

Stretton Parish Council
Meeting on Thursday 12th May 2016
7.00 pm at The Jackson Stops
Meeting Number 3/2016

MINUTES

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

Guest: Ward Councillor Nick Begy

Village Residents Present: Greg Harker

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. **Apologies of Absence.** None
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Submissions by members of the public.** A planning application (2016/0349/FUL) for an extension to his home was explained to the meeting by Mr Greg Harker. The Councillors discussed the application after Mr Harker left.

Action: *Sally to draft letter the Rutland County Council Planning Support Section advising that although one councillor commented adversely, there is no general objection from the other Councillors who supported the application as did the only neighbour concerned.*

4. **Minutes of meeting held on 3rd March 2016** The Chairman signed off minutes as a true record of the last Parish Council meeting on 3rd March 2016
5. **Matters Arising From the Minutes.**

5.1 After discussion it was agreed that Stretton PC should renew the membership Subscription to CPRE which is understood to be £36 annually. Proposed P R-J and seconded by BL

Action: *Sally to renew membership with the CPRE and inform CPRE of her contact details.*

5.2 With regards to item 10 of the minutes, the Planning Application for the extension of kitchens at Stocken Prison (2016/0174/FUL), BL said that he'd seen sewerage coming from Stocken Prison at the junction of Clipsham Road and Manor Road. He said it has become a major problem, it was all in the road a few weeks ago with blue toilet paper so he knew it was from the prison. He phoned Anglia Water and they couldn't come out so the issue was not resolved.

Action: *Sally to write to Rutland County Council to inform them of the problem and asking for action to be taken.*

5.3 With regards to item 7 of the minutes. The Chairman was pleased to announce that two people have stepped forward, Gideon Visser and Tony Bianchi. There doesn't seem to be an upper limit to the amount of councillors in the Parish and there were no objections. The Chairman proposed and John Leefe seconded the proposition that both volunteers should be adopted. This was agreed unanimously.

Action: *Richard to inform Gideon and Tony of their roles as Parish Councillors.*

Sally to include them in all correspondence from now on and to inform Corporate Services at RCC of the new appointments.

5.4 Concerning "Workplace pensions" John Leefe still has further enquiries to make concerning possible exemptions from the scheme, and he will liaise directly with Sally. The specimen contract which John Leefe took away to read from the last meeting still needs to be circulated to the other councillors and returned to the Chairman.

5.5 John Leefe reported that he has a submission to the newsletter that 11-12 people turned up for the litter picking event and they collected 11-12 bags of litter. He said that it was a very successful event and a good time was had by all

5.6 A Parish Boundary map has not yet been found and proposals for tree removal and some further tree planting have not yet been documented for approval by Stretton PC. This job is still to be done.

6. **Consideration of Draft Accounts for 2015/16.** Cliff explained final accounts. There were no questions, therefore draft accounts were approved by all. After the 1st April a printer had been purchased at a cost of £45. Expenditure proposed by the Chairman, seconded by P R-J and approved by all.

Action: *Sally to present at the AGM.*

7. Consideration of Budget Expenditure 2016/17: Cliff suggested a date and time needs to be agreed to set the budget for this year. A budget setting meeting was set for Wednesday 25th May at 7pm in Jackson Stops Pub.

The AGM was also set for Thursday 9th June at 7.30 pm in the Church.

Action: *Sally to book room in the pub for budgeting meeting*

Richard to book church room for AGM

8. Planning applications – already discussed in item 3.

9. Submissions for Parish Newsletter. In retrospect Richard has made a submission to the newsletter regarding the three new appointments to the Parish Council and the AGM.

10. Other Correspondence: Angela (Lady Sutton) commented on the state of the kerbs and asked if anything can be done about it. Richard has made enquiries at Rutland

County Council and the cost for protecting the road side verges is £30 per metre which would have to be met by the Parish Council.

Brian said the problem was caused by Severn Trent Water (STW) roadworks which forced traffic onto the verges. He said he has been in touch with STW and he also shovelled soil off the road with his tractor to improve the situation, STW didn't repair the verges properly when they left. He said RCC should make STW pay to mend the verges.

Brian also mentioned damage to the verges at the bottom of Church Lane where there is an exposed electric cable. Richard said he has already brought it to the attention of RCC.

Action: *Sally to write to highways department at RCC to point out damage to verges that was no doubt caused by STW when they attempted to repair them. Richard to countersign*

11. Any Other Business: Nick spoke about the new Local Plan where landowners have offered their land for housing, mineral extraction, wind power etc. In total 5000 hectares have been put forward in Rutland. In Stretton Parish, Landowner, Kevin Hawkes has put forward his land for housing, a Gypsy Traveller site and energy production (wind). Nick said it is unlikely that any of this will go ahead. Cliff explained that Stretton has Restraint village status. Nick said that all of the plans are available online. He also said that RCC is ahead of the game because there was no need for more land besides the garden centre in Greetham and all the developments are small scale.

Brian asked if there has been any progress on the speed limit signs on Clipsham Road, because a post has been put up but no sign.

Action: *Nick to enquire at RCC – in retrospect, Nick has done this and emailed the councillors about it.*

Richard handed out booklets from Age Concern.

Peter will include the minutes to this meeting on the Stretton village website.

Action: *Sally to email minutes to Peter once they have been signed off*

The meeting was closed at 8pm.

Sally Skyrme Stretton Parish Clerk