

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 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 V Atkin	
Mrs H Eynon	
Mr M Lewis	
Mr J Fowkes	
Mr G Taylor	
Mr L Milner	

Also present were the clerk, Mrs E Staples (SCC)(part), PCSO Blanksby (part), Mr F Bather (ESBC) and members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

1011-025 Apologies were received from Mr C Chapman, Mr B Buxton, Mr S Tilley and Mrs M Fowkes (ESBC).

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

1011-026 The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr G Taylor proposed Mr S J Campion, this was seconded by Mrs H Eynon. There were no other nominations and Mr Campion signed the declaration of office.

Nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs V Atkin proposed Mrs K Winson, seconded by Mrs H Eynon. No other nominations made.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2010

1011-027 These previously circulated minutes were amended, approved and signed as a true and accurate record after a proposal by Mrs K Winson, which was then seconded by Mr L Milner.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

1011-028

PRIORY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES - All members currently serving wished to remain - Mr S Tilley, Mrs K Winson, Mr S J Campion, Mr J Fowkes and Mr M Lewis.

CONDUCT COMMITTEE - Mr S J Campion, Mrs H Eynon, Mrs V Atkin, Mr J Fowkes and Mrs K Winson wished to be members of this committee.

PLANNING APPLICATION MONITORING

Mr S Tilley and Mr C Chapman had agreed to continue prior to the meeting.

5. ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DISCUSSION

1011-029 Parish Clerk - Standing Orders

Copies of the drafted new standing orders had been distributed at the previous meeting. Mr S J Campion proposed that these be adopted, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**1011-030 Staffordshire Police – Traveller Caravans at Hillfield**

The Clerk read out the response from Staffordshire Police with regard to the complaint made. The letter states that police attended Hillfield later in the day and that the control room misinformed that this was not a police matter.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE, STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.**1011-031 PCSO Blanksby :**

- Advised that a number of vehicles were issued with fixed penalty fines for obstruction along Princess Way/Britannia Drive at the Burton Albion v Bournemouth match.
- Laser devices have been in operation on Princess Way and Bitham Lane during April. 4 speeding tickets and 29 warnings issued over period of 2 hours in each location. The operation will be repeated very soon. Derby Road, Church Road and Hillfield Lane were asked to be included
- Mr L Milner advised that he had witnessed some false charity bag collectors and had notified the police on 28th April but had not had any response.

Mr L Milner :

- Remarkd on the excessive amount of “rag and bone” vans targeting the area. PCSO Blanksby gave details of what the police has and are currently undertaking to control these vans - the police are aware of 8 different vans coming into the area. Mr M Harris advised that this was the reason for his attendance at the meeting and of the 3 hours of horn blowing that had occurred. Discussion took place regarding noise nuisance and Mr Milner agreed to make enquiries with ESBC.

Mr F Bather :

- Remarkd that ESBC can be contacted for removal of some large waste.
- Remarkd that the pot holes around Stretton are bad and advised that the County Council would have placed orders months in advance for the resurfacing of the minor roads that was being undertaken.
- Remarkd that ESBC had done a good job with regard to the sewer problem on Fairham Road and that legislation meant the Severn Trent would have to adopt the sewers by 2011.

Mrs E Staples (Staffordshire County Councillor) :

- The sign was in hand along with another sign showing users of the carpark on the Green to turn right only.
- Advised that the speed cushions had again been repaired. Mr M Lewis suggested that these be removed completely. Mrs Staples advised that she had consulted with Highways and been informed that there is no finance to take these out and make alternative traffic calming measures.
- Confirmed that Highways felt that the road surface dressing being undertaken is the most effective method of keeping the roads in good condition.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1011-032 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.

Stretton Community Day	Staff Invitation / Request for funding	<p>The Clerk read out the request for funding letter received. There was some confusion with regard to carry over of unspent funds from previous year grant. Discussion took place regarding the £10 charge to stall holders making a profit and that the event has to become more commercial. Mr S J Champion proposed that the agreed £750 be made but minus the £200 unspent from last year (total £550), this was seconded by Mr M Lewis. Mrs H Eynon counter proposed that the entire £750 grant be made as the event was expanding, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson. A vote was taken for each proposal – Mr S J Champion proposal – Mr G Taylor, Mrs V Atkin, Mr L Milner and Mr J Fowkes in favour - carried</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a stall at the event.</p> <p>The Clerk enquired about promotional gifts as last year and provided a quotation for £542 – it was proposed by Mr S J Champion that these be purchased, seconded by Mr J Fowkes with all present in favour. It was also agreed to have lollipops on the stand.</p>
Mr Nobbs	Derby Road – Speed Limit	The Clerk read out an email complaining about the speed of traffic along Derby Road and the impact on the nursery. The Clerk advised that a copy of the email had been forwarded to Highways and Mrs Staples. Mrs E Staples advised that the road from Claymills to Branston is due for a review of speed limited and that a SID sign had been ordered for the area. Mr S J Champion advised that there had been SID signs in place in January and Mrs Staples agreed to request the data.
Trent & Dove	Floating Support Service for Older People	The Clerk advised of the information received.
Mrs A Parker	Petition	The Clerk advised that a petition had been received at the previous meeting but this had been returned to Mrs Parker as the heading had been taken off explaining the purpose of the petition. Mrs Parker had provided a copy of the petition sheet with the petition but also acknowledged that the purpose of the petition was now not relevant.

Any other correspondence - available for members to peruse.

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue	Safety News – Spring 2010	Filed
Staffordshire Link	Bulletin	Filed
ESBC	ES News	Filed

9. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

1011-033

Mr D Mellor enquired about the gate onto the playarea at Bitham Community Park. The Clerk confirmed that a replacement was on order. Mr Mellor advised that ESBC Enforcement had been very helpful with regard to the dog fouling complaint around De Ferrers Croft but that Bitham Lane Community Park was also suffering from the same problem and felt that dogs should be banned from those areas where children can play. ESBC Enforcement to be contacted.

Mrs A Moore explained that she would prefer the Parish Council not to cut the grass so wide adjacent to the path along Station Walk and that she did not like how she was spoken to at the last meeting, everyone should be able to express their own opinions.

10. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1011-034 The next meeting will be Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1011-035 There were no comments to be made from the plans brought to the meeting.

12. FINANCE

1011-036 Following a proposal by Mrs H Eynon and seconded by Mrs V Atkin the following payments / receipts were approved :

PAYMENTS

001369	COMM COUN STAFFS	MEMBERSHIP	22.00
001370	E.ON	ELECTRIC - HILLFIELD	240.66
001371	A J SMITH	SALARY / REIMBURSEMENTS	1138.86
001372	C ALLEN	SALARY	764.32
001373	G C McCULLOCH	LITTERPICKING / MILL GARDEN	315.00
001374	M TOMLINSON	HEDGE CUTTING	217.37
001375	CSB ENVIRON	PAVING CLEANING	634.50
001376	FAIRVIEW ARBORISTS	TREE WORK - ST WALK / JINNY	672.13
DD	CLERICAL MEDICAL	PENSION FOR CA	57.89
DD	SCOTTISH EQUITABLE	PENSION FOR AJS	70.00
001377	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR AJS/CA	547.93
001378	BURTON SHT METAL	MODS TO HEIGHT BARRIERS	185.65
001379	NALC	LCR SUBSCRIPTION	13.50
001380	ESBC	DOG/LITTER BIN EMPTY	130.13
001381	WICKSTEED LEISURE	RUBBER STOPS FOR TRIM HFD	51.11
001382	VIKING DIRECT	STATIONERY	115.24
001383	C WINSON	MOWING / MAINT	1650.00
001384	D CAMPION	SECURITY FOR GARAGE	295.00
001385	CAMPION BROS	MOWING / RESEEDING	1351.25
001386	CAMPION BROS	DIESEL FOR MOWER	172.20

RECEIPTS

	HILLFIELD	FOOTBALL FEES	270.00
	BOWLS CLUB	RENT	459.90
	SPARTANS	TRAINING	80.00
	STRETTON RS	TRAINING	75.00

1011-037 Memorial DVD

Discussion took place with regard to the quotation received and circulated previously via email. It was unanimously agreed, by those present, not to proceed with the DVD as quoted. Enquiries to be made with de Ferrers regarding student assistance.

1011-038 Hillfield - Football Costings / Allocation

Discussion took place with regard to the football pitches - there will be one Saturday team and two Sunday teams. The current charge is £45 per match (inc changing rooms) and the Clerk advised that this charge would still meet the outgoings. Mr S J Campion proposed to offer the teams the same agreement as 2009/10 season.

Discussion then took place with regard to the training facility. The Clerk advised that Stretton Eagles JFC would like to continue with 3 nights at 1 ½ hours each night and Stretton RS for one night of one hour. The current charging was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to charge £14 per hour to all hirers. Mr J Fowkes proposed that Stretton Eagles and Stretton RS be offered the same agreement as 2009/10 but at the new charge, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour. Mr S J Champion proposed that payment for the training be made in a single payment, with the representatives being invited to the September meeting to make the payment and sign the agreement, when a key to the floodlights would then be issued. This proposal was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour.

The Clerk had issued all present with an email from Stretton Eagles JFC regarding the takeover of the insurance and maintenance of the floodlights, "never having needed the changing rooms and feel that the continued hire incorporates this facility, as we are not allowed to hire the pitches" and taking the insurance responsibility away from the Parish Council with club insurance. Discussion took place regarding the points and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council did not need or want any third party involvement with the floodlights, that the changing rooms have never been and would not be included in the hire of training facilities and it was felt that the insurance would be a necessity for a club like Stretton Eagles JFC.

1011-039 Parish Council Insurance

The Clerk advised that the renewal had been received from Allianz Insurance (Aon) for £5837.27. A quotation had been obtained from Came & Company (Aviva Insurance) of £4462.50 - a 5% discount could be applied for a 3 year binding contract. Optional cover - £31.50 each councillor (£346.50) for legal protection should anyone be reported to the standards committee; or Lorega Loss Recovery £157.50 - a claims expert would be appointed to process claims of over £5,000. Consideration took place regarding the two policies quoted - public liability Aon £5 million / Aviva £10million - fidelity guarantee Aon £2,000 / Aviva £100,000. Mr J Fowkes proposed that the policy from Aviva (via Came & Company) be accepted without the optional cover and for a single year, this was seconded by Mr M Lewis with all present in favour.

1011-040 Audit Documentation

The Clerk advised that the Audit Commission had given notice of annual audit for 2009/10 of 6th June 2010. The members approved the accounting statements and the annual governance statement, which the Chair and Clerk signed.

13. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

1011-041 Mrs V Atkin :

- Advised that the churchyard was looking good but that strimming was not being done around the graves. Mr S J Champion to investigate.

1011-042 Mrs H Eynon :

- Informed of the amount of dog fouling on the canal paths. The Clerk to advise Enforcement at ESBC.

1011-043 Mr J Fowkes :

- Enquired about the public footpath through Craythorne Farm to Walford Road and that it had been ploughed up.

1011-044 Mrs K Winson :

- Advised that the AGM of the Priory Centre Committee was on the 7th June 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.

1011-045 Mr M Lewis :

- Enquired about the permission to allow access across the Green to the new sign – the Clerk advised that the majority of Councillors had been in favour of the work. Mr Lewis enquired about the length of time that this area had been one way and commented that there were lots of signs in place advising of this.
- Enquired if a response had been received regarding the waiting times of buses at various stops. The Clerk advised that none had been received to date. Local coach companies also to be asked not to pick up or drop off at the current location used, which has double yellow lines.

1011-046 Mr G Taylor :

- Enquired about ownership of a piece of barren land at the rear of the private road properties off Beech Lane. It was suggested that St Modwens own the land as access may be possible from Stretton Business Park. Investigations to be made.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE