

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00PM
IN THE PRIORY CENTRE, CHURCH ROAD, STRETTON**

The following members of the Council were present:

Mr J McKiernan	Chair
Mrs K Winson	Vice Chair
Mr G Taylor	
Mr E Satchwell	
Mr T Williams	
Mr P Scanlan	
Mr C McKiernan	
Mr C Lawton	
Mrs V Atkin	
Mr M Goode	Youth Representative
Mr K Sherriff	

Also present were the clerk, Cllrs Milner, Clarke and Spedding (ESBC), Cllr B Peters (SCC), the Burton Mail reporter and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

1718-068

A resident of Horton Avenue attended for an update on football traffic parking problems which had been outlined at the September meeting. It was noted that signs are put out on Beech Avenue advising residents parking only and when the resident approached the club he was told that Horton Avenue is not in the catchment. The Parish Council were sympathetic to the problems and agreed to investigate residents only parking signs.

Mr Lamb :

* Knights Keep are promoting the site as being within walking distance of primary and secondary schools but there is no guarantee that children will be able to go to the local schools. Clarification from SCC is being sought.

* Large concern over Midland Classic bus routes. Athlestone Way and Bitham Lane have been taken out of one route which now goes along Rolleston Road to go to Tutbury. Complaints continue to be made with regard to the recent change to the route of No 17 taking out Claymills and Hillfield Lane. Midland Classic have advised that there are not enough passengers but this would equate to paying passengers as those with bus passes regularly use the routes. It was noted that SCC will be cutting the subsidies by upto 70% which has a big impact. SCC Cllr Peters commented that the cut in subsidies leads to a cut in service and the bus companies need to make profits but he would support any campaign to restore services to Stretton.

* Enquired about the search for cemetery land. The Chair updated that no land had been found as yet but some approaches had been rejected. Cllr Goode commented that it is proving difficult to get land for this use and at the only option will be the burial areas at Stapenhill and Rolleston.

2. APOLOGIES

1718-069

Apologies were received from Cllr S Tilley and Miss B Aston (Youth Representative).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017

1718-070

The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr K Winson and seconded by Cllr C McKiernan with all present in favour.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

1718-071

Cllr K Winson expressed an interest with regard to 1718-089 Maintenance Contractor.

5. MATTERS RAISED BY CHAIR/COUNCILLOR/CLERK**1718-072 Complaint to ESBC – Election Leaflet by Conservative Candidate**

A copy of the documentation in relation to this item was distributed to Cllrs. The Clerk read out the letter of complaint relating to the false statements made in the campaign leaflet by Mr Spedding that Stretton Speedwatch had been organised and run by SCC Cllr Peters; and also the response from Mr O'Brien at ESBC.

ESBC Cllr Spedding responded that he had not been aware of the false statements until contacted by Cllr Lawton and that this had been a mistake by the campaign manager. ESBC Cllr Spedding explained that he was apologetic and that he wanted to look to the future.

ESBC Cllr Spedding was asked how this had happened and he responded that following conversations with residents it had been noted that a big concern was safety and the second leaflet had been printed but with no input from himself.

Cllr Lawton enquired how many people had had the leaflet, would ESBC Cllr Spedding be rectifying the false information with a statement as this needs to be put right and the residents of Stretton told the truth.

Cllr Williams suggested that a formal apology and explanation of the truth be made through the Burton Mail as this would put the mistake right as best it could. This was echoed by Cllr Goode and he advised ESBC Cllr Spedding that his credibility was at stake and he needed to rebuild a bridge with the Parish Council.

Cllr Scanlan commented that an apology within the Burton Mail would also highlight the Speedwatch scheme and so something positive could be achieved.

SCC Cllr Peters commented that he was not aware of how his name had become part of the this and included on the leaflet.

Cllr Scanlan responded that the leaflet had not made a general incorrect statement but a specific point had been made with regard to SCC Cllr Peters and the Stretton Speedwatch Scheme. Cllr Scanlan commented that the damage had been done and now the Parish Council and Cllr Lawton deserved a public apology and reassurance that nothing like this would happen again.

1718-073 Cllr K Winson – School Parking around Hall Green Avenue

Cllr Winson advised that a number of residents on Hall Green Avenue and Priorylands were experiencing problems with parking nuisance and obstructions at school times. Cllr Winson stated that the housing estate was not designed for this amount of traffic, the entrance onto Church Road is often blocked by parking, pavements are blocked by parked vehicles and also double yellow lines. There has not been any enforcement in the area. Cllr Winson asked SCC Cllr Peters about the scheme that had been used on Brizlincote Way to tackle parking issues from Violet Way Academy and he responded that a private company had been employed to enforce bad and irresponsible parking for two weeks taking registration numbers via a mobile vehicle with a camera periscope. SCC Cllr Peters advised that this had been a short term deterrent because when new child start in September the problems start again. Cllr Winson enquired if Hall Green Avenue, Priorylands, Fairham Road and Jordan Avenue could have signs for residents only parking. It was suggested that the school be asked to put a reminder on the school newsletter about considerate parking and ask the PCSO's for some presence in the area.

1718-074 Cllr J McKiernan – Christmas Lights at Jubilee Parking Playing Field

Cllr J McKiernan suggested that some Christmas lights be erected into the large tree at the corner of the Jubilee Playing Fields which is seen from Derby Road; as this is a gateway into Burton. Cllrs unanimously agreed that a quotation be sought for getting power to the tree.

1718-075 Cllr E Satchwell – Mud on Road

Cllr Satchwell explained his recent experience with mud on Hawkins Lane and discussions with SCC Highways and the Police. A copy of the regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Satchwell advised that he would continue to monitor.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING1718-076 Redrow Homes – Knights Keep – Public Open Space

The Chair updated on the meeting held with Redrow – the land would be transferred freehold; the surface water area will be taken over by Severn Trent Water; agreement to have a boundary fence along the top of the Jinny with the cost split 50/50; farmers access area has to be kept clear.

ESBC Cllr Milner suggested that the Parish Council check the surface water area responsibility because he thought Severn Trent would only take responsibility for a number of years before passing onto the land owner.

The Chair suggested that a meeting be held with Redrow and Severn Trent to discuss the proposal further. Cllrs unanimously agreed to this.

1718-077 ESBC – Election Update

This had been covered under Item 1718-072 above.

1718-078 William Shrewsbury Primary School – Parliamentary Review

The Clerk advised that a copy of the review publication had been given to the Council and asked if Councillors would like to receive personal copies. It was agreed that each Councillor would be given a copy.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1718-078 The following items of correspondence have been received from the sources shown and actioned as indicated. All items were available for inspection by councillors at the meeting.

i.	British Legion- <i>Lamp post Poppy Campaign</i>	A copy of the email had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllrs decided that the crossroads area adjacent to the memorial should have the poppies. It was agreed this be expanded in 2018 to mark the centenary. Cllr C Lawton and Cllr M Goode agreed to attend the St Mary's Church Remembrance Service and Cllr McKiernan and Cllr V Atkin to attend the Methodist Church.
ii.	ESBC - <i>Transforming the Trent Valley Initiative</i>	A copy of the email had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Williams had been due to attend the meeting which had subsequently been postponed until the 19 th October.
iii.	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust - <i>Transforming the Trent Valley Initiative</i>	A copy of the email had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk outlined the survey contained in the email.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS1718-079 Priory Centre Management Committee

Cllr Winson had nothing to report.

1718-080 Open Space Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Jinny Trail and Station Walk footpaths had been completed.

It was noted that the pond needs some attention – tidying up and removal of some of the growth around the edge. Cllr Scanlan suggested having some barley straw in the pond which would help to clear the water.

It was agreed to set a date for bulb planting at the Woodland, Station Walk and Beech Lane.

Cllr Williams enquired again about clearance of the path adjacent to the canal and the business units. The Clerk advised that letters had been sent to St Modwens but no response had been received or action taken.

1718-081 WW1 Commemoration

Cllr Goode updated that a meeting was scheduled on Thursday 12th October with SCC to discuss the possibility of an exhibition of the WW1 Soldier Sketchbook around the County. There may be Heritage Lottery Funding available which is has been asked that the Parish Council apply for. Cllr Goode advised that Derbyshire had also expressed an interest in having the exhibition. Cllr Scanlan asked if the launch could be at the Priory Centre and Cllr Goode stated that this may be difficult but the inaugural event would be held in Burton.

9. **REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE**

1718-082 SCC Cllr Peters :

- informed that SCC along with the National Forest undertook a tree survey and this found that Burton and East Staffordshire is under planted. SCC and ESBC are offering free trees from the Greenhouses at the Cemetery.

- continuing to liaise with Highways regarding the parking bays outside the newsagents on Main Street and enquired if the Parish Council would be happy for the bays to be removed. The Chair informed that removal of the bays could result in the closure of the newsagents business and one of the Neighbourhood Plan aims was to promote and encourage business in Stretton so therefore the Parish Council would oppose the removal of the bays. Cllr Taylor advised that SCC had had ample opportunity to remove the bays when the shop had been closed some years ago. Cllr Goode commented that the public do see the bays as a nuisance on such a busy road and Cllr Williams stated that it would not be such a problem if the correct number of cars parked in the allocated bays and only for short stay instead of permanently.

SCC/ESBC Cllr Clarke :

- commented that caution should be taken into where trees are planted and the Chair replied that the Parish Council only plant on land owned and maintained by the Parish Council.

- advised that SCC are opposed to the proposals for a collaboration of police and fire backroom services and representation has been made.

ESBC Cllr Spedding advised that Stretton Bowls Club had recently won League 2 and also took part in the Champion of Champions competition. It has been a great achievement to be promoted to Division 1 for 2018.

Cllr C Lawton updated the meeting that the first speedwatch had had to be cancelled due to the weather and the next would be taking place on 16th or 17th October. Cllr Lawton advised that Rolleston are keen to set up the scheme and it may be that the two join together.

