Interests reported.

R146.2 Planning

Domestic Planning Applications (1)

Application No: 2020/37746
Location: 382, LONDON ROAD, WARRINGTON, WA4 5PW
Proposal: Householder - Proposed widening of existing dropped kerb
Applicant: PAUL FLAHERTY
Received: 16th September 2020

No objections received.

Update on protracted Domestic Planning Applications (3)

Summit Close, Lower Stretton

Application No: 2019/36115
Location: Land at Summit Close, Summit Close, Stretton, Warrington, WA4 4NN
Proposal: Full Planning - Proposed Agricultural building to store farm equipment
Applicant: Jack Thwaites
Received: 19th November 2019

Hall Lane, Lower Stretton

2019/36185

Location: THE MEADOWS, HALL LANE, STRETTON, WARRINGTON, WA4 4NY

Proposal: Full Planning - Proposed retention of 2no. chalet buildings (Chalets A and C) and the partial demolition of existing storage building

Applicant: Mrs G Camm and Mrs D Seldon C/O IBA Planning Ltd

Received: 4 December 2019

Land north of Hall Lane, Lower Stretton

2019/34771

Location: Land north of Hall Lane, Lower Stretton, WARRINGTON, WA4 4NY

Proposal: Variation of condition - Proposed Variation of Conditions 1 (approved plans), Condition 3 (occupation of site) and Condition 5 (number of caravans/mobile homes on site) of planning permission 2011/18728 to allow for the replacement of 1no. touring caravan with 1no. mobile home

Applicant: Mrs G Camm and Mrs D Sheldon, C/O Agent

Received 25th April 2019RESPONSES FROM CASE MANAGER, WBC PLANNING*If they are going to be approved, I'm looking at getting both to the same committee as soon as possible.**2019/36115 Summit Close is also ready to go and if it is going to be approved, will be going to October Committee.**Refusals will just be refused.***Notification of Development Management Committee (DMC) Meeting (0)**<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/development-management-committee-minutes-agendas-and-reports>

Date of DMC: 30 September 2020 – no Stretton related cases on Agenda, Delegated Decisions sent to Cllrs separately.

Enforcement Cases

ENF/20/08123 - Hardcore laid at property in Summit Close, Lower Stretton. No visit undertaken as at 29/9/2020.

Formal Notice of Decisions (0)**Commercial Planning Applications (0)****Formal Notice of Appeal (0)****Withdrawn (0)****Cost Decision (0)**

R147

Update on Projects

Planters – all winter/spring bulb planting completed. ***Cllr P Marshall entered the meeting (IT difficulties).***

Noticeboard – Grants applied for replacement of broken noticeboard at Lower Stretton. Unable to apply to Road Safety Trust funding as does not fit criteria (min £20k). ***It was resolved*** that Budget of £900 be approved, representing 50% of quote received for noticeboard at Pewterspear Green Road. Clerk to refer to WBC re options for siting, potentially near bus stop.

SID/Batteries – Grants applied for second SID, with 2x replacement batteries ordered as per September approval.

Christmas Trees – when last reviewed AMS approached, but no longer undertaking such work; Arborist Consultant located in Knutsford, but general enquiry to costs high; artificial trees too costly. New request made to Primrose Hill Nurseries, meeting to be arranged to review tree/conditions at Stretton. Invite to be sent to Cllr A Lyons. ***Ward Cllr J Wheeler entered the meeting.***

Replacement plaque at Lower Stretton Christmas Tree required. Clerk to research who made original plaque and obtain quotes for replacement.

R148

Correspondence

- WBC Consultations – link to all live Consultations
<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/consultations>
- PCC Consultation link; <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/news/latest-news/2020/09/have-your-say-on-road-safety/>
 - Police Stats –<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/cheshire-constabulary/hatton-stretton-and-walton/>
- PCSO reported;
 - Criminal Damage Partridge Public House 13/09/2020, occupants of room damaged window,
 - Speed enforcement: 4 x Hatton Lane, Stretton 36 activations Highest speed 47mph, 2 x Stretton Road 0 activations.
 - ASB: Nothing reported to Police, regular checks made in particular to Pewterspear Green and Pavilion areas, all quiet.
- Traffic Notices received sent out to Cllrs.
- Phil Pegum confirmed he is happy to continue with representing SPC on PGT Board for a further 12-month period.
- Update on activity undertaken by SPC in previous months sent to Lower Stretton Residents Group.
- Lack of response from Highways, WBC reported to Ward Cllr and further chaser email sent from SPC also highlighting whether the Road Safety Funding Initiative could be utilised to draw the matter to a conclusion.

Email received from Highways detailing the possible proposals for A559, as follows, however Clerk reported back on crumbling nature of grids along the route and the fact removing the chicanes would not eradicate this dangerous problem.

Firstly my sincere apologies for the delay in responding. A substantial amount of time in our team had been redirected to covering Covid-19 Borough restart and there has been an unfortunate delay in all of our correspondence though it is fully appreciated that for stakeholders' specific concerns still remain a priority and the delay a frustration.

Last week we had a meeting to identify priority schemes and focus areas after completing the bulk of the Covid-19 restart works to which A559 Northwich Road was identified so I can assure you this has not been forgotten.

By way of recap;

- Removal of HGVs from the route is not an option as the road carries an A classification and the right of access from the motorway to the industrial areas of north Cheshire West and Chester must be maintained and any potential alternative routes are also extremely problematic for drivers, residents and stakeholders.*
- A bypass is a non-starter unfortunately due to it £7.6m estimated construction cost and a negative Benefit Cost Ratio which identified that for every pound invested in the scheme it would cost the economy £3.8m over its design lifetime. A negative BCR of .50 is identified by the Department of Transport as a 'very poor value for money', and hence why we are unable to take this forward.*
- The removal of the chicanes and the provision of average speed cameras from the motorway to borough boundary has been offered and viewed by officers as a method of dealing with speed and pavement mounting. With police support this could be further advanced with a 20mph speed limit through the village that is managed by the average speed cameras.*
- Local widening is an option but this will require land take to provision a carriageway width that removes any verge overrun by HGV and LGV vehicles and where able wider footpaths for better pedestrian accessibility. This is a longer process as there is an extended legal process to have the land dedicated to highway or purchased; with the latter having the potential but not necessarily introducing additional delay due to the additional funding resource requirement.*
- The police have provided the offer of support with mobile camera enforcement however; this would have been a very limited resource resulting in very little enforcement time if there were an area for the van to be able to park safely whilst not causing a route accessibility.*

The quickest provision is likely to be the average speed cameras noted above which would be enforceable 24/7 along the whole length and not just at a single location that a static camera would cover or the reduced times of enforcement by a police mobile camera unit.

I have contacted the Highway Inspector for support in verge hedge and tree management to ensure the full width of the carriageway can be utilised throughout and I have also requested a site meeting with a colleague to look at the overgrowth of

footpaths and the road to ensure we have the full width of both available to provide as safe an environment as we can in the short term.

I have to be honest and say that when using the route outside of the working day in addition to what we have previously identified the average speed cameras are the only option officers can identify that provides a permanently managed route in relation to speed and the removal of the existing chicanes which are causing poor vehicle manoeuvring and congestion back through the village and into the motorway roundabout.

All of our proposals above can be provisioned through existing council funding streams, however; the more potential funding availability through additional sources will always be of benefit. Philip would it be possible for us to have a chat about this potential funding stream and what we may be able to achieve from this?

I will update you further when I have had correspondence from colleagues noted above but would ask that real consideration be given to the camera provisioned and I apologise again for the delay in this response.

Only viable option proposed by Highways remains the removal of chicanes and implementation of average speed cameras, which is **strongly resisted** by the PC and residents alike.

It was agreed that the Clerk;

- 1) Initially approach Highways to challenge the classification of A559's suitability as an A road, and not a B road. To escalate further if required. Ward Cllr J Wheeler reported that HGVs are able to use B roads, however it was noted that a weight restriction may be effective.
- 2) Approach ChALC to enquire whether other small villages have experienced similar issues and resultant action taken.
- 3) Request a FOI on whether any other local village has reported similar problems and their outcomes.
- 4) Request to Highways that any meeting to review A559 road options to include PC representation.

Cllr J Doherty to take forward advice from personal contacts and update PC at next meeting.

- Right to Contest Snapshot Online Survey – sent to Cllrs. Clerk to complete response.

R149

Councillors Issues

- Christmas Tree plaque – Clerk to review work undertaken by Lower Stretton resident as potential for replacement plaque.
- Parking of Lower Stretton resident causing obstruction to pedestrians on pavement. Photo to be forwarded and Clerk to raise with PCSO.
- Gullies from Jct 10 M56 roundabout up Northwich Road recently cleared but drains blocked. Clerk to report.

- Cancellation of Twinkling Stretton events to be reported on website (Clerk) and Facebook (Cllr P Marshall). Cllr A Lyons to check lights and approach Green to put lights on trees.

R150

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The **MONTHLY MEETING** is due to take place on **Monday 2nd November 2020 at 6:30 pm.**

Meeting closed at 7:10pm. Signed as a true record:

..... (Chairman)
2nd November 2020

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