

**Stretton Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**  
**7.00 pm at St Nicholas Church, Stretton**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Richard Foster, John Leefe, Peter Ransome-Jones, Tony Bianchi.

**Village Residents Present:** Liz Foster, Mimi Harris, Rona Menzies

**Acting as Minute Clerk:** Clifford Bacon, Sally Skyrme

The Chairman introduced the new Parish Clerk, Sally Skyrme and each person did a short introduction of themselves.

**1. Election of Officers for 2016/17 Chairman**

Richard Foster was re-elected as Chairman, proposed by John Leefe, seconded by Tony Bianchi and approved by the meeting.

**2. Election of Officers for 2016/17 Vice Chairman**

John Leefe was re-elected as Vice Chairman, proposed by Peter Ransome-Jones, seconded by Tony Bianchi and approved by the meeting.

**3. Re-election of Councillors for 2016/17**

Councillors Peter Ransome-Jones, Brian Lester, Tony Bianchi, Lee Overton, Gideon Visser were all proposed, seconded and approved by the meeting to serve as Councillors for a further year. Concerning the question over the total number of Councillors, the Chairman proposed that we continue with seven Councillors until we establish the definite legal situation.

**4. Apologies for absence**

Gideon Visser gave his apologies as did Lee Overton in retrospect.

**5. Members of the public were invited to bring to the Council their concerns and interests.**

Mimi Harris brought up the issue of the cable under the tarmac at the bottom of Church Lane. She said that it is dangerous to have an exposed cable and something needs to be done to make it safe.

Richard said that he had been in touch with Rutland County Council about it but said that it needs to be brought to their attention again.

***Action: Sally to contact RCC (Dave Brown [dbrown@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:dbrown@rutland.gov.uk)) to chase up what action is being taken to make the cable safe and to stress the urgency of the matter***

Mimi noted that sometime in the past it had been suggested that the maximum number of Councillors should be six.

Richard said that we would get this confirmed and make a decision then.

Peter said that the path between Threeways and Hollytree Cottage is being missed out when the Council contractor does the strimming.

***Action: Sally to write to Mark Loran ([mloran@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:mloran@rutland.gov.uk)) to ask for this strimming area to be noted on the contractor's schedule of work.***

Liz said that the footpath on the way to Stocken Hall Road is overgrown, so much so that you cannot walk on it forcing you to go onto the road making it dangerous for pedestrians.

***Action: Sally to write to RCC (Mark Loran) to make sure it is cut back regularly.***

Richard said that Mow & Sow could do a better job in the graveyard.

***Action: Sally to speak to the gardeners at Mow & Sow.***

Tony brought up the subject of insurance for the Parish Council. He has received a few phone calls saying that it needs renewing.

***Action: Tony to forward the details for Sally to renew the insurance.***

6. Sally Skyrme was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk

7. Cliff Bacon was thanked for all the work he has done for Stretton Parish Council, including guiding two Parish Clerks and helping with the accounts and audit this year.
  
8. **Minutes of previous AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015** - The minutes were approved by all from last year's Annual Parish Meeting.
  
9. **Matters arising from minutes** – none.
  
10. **Chairman's Report for 2015 / 2016** - Richard gave his annual report as Chairman (see attached)
  
11. **Approval of Accounts for 2015/2016** A copy of the parish accounts for last year and budget for this year were circulated. The Accounts and other necessary documentation were approved for 2015/16 by all.
  
12. **Approval of Budget for 2016/ 2017** The budget approval was proposed by Tony Bianchi, seconded by Peter Ransome-Jones and approved by all.
  
13. **Any other business**
  - 13.1 Richard presented an idea of Sally's that the village could have a logo to put on letterheads, the website at newsletter etc. and a motto and that it could be done by having a village competition to design a logo and come up with a motto.

Liz suggested that there could be a prize for children

Richard said that he would put up the money for a prize.

Rona suggested that the logo could be put on a plaques made of wood to go at the entrances of the village as a welcome.

***Action: Competition rules to be set and included in the next Village Newsletter. Sally to find out the deadline.***

**13.2 Defibrillators** – Richard said that it had been decided in a previous meeting to go ahead with the installation of two Defibrillators, one near Jackson Stops Pub and one near the dog training centre near Stocken Hall. He said that the Council will meet half of the cost and the charity that presented the case for having defibrillators will meet the other half of the cost. He said they are very simple to use and most villages have them now. He said that he can think of cases where this might have saved lives if they were there before.

Mimi said that they would need a power supply.

Richard said that all areas would be considered.

Mimi asked about the ongoing costs of running the defibrillators.

Richard said that it is less than £100 per year unless they are used and the batteries need replacing, otherwise it will be an extra £200 every three years to replace the batteries.

Cliff suggested that a small working team could be gathered to maintain the defibrillators and test them every few weeks.

***Action: Councillors to work on gathering a defibrillator team. Mimi Harris, Tony Bianchi, Peter Ransome-Jones and the local Doctor had all offered to help.***

***13.3 The Insurance renewal needs to be followed up. Sally will deal.***

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm in Jackson Stops Pub, Stretton.**

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.**

**Sally Skyrme**

**Stretton Parish Clerk**