10. **DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

1718-083 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at the Priory Centre at 7pm

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

1718-084 The Clerk had circulated a register of valid planning applications with status, prior to the meeting, for consideration and updated on the current status.

There were no comments to be made on the applications brought to the meeting.

12. FINANCE

1718-085 A copy of the payments/receipts to be made and monthly/year to date budget were circulated. Following a proposal by Cllr C McKiernan, seconded by Cllr K Winson the following payments / receipts were unanimously approved :

PAYMENTS

BAC140917	SLCC	CLERK COURSE	250.00
BAC150917	SPFA	SUBSCRIPTION	15.00
BAC160917	BRADY CORP	CCTV SIGNS	113.23
BAC170917	JEFF BANKS	BUS SHELTER WINDOW CLEAN	140.00
DD	BT	TELEPHONE / BROADBAND	47.85
DD	NPOWER	ELEC FOR HILLFIELD	81.28
DD	BT	TELEPHONE PC	102.60
BAC180917	C ALLEN	SALARY	914.73
BAC190917	A J SMITH	SALARY / REIMBURSEMENTS	2003.66
BAC200917	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR CA/AJS	725.25
DD	PEOPLES PENSION	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CA/AJS	310.18
DD	NPOWER	ELECTRIC FOR FLOODLIGHTS	24.55
BAC011017	PJC TREES SVS	WOODLAND WALK TREE DAMAGE	860.00
BAC021017	TRADE UK	SENSORS/TOILET SEAT/LIGHT	94.26
BAC031017	ST MARYS CHURCH	DONATION - FLOODLIGHTING	650.00
BAC041017	STRETTON GALA	DONATION	500.00
BAC051017	RAINBOW WASTE	BIN AND EMPTY - PARISH/PRIORY	449.92
BAC061017	M E TOMLINSON	HEDGE CUTTING	216.00
BAC071017	C WINSON	MOWING AND GEN MAINT	2016.00
BAC081017	CAMPION BROS	MOWING	1344.00
BAC091017	WILLIAM SHREWSBURY SCH	DONATION TOWARDS PARL REVIEW	500.00
BAC101017	D MCCARTHY BROS	JINNY & ST WALK PATHS	20826.00

RECEIPTS

	ESBC	YOUTH FUNDING	3000.00
	ROLLESTON JFC	TRAINING FEE	948.75
	STRETTON EAGLES	TRAINING FEE	465.00
	STRETTON EAGLES	PITCH PAYMENT	35.00
	ESBC	PRECEPT	88600.00

1718-086 The Clerk advised that now the precept has been paid into the current account the balance is large and suggested that a transfer of £50,000 be made into the deposit account. This was unanimously agreed.

1718-087 The Clerk advised that the finance for the Jinny Trail path work had been put into Village Projects budget line and asked that it be moved to the Jinny Trail budget line. This was unanimously agreed.

12. APPROVALS FROM OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

1718-088 The Clerk informed of the quotation received from Yee for the expansion of the CCTV coverage at Jubilee Playing Fields. It is possible to have an additional 4 cameras on the system but the cable to the recorder would need to be upgraded. The cost quoted £794.82. The cameras would then cover all around the changing rooms and also some of the field. Cllr C McKiernan proposed acceptance of the quote and to proceed with the work, seconded by Cllr M Goode with all present in favour.

Cllr K Winson left the room whilst Item 1718-089 was discussed.

13. AMENDMENT TO GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

1718-089 The Clerk advised that the annual agreement for winter maintenance for the Jinny Trail was due for discussion and suggested that this be included within the current Grounds Maintenance Service Agreement. Thus the agreement would be 30 hours per week Nov to March and 35 hours per week April to Oct.

Cllr M Goode commented that the winter needs to be done each year to keep on top of the summer growth.

Cllr P Scanlan was opposed to the inclusion of the hours in the agreement and commented that he would prefer annual review of the maintenance agreement.

Cllr M Goode proposed the extra 5 hours be included into the current agreement, seconded by Cllr T Williams. Cllr Scanlan and Satchwell voted against the proposal with all others voting for.

Cllr K Winson returned to the meeting.
The Clerk left the room whilst Item 1718-090 was discussed.

14. EMPLOYEE PAY AND CONDITIONS

1718-090 The Chair advised that employee pay and conditions had not been reviewed for some time. The Chair provided detailed information on the current pay levels applicable for Mrs Allen and Mrs Smith.

Cllr P Scanlan proposed an increase of £2.25 per hour (from 1.10.17) for Mrs C Allen, seconded by Cllr M Goode. Cllr G Taylor voted against the proposal with all other Cllrs present voting in favour.

Cllr K Winson proposed an increase to Scale 40 of the NALC/SLCC pay scales (from 1.10.17) for Mrs A Smith, seconded by Cllr M Goode with all present in favour.

Those present agreed that a review of employee pay and conditions should be undertaken annually.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE