

Stretton Parish Council
Meeting on Thursday 7th January
8.00 pm at The Jackson Stops
Meeting Number 1/2016

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Richard Foster, John Leefe, Lee Overton, Peter Ransome-Jones.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Roger Begy & Brian Lester.

The Chairman explained the reason for Roger Begy's absence and the Parish Council recorded their best wishes for his timely recovery.

2. **Defibrillator:**

The Chairman welcomed Juliet Burgess-Ray from The Community Heartbeat Trust.

Juliet explained the benefits of having a defibrillator in the village is that if someone's heart stops beating you only have 5 minutes to save them. The cost of each machine is £2000. However we would currently be able to receive a £1000 funding from the Karen Ball Fund. The Chairman explained that we actually have 3 communities within the Stretton Parish so would require 3 defibrillators. Juliet said that it currently may be possible that we could get a £1000 funding for each of them.

The 999 service controls the defibs and knows if and where one is situated and will direct the caller to the location and supply the access code.

Possible location within Stretton could be the Jackson Stops or the local phone box. However the phone box would need to be no longer used as a public phone and BT are currently selling phone boxes to Parish councils for £1 to reuse as a storage place for the defibs. The defib would be inside a metal box that is weather and vandal proof.

Other costs involved would be the electricity supply and ongoing future costs of replacing the battery and pads. However if we spoke with Martin he would set up a package for us. Juliet demonstrated the defib once the box is opened it talks you through the process and will not move on until you have completed each request. The defib can assess if the patient needs to be shocked or not.

The defib will need to be looked after and maintained by one person who will need to do the necessary checks on a weekly basis. It was also suggested that recruiting responders in the village and having training on a yearly basis would be beneficial and works well in Cottesmore where Juliet looks after their defib which is on the wall outside the fish & chip shop. We were given some informative literature.

The Chairman thanked Juliet for her time.

It was suggested by the Chairman that this is something to be discussed again at the AGM in May.

Action – Parish clerk was asked to put this information in the next Parish Newsletter and ask for anyone interested to make contact.

There were no members of the public present.

3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of last meeting on 26th November 2015.** Were approved and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters Arising from the minutes:**

John Leefe has passed the information to Woodland trust regarding broken tree branch protruding on Clipsham road.
6. **Accounts summary:** Parish clerk verbally informed the meeting of recent spending and balance. Action –latest interim accounts to be published on Parish Website and the updated accounts will be distributed to Councillors with the minutes.
7. **Parish Councillor vacancy update:** Poster has been issued by RCC advertising the Vacancy and displayed as advised until the 8th January. If RCC do not receive any requests for an Election we will have the option to co-op a new Councillor.
8. **Draft Standing order for discussion:** The order has been accepted by the Council. Proposed by John Leefe and seconded by Peter Ransome-Jones. All Councillors present approved. **Actions:**
 - a) Parish clerk will reproduce the document relevant to Stretton Parish Council.
 - b) Parish clerk will also research an appropriate code of conduct for approval.
 - c) Parish Clerk will pass the customised standing orders as a pdf to Peter R-J to post on the website.
9. **Refreshing of Rutland Local Plan;** Issues and Options Document. Action- Clerk will advise RCC that we have no comment on the Plan.
10. **Stretton PC Website:** Website is now published www.strettonvillage.co.uk and November Parish minutes are uploaded. Accounts, Standing order for Parish Council & Agendas will also be uploaded by Peter R-J to comply with Transparency code of conduct.

The Chairman formally thanked Peter Ransome-Jones for agreeing to act as WebMaster.
11. **Transparency fund application update:** We have been granted our application for funding to purchase a Parish Council Laptop and have received £490.79. Action - Parish Clerk will produce a written schedule of proposed purchases and costings, and when approved by the Chairman, will make the purchases.

12. **Planting a Walnut Tree for the Queen's 90th:** John Leefe wishes to tidy up the area by the village bench and has in mind to remove some trees and plant one or more walnut trees. **Action - John Leefe together with Lee Overton will write a proposal explaining details of the species and locations of the removal and replanting work proposed. This will be presented at the next PC Meeting.**

13. **Planning Applications:** None

14. **Other correspondence:**

a) **Letter & Application form from Rutland CAB seeking Members.** **Action - Clerk to send a copy of letter to all Councillors and also ask for this to be added to the Parish Newsletter.**

b) The Clerk had also received an email asking about the history of the village pumps. **Action – John Leefe will make contact with a few people to see if they could help and will relay back to the Parish Clerk.**

15. **Any other business.:** None

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.

Next meeting March 3rd 8pm at the Jackson Stops.