

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00PM  
IN THE PRIORY CENTRE, CHURCH ROAD, STRETTON**

The following members of the Council were present:

Mr S J Campion	Chairman
Mrs K Winson	
Mrs H Eynon	
Mrs V Atkin	
Mr M Lewis	
Mr J Fowkes	
Mr G Taylor	
Mr S Tilley	
Mr L Milner	

Also present were the clerk, Mrs E Staples (SCC), Inspector J Oomer (part, PC Wood (part), the press, Mr M Goode (part) and members of the public.

**Mrs M Fowkes**

**1. APOLOGIES**

0910-191 Apologies were received from Mr C Chapman, Mr F Bather (ESBC) and ~~Mrs M Fowkes~~(ESBC).

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

0910-192 These previously circulated minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record after a proposal by Mr J Fowkes, which was then seconded by Mrs H Eynon.

**3. INSPECTOR J OOMER, STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE**

0910-193 Mr S J Campion expressed the councils gratitude with the work being carried out by the PCSO's and enquired if they would both be continuing to work in Stretton. Inspector Oomer advised that Stretton would not be loosing the PCSO's. The PCSO roles are funded by County until the end of April 2010 and then they will be mainstreamed into the Staffordshire Police Trent Valley structure. There are no vacancies at the present time and Inspector Oomer reassured that one PCSO will be made permanent to Stretton.

Mr L Milner enquired about parking problems on football days and the legality of the cones that are placed along Princess Way before matches which results in parking and traffic problems in Stretton. Inspector Oomer confirmed that there was an agreement with Burton Albion FC to place cones along part of Princess Way to ensure that accesses are kept clear. Inspector Oomer assured the meeting that both Staffordshire Police and Burton Albion FC are working constantly to find solutions for elevating the parking and traffic problems. Mr S Tilley advised of the parking around the corner of Princess Way and Britannia Drive where the junction was made very hazardous, Inspector Oomer to investigate this area. Mr G Taylor confirmed that the cones on Princess Way at the junctions of Seymour and Weston Park Avenue made it safer to exit the avenues as these were sloped areas but felt that there should be

more pressure put on Burton Albion FC to work towards some solutions. It was acknowledged by Inspector Oomer and the meeting that the problems were more from home support than away supporters who were made more aware of where they could park.

PC Wood advised of the road safety campaign being undertaken on Derby Road on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 with HM Customs and other partners. Mrs K Winson advised of some stunt pedal bikers who were riding onto the church wall and seats by the Chemist mainly in the afternoons – PC Wood to look out for them and advise PCSO's.

**4. ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DISCUSSION**

0910-194 Mrs K Winson – Bitham Lane Community Park

Mrs Winson distributed photographs of the planting areas at Bitham Lane and advised they had become completely overgrown so had been cleared for replanting with more suitable and controllable plants. Mrs K Winson proposed to get the plants and Mr C Winson to undertake the planting. It was proposed by Mr S J Campion that a budget of £500 be made available for the plants, seconded by Mr M Lewis with all present in favour.

The Clerk advised that the paving areas around the park were in a poor state again and in need to cleaning/weeding. A quotation had been obtained from CSB Environmental, who had undertaken the work previously, of £540. Mr S J Campion proposed that this be undertaken, seconded by Mr M Lewis with all in favour.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

0910-195 Support Our Soldiers – Letter of recognition

The Clerk read letter of thanks for the donation and advised that some letters from Afghanistan had been forwarded via email and would distribute to all.

**6. MATTERS RAISED BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE, STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**

0910-196 Mrs E Staples (Staffordshire County Councillor) :

- Introduced Michael who was shadowing Mrs Staples as part of youth engagement to forge better links and show the working of local government.
- Advised on comments made regarding speed humps at the previous meeting – it was the drivers choice on how they drove over the humps and that on occasions tyres had blown after straggling humps.
- Advised that the speed humps had been repaired on Church Lane. Mrs K Winson expressed her thanks for the repairs but advised that the hump near to the vicarage was not a good repair and was already deteriorating. It was felt that the speed humps through Stretton were larger than those in other areas and Mrs Staples was asked to find out if there was a standard size and height. Mrs Staples to also discuss the suggestion of removal of the speed humps at her Highways meeting later in February.

- The signs for Hillfield Lane were on order
- There is to be a new lit sign advising no left turn for The Green.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

0910-197 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.

ESBC	Dog Control Orders	The Clerk advised of that ESBC had not included Stretton in the recent orders and would be in the next ones. Upon discussion it was agreed to exclude dogs from the fenced areas at Bitham, Hillfield and Millennium Garden.
Audit Commission	Audit Review - Annual Return 2008/09	The clerk advised that this was now finalized. The auditor had recommended reviewing the fidelity guarantee and asset register being updated during the year. It was agreed to keep the fidelity guarantee at its current level and the Clerk confirmed that the asset register was being updated when acquisitions made.
SCC	Mobile Library Service	The Clerk outlined the letter received confirming that the mobile library service for Stretton was unchanged.
ESBC	Play Away East Staffs	The Clerk read out the invitation for a Parish Play Champion to attend the Play Conference on 11 <sup>th</sup> March. Anyone interested should advise the Clerk.
Chilton Court Ltd	Memorial	A copy of the letter and attachment had been distributed with the agenda and the contents were noted.
SCC	Highways Information Leaflets	Distributed to all present
SCC	Neighbourhood Highways Team	The Clerk outlined the letter received advising that due to the damage caused to the Highways as a result of the weather the Highways Team work had been suspended until 15 <sup>th</sup> February.

Any other correspondence - available for members to peruse.

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## 8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

0910-198 Rev Kim Thomas advised that St Mary's Church were now not having the events week.

## 9. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

0910-199 The next meeting will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

0910-200 There were no objections to be made from the plans brought to the meeting for discussion.

**11. FINANCE**

0910-201 Following a proposal by Mr G Taylor and seconded by Mrs K Winson the following cheques were approved and signed:

## PAYMENTS

001299	JEFF BANKS	BUS SHELTER WINDOW CLEAN	71.50
001300	C WINSON	GEN MAINT	1440.00
001301	E.ON	ELECTRIC - HILLFIELD	231.80
001302	C ALLEN	SALARY	746.64
001303	CANCELLED	INCORRECTLY WRITTEN OUT	0.00
001304	A J SMITH	SALARY / REIMBUR WEB/STEAM	1268.86
001305	A J SMITH	VAT ON WEB HOSTING	10.48
001306	WICKSTEED LEISURE	PLAYEQUIP HILLFIELD	21510.78
001307	G C McCULLOCH	LITTERPICKING	184.00
001308	STAFFS COUNTY CON	COPYING - PAGET	6.00
001309	STAFFS COUNTY CON	MAPS FROM ARCHIEVE SVS	9.50
DD	CLERICAL MEDICAL	PENSION CONT FOR CA	60.78
001310	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR AJS/CA	519.44
001311	G C McCULLOCH	LITER PICKING	184.00
001312	ESBC	DOG LITTER BINS	104.11
001313	C WINSON	MAINTENANCE WORKS	1015.64
001314	HARLOW BROS	MAINTENANCE SUNDRIES	94.00
001315	P R HORT	CHAINSAW/FLAIL SERVICE	154.70
001316	WREFORD LTD	JAP KNOT STATION WALK	229.13
001317	S J CAMPION	REIMBURSE B MAIL	8.64
001318	AUDIT COMM	AUDIT FOR 2008/09	1028.13
001319	BURTON SHT METAL	BACK PLATES/MANU HFD BARRIER	2216.05

## RECEIPTS

	STRETTON EAGLES	PITCH PAYMENT	20.00
	STRETTON RS	TRAINING FEES	60.00

0910-202 Chipper Costs

The Clerk advised of costs for chippers - industrial models such as those used by Fairview were costed at £8,000 plus but smaller models would cost approximately £2,500. Upon discussion it was agreed not to proceed with the purchase and continue to hire the equipment.

0910-203 Memorial

The minutes from the Memorial Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr G Taylor proposed that an unveiling event on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 be held, this was seconded by Mr S Tilley with Mrs H Eynon, Mrs V Atkin, Mr S J Campion, Mrs K Winson and Mr M Lewis in favour. Mr L Milner and Mr J Fowkes abstained from the vote.

After some discussion it was proposed by Mr S J Campion that Major Mark Goode of Rowcroft Company be asked to officially unveil the memorial, this was seconded by Mr M Lewis with all present in favour.

Mr S Tilley proposed that Reverend Kim Thomas of St Mary's Church be asked to undertake a blessing of the memorial, this was seconded by Mrs H Eynon with all present in favour.

Mr G Taylor enquired about including cadets in the ceremony and it was suggested that a representative from each service, from Stretton could lay wreaths.

Mr M Goode advised of a contact that put on a display of WWII photos and memorabilia. It was agreed to make enquiries.

Mr M Goode also enquired if the Parish Council that he had a contact that may be willing to make a video of the creation of the memorial and the ceremony day. An estimate of the cost was given as £500 for 3 - 4 days work. It was proposed by Mr S J Campion to make more enquiries and obtain a firm estimate, seconded by Mrs V Atkin with all present in favour.

Discussion took place regarding the picture of photographs of WWI soldiers found in the church, which has been researched and currently being put back together. It was unanimously agreed to make enquiries with St Mary's Church for the Parish Council to take over custody of the picture and display in the Priory Centre.

Mr M Goode advised on the current status of the booklet being compiled and that research was nearing completion. Mr M Lewis proposed that the Parish Council fund the publication and printing of the booklet, which was seconded by Mr G Taylor with all present in favour.

The possibility of an evening event was discussed and Mrs V Atkin agreed to make enquiries for a 1940's style event.

It was also suggested that the local shops, clubs and pubs could be included in the event thus promoting community spirit.

## **12. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

0910-204 Time did not permit.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE