

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 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	
Mr C Chapman	
Mrs V Atkin	
Mr M Lewis	
Mr J Fowkes	
Mr B Buxton	
Mr S Tilley	
Mr L Milner	

Also present were the clerk, Mrs E Staples (SCC), PC Wood (part), PCSO J Black (part), Mr F Bather (ESBC), Mrs M Fowkes (ESBC), the press and members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

0910-206 Apologies were received from Mr G Taylor and Mrs H Eynon.

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010 and
0910-207 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010**

These previously circulated minutes were amended, approved and signed as a true and accurate record after a proposal by Mrs V Atkin, which was then seconded by Mrs K Winson.

3. ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DISCUSSION

0910-208 Clerk - Youth Representation

The Clerk advised that the youth workers currently working in the Stretton area will be made redundant due to the withdrawal of Community Reassurance Funding into the Youth Service. Discussion has been had with the Youth Service who advise that the cost of the provision would be £3,000 for a full year which would be matched through the Youth Service. The Clerk advised that discussion had also been had with Community and Learning Partnership regarding the use of the Stretton Children's Centre in the evenings and weekends, once operation which had been agreed. Mr B Buxton proposed that the Parish Council fund the youth provision for Stretton at a cost of £3000, this was seconded by Mr L Milner with unanimous support.

The Clerk enquired about councilors thoughts on having a youth representative on the Parish Council. The representative could become part of the council but would not be able to participate in any voting - standing orders would need to be amended to incorporate. De Ferrers were keen to help and a meeting is to be scheduled for June. Members were happy for more discussion to proceed and considered youth involvement on the council a positive step.

0910-209 Clerk – Standing Orders

The Clerk advised that the National Standing Orders for Local Councils had been reproduced. The model standing orders section has also been received in “word format”. The Clerk advised that this was the opportune time to review the standing orders for Stretton and represent to Council for approval in April.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES0910-210 Dean & Smedley – Stretton Precinct

The Clerk read out letter of response advising that all fascia and soffits were in good order and were maintained on a regular basis.

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

0910-211 PC Wood and PCSO Black :

- Nothing to report.
- Mr S J Campion advised that he had assessed the football parking on the last Burton Albion homematch. 52 cars had been parked on the verge/footpath along Derby Road from the stadium to the Beech Hotel. When he had spoken to some officers outside the ground they had replied that they had attended an incident at the Hanbury Arms and the cars were parked when they had returned. PC Wood confirmed that it was an offence to park on footpaths and cause an obstruction. ESBC and Staffordshire Police can issue fixed penalty notices for illegal parking.

Mrs M Fowkes :

- Enquired if the format of some documents on the Stretton website had changed. The Clerk confirmed that new documents were in pdf format and that Adobe reader was needed which is free to download software.

Mr F Bather :

- Advised of the delay in processing the funding for the hearing loop in the Priory Centre and thanked Mrs Winson for her assistance in getting the provision installed.
- Advised of the snatchback of WASPs funding which had not been allocated. Councillors had been blamed but Mr Bather did not feel that this was the case. Funding for the next financial year is £1,000 per councilor along with a pot of funding that everyone can apply into.
- Felt that the flooding on Dovecliff Road needed to be monitored.

Mrs E Staples (Staffordshire County Councillor) :

- Provided some information from Defra stating that from 2011 all private sewers that drain to the public sewerage network will transfer into the ownership of the local water company.
- Advised of a SCC initiative that community organizations can apply to for funding. “Community Wellbeing Fund” – the Clerk to distribute to local groups.
- Updated on the Staffordshire Hoard fund raising so that the items can be retained in Staffordshire - £5 million is needed.

- The new Forticrete signs had been installed to hopefully direct lorries away from old Hillfield Lane. Mr B Buxton thanked Mrs Staples.
- Advised that a meeting is to be held between Staffordshire Police, Staffordshire Highways, Councillor Staples, Councillor Bereisford and Burton Albion to discuss the parking on matchdays.

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

0910-212 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.

St Mary's Church	Floodlighting	Clerk read out letter advising of the costs for the floodlighting in 2009/10 of £521 and requesting financial assistance for 2010/11. Mr L Milner proposed a donation of £550, this was seconded by Mr S Tilley with all present in favour.
Queen's Hospital	Scanner Appeal	Clerk read out fundraising letter. Mr L Milner declared an interest due to being a Governor of the Hospital and withdrew from the discussion. It was proposed by Mr B Buxton to donate £500, seconded by Mrs V Atkin with the rest of the Councillors voting in favour.
SCC	Enhanced Passenger Information - Bus stops	The Clerk advised that in 2011 installation will be taking place of LED signs giving scheduled bus information at certain bus stops in Staffordshire. The stop on Main Street/Hurst Drive is to be included. If successful the signs will be at every bus stop and will eventually evolve into real time information. Mr M Lewis felt that the area had too much signage already and this should be toned down not increased. Mr B Buxton felt that this was good technology and should be embraced.
SCC	Update on Pothole Repair	Clerk read out letter advising on the status of the pothole repairs and that all temporary fixes will be replaced with a permanent fix at a later date. Mr C Chapman advised that the roads in Derbyshire had not suffered in the same way as Staffordshire roads had.
Mr D Owen	Sunday Night Disruption - Church Hall	The Clerk read out an email received, as a copy in, making a complaint to the Church following an event in the Church Hall.
Mrs A Parker	Code of Conduct / Memorial	The Clerk read out the letter stating that she believed a member of the council had broken the code of conduct in relation to

		the petition currently in place in the Post Office and Newsagents. The Chairman reminded all Parish Councillors that they needed to be aware when speaking in public that personal views could be misconstrued as Parish Council. The Clerk reissued everyone with a copy of the Code of Conduct. Mr B Buxton advised that he had been into these premises and knew of one gentleman who was an ex-serviceman who had commented that he could not understand why there was a petition against a war memorial. Mr B Buxton and Mr J Fowkes felt that "if" this had happened then the person should resign.
ESBC	Standards Committee	The Clerk advised that there was a vacancy for a Parish Council representative on the Standards Board. Any one interested to contact the Clerk.

Any other correspondence - available for members to peruse.

SCC	Quarrying	Filed
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7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

0910-213 Mr Bell of Chilton Court advised that he had been in the shop when the person had made the comments about the petition. Mr Bell advised that he would be ringing all the Parish Councillors should there be any problems of youths congregating around the memorial.

Mr Satchwell enquired if a response had been received from SCC regarding the bus review. The Clerk confirmed that no response had been made.

Mrs Moore of Bridgeside advised that she had not received a response to her query about wildlife on Station Walk. Mr S J Champion confirmed that Mr L Oates had visited but felt that there was no active wildlife that could be affected by cutting back of the vegetation.

Mrs Parker commented on her letter (Item 0910-212) and that the Post Office representative had felt intimidated. Mr Fowkes asked Mrs Parker for a name but she refused to provide any more details. Mrs Parker also commented on funding for a youth centre.

8. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

0910-214 The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th April 2010 at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

Mr S J Champion asked that members meet at Hillfield Playing Fields on the 29th March at 7pm to take a look at the ground condition.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

0910-215 There were no objections to be made from the plans brought to the meeting for discussion.

10. FINANCE

0910-216 Following a proposal by Mr C Chapman and seconded by Mr B Buxton the following cheques were approved and signed:

PAYMENTS

001320	ABLE MEMORIALS	PART PAYMENT - MEMORIAL	27375.00
001321	C ALLEN	SALARY	746.64
001322	A J SMITH	SALARY/REIMBURSEMENTS	1092.48
001323	E.ON	ELECTRICITY FOR HILLFIELD	138.13
001324	HARLOW BROS	MAINTENANCE SUNDRIES	5.59
001325	SPCA	STANDING ORDERS PUBLICATION	36.30
001326	SCC	LINE MARKING	240.71
001327	ALLIANZ INSURANCE	ADD PREMIUM - HLF PLAY EQ	37.54
DD	CLERICAL MEDICAL	PENSION CONT FOR CA	60.78
001328	E.ON	ELECTRIC FOR FLOODLIGHTS	307.56
001329	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR CA AND AJS	519.24
001330	JEFF BANKS	BUS SHELTER WINDOW CLEAN	71.50
001331	HARLOW BROS	MATERIALS FOR FENCE REPAIRS	3.84
001332	FAIRVIEW ARBORISTS	HIRE OF CHIPPER	70.50
001333	RMF LANDSCAPING	RETENTION FOR HILLFIELD WORK	540.85
001334	S J CAMPION	REIMBURSE BURTON MAIL	14.40
001335	C WINSON	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1020.00
001336	VIKING DIRECT	STATIONERY	98.66
001337	ESBC	DOG/LITTER BIN EMPTY	104.11
001338	PARKER & SON	SCAN/BURN CDS MEMOR PIC	115.15

Mr L Milner enquired about why the second payment was missing from Stretton Eagles JFC for training. The Clerk advised that she had sent emails reminding and would continue to chase payment.

The Clerk was asked about the Public Works Loan. This was for work on the Priory Centre and had just over 12 months left. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries about early settlement.

0910-217 Mowing

Mr S J Campion declared an interest in this item and left the room

Campion Bros Ltd had quoted £170 per cut for Bitham Lane and Hillfield Playing Fields plus greasing of the mowers when required. This was a £10 per cut increase from 2009. Mr B Buxton enquired if other quotations should be sourced. Mr S Tilley stated that he considered the service received from Campion Bros was excellent and that it was not necessary to obtain other quotations. After discussion it was proposed by Mrs V Atkin to accept the increase, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson. Mr B Buxton was against the proposal, all others present were in favour.

Mr S J Campion returned to the meeting.

0910-218 Clerk's Pension

The Clerk advised that following the December meeting information on appropriate pensions had been obtained. The Parish Council could join the Local Government Pension Scheme (through Staffordshire County Council) at a cost to the Council of £174 per month. The second option was for the Clerk to have a personal pension to which the Parish Council could make contributions of £70 per month. Consideration was made that the Parish Council already make contributions into the personal pension of Mrs C Allen. Mr C Chapman proposed that the contributions be made into the Personal Pension option, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour.

0910-219 Memorial

The Clerk advised that confirmation had been received from Ltd Col Waddington for the honour guard, Major M Goode to perform the unveiling and Rev Wilson to undertake the blessing. A meeting is to be scheduled in the next week with the DVD maker to discuss cost etc. Samples and photographs were also be sourced from Able Memorials to give to ESBC as part of the planning conditions.

Mr M Lewis informed that he was willing to make the replica plinth, as stated at a previous meeting, to look at the exact location. ESBC Planning had confirmed that the exact location could be moved slightly either way. It was agreed to decide upon this at the April meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the re-siting of the Millennium Sculpture and it was agreed to make a decision on the exact location at a later date.

The Clerk enquired about the paving around the Memorial. Mr M Lewis advised that it had been agreed not to pave the area but to have a 6" piece of gravel around with grass upto the gravel. This information to be conveyed to Able Memorials.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

0910-220 Mr L Milner :

- Inspector Oomer had been involved with parking issues along Princess Way and Britannia Drive on matchdays and was in correspondence with Mr Milner. Double yellow lines would not be considered until at least 2015. Burton Albion are abiding by police regulations and Mr Robinson has stated that there are spaces available on match days.
- Enquired if Burton Conservation Volunteers are needed for the Jinny Trail. The Clerk confirmed that previous discussions had decided that a review be made in March. It was agreed not to use the BCV at the present time.

0910-221 Mrs V Atkin :

- Advised that the drainage on the Jinny Trail needed to be looked at. Mrs Atkin advised that the Jinny Trail was a credit to the village.
- Stated that in Derbyshire information regarding buses can be accessed by text at bus stops.

0910-222 Mr J Fowkes :

- Advised that the Allotment Association committee had voted not to publish minutes from their meetings due to the content. The Clerk to look at the terms of hire of the allotments.

0910-223 Mr M Lewis :

- Enquired about a response from the bus and coach companies regarding the stopping and waiting at stops around the Church Road/Bridge Street area. The Clerk to make more enquiries with Traffic Commissioner.

0910-224 Mr B Buxton :

- A thorned plant had grown through the fence from Railway Cottage onto Station Walk and is in desperate need of cutting back. The residents to be asked to do this.
- Enquired about the recent email from the Clerk regarding offering a Freedom of the Parish. There was a majority consensus that this was unnecessary.

SIGNATURE

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