

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 5th JANUARY 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 C Chapman	
Mr B Buxton	
Mr S Tilley	
Mr L Milner	

Also present were the clerk, Mrs E Staples (SCC), 2 Police Officers(part), Miss R Lees (ESBC)(part), the press and members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

0910-170 Apologies were received from Mr G Taylor, Mr F Bather (ESBC) and Mrs M Fowkes (ESBC).

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2009

0910-171 These previously circulated minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record after a proposal by Mrs K Winson, which was then seconded by Mr S J Campion.

3. REBECCA LEES, NEIGHBOURHOOD COORDINATOR, ESBC

0910-172 Miss Lees provided the meeting with an overview of the Neighbourhood Initiative for East Staffordshire. Stretton is classed as being Semi-Rural and Miss Lees is the Coordinator for the area. The action plans put together from the Workshop (attended by Mr Campion and Mrs Atkin) were a starting point for service providers to get together and prioritize local needs.

Miss Lees advised that the Butterfly Garden had been reinstated, parking at other football stadiums was being investigated and the crossing for Princess Way should be installed before the end of March 2010. These items were all included on the action plan for Stretton.

Miss Lees updated on the Speedwatch service - a meeting had been held with Mr Milner and Mrs Fowkes and letters to volunteers had been sent out. It was envisaged that training would commence in the Spring and also another recruitment campaign if there are insufficient volunteers. Risk assessments need to be undertaken on the roads to be included in the scheme and once all this has been completed then the volunteers can commence operation. It was also suggested that "Community Speedwatch Area" signs could be erected.

Miss Lees advised that the Highway Team would be in Stretton week commencing 25th January and any items requiring attention should be emailed to her.

Mrs K Winson advised of the speed humps that were badly breaking up along Church Road and the poor street lighting along Princess Way and Derby Road. The road surface along Bitham Lane was also highlighted as this is also breaking up again. Miss Lees advised that she would mention these at her meeting with Highways and suggested that the best method of reporting Highway issues was via Clarence.

4. ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DISCUSSION

0910-173 Open Garden Group – Update

The meeting was advised that the group had met in December and had decided not to proceed with the Open Gardens idea but to try to organize a Stretton Fruit & Vegetable Show provisionally on the 22nd August 2010. It was acknowledged that volunteers were needed to organize the event and that it was going to be a Stretton event and not a Parish Council event. Mrs V Atkin advised that the Stretton WI were interested in being involved.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

0910-174 M Slowe – Stretton Precinct

The Clerk read out email received from above advising that the soffits/fascias are the responsibility of the lessee's and that they were not willing to completely remove the bushes at the entrance as this "would make the planters look unsightly" but would welcome any recommendations for the planters.

Mr M Lewis felt that the Parish Council could provide some financial assistance in getting the area tidied up. Mr S Tilley stated that he did not agree as these were commercial properties. It was acknowledged that the lessee's should want to keep the properties in good order and it was decided to contact the lessee's asking that the soffits/fascias be tidied up.

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

0910-175 PC Blanksby (Eton area) and his colleague attended the meeting. Apologies were made for PC Wood who had provided an update.

- Problems with football parking for the Notts Country game over the Christmas period had been experienced. Mr L Milner commented on the legality of the parking cones put out on Princess Way on match days and it was again commented that these result in pushing the parking further into Stretton.
- Resident parking issues on Kingsmead are being dealt with through mediation meetings with the Anti Social Behaviour Officer – parking bays or permits could be implemented.
- Following information provided to Crimestoppers, a swoop was made in conjunction with Revenue & Customs and four vehicles were found to be using red diesel which resulted in fines and vehicle seizure.

- The Clerk enquired if PC Wood had looked at the Jordan Avenue issue emailed to him in December – the Clerk to chase for an update.
- Mr L Milner advised of a minibus that is constantly parked near to Bitham Court but does not appear to belong to a Stretton resident.

Mrs E Staples (Staffordshire County Councillor) :

- Requested that all highway issues get reported via Clarence in the first instance. The breaking up of the speed humps had been reported previously but this was would be chased up again. Mr M Lewis requested that these be removed and alternative methods of traffic calming considered. Mrs Staples advised that she would discuss this at the meeting scheduled for the end of January with highways.
- advised that a review of the mobile library service had been undertaken and there were no proposed changes to the service being provided here but urged that residents use the service if they wanted to keep it.
- commented on recent work undertaken by ESBC on the sewers of Fairham Road again.
- advised that changes are in hand regarding parking around the side roads of Queens Hospital and these were to be advertised in the Burton Mail on the 13th January.
- Mr L Milner commented that the signage at The Green still needed to be moved around – Mrs Staples to remind Highways.
- Mr B Buxton advised that lorries were still going along the old Hillfield Lane and then having to reverse back. Suggestion was made for a sign similar to “Palletways” bshowing the direction to the industrial estate.

The Clerk read out an email from Mr F Bather (ESBC) on the recent problems with the sewers on Fairham Road. ESBC had helped to resolve the problems again despite the sewers not being adopted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

0910-176 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.

Mr Satchwell	Parking - Jordan Avenue	The Clerk advised of the email and that this had been past onto PC Wood.
Chilton Court Ltd	Memorial	The Clerk had circulated this and a drafted response prior to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to send.
ESBC	Economic Regeneration Strategy Refresh	The Clerk advised details - more available on the ESBC website
SCC	Local Services Consultation	Meeting Advised - Copy of information to be forwarded to Mr Satchwell
Stretton Eagles JFC	Request for financial assistance	This was moved for discussion under Finance Item 0910-180
Burton Conservation Volunteers	Jinny Trail	The Clerk read out an email advising that workdays could restart in March costing £210 per day. Mr S J Campion suggested a review early March as Mr C Winson had been doing some clearance works. Agreed

Any other correspondence - available for members to peruse.

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8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

0910-177 Mr E Satchwell provided photographs of the hazards on Jordan Avenue at school times and the potential road safety issues. Mr Satchwell has been in contact with the school. Staffordshire Police to be made aware again.

Rev Kim Thomas updated the meeting on events in 2010 at St Mary's Church. It is proposed to hold an "events week" in June with "Wedding through the ages". Community Day is scheduled for 10th July and Christmas will be a Victorian Christmas throughout the whole of December, a victorian market to be held the first weekend and "A Christmas Carol" theme being given to the Church.

Mr M Goode advised that the research for the booklet was progressing but a small amount of finance may be needed to progress further. The photographs and frame to be reassembled with 2 pictures still unidentified- the Burton Mail to publish. Mr Goode could arrange some military presence for memorial unveiling.

Mr G Jeffrey attended the meeting. Mr S J Campion enquired if Mr Jeffrey lived in Stretton and was on the electoral list for the Parish, Mr Jeffrey stated that he lived in Field Lane, Horninglow. Mr S J Campion advised that Mr Jeffery would not be permitted to speak and outlined the standing orders for public speaking at Parish Council meetings and published on the meeting agendas.

9. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

0910-178 The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd February 2010 at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

0910-179 There were no objections to be made from the plans brought to the meeting for discussion. Mr Chapman to look at the plans for 24 Amberlands.

11. FINANCE

0910-180 Following a proposal by Mrs K Winson and seconded by Mr C Chapman the following cheques were approved and signed:

PAYMENTS

001274	S J CAMPION	REIMB MTG BUFFET/B MAIL	94.53
001275	ESBC	DOG/LITTER BIN EMPTY	101.37
001276	MACE	CCTV/ELECT & EXTING TESTING	2227.27
001277	SLCC	MEMBERSHIP	151.00
001278	PUMPING STATION	CONTRIBUTION TO PROJECT	2981.28
001279	SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS	DONATION	250.00

001280	C ALLEN	SALARY	746.64
001281	A J SMITH	SALARY PLUS REIMBURSEMENTS	1302.22
001282	EON	ELECTRIC FOR HILLFIELD	76.95
001283	SOUTH STAFFS WATER	WATER FOR HILLFIELD	47.83
DD	CLERICAL MEDICAL	PENSION CONT FOR CA	60.78
001284	BT	OFFICE	164.04
001285	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR AJD/CA	519.24
001286	N RATCLIFFE	XMAS LIGHTS	220.00
001287	G C McCULLOCH	LITTERPICKING	230.00
001288	FAIRVIEW ARB	HIRE OF CHIPPER	69.00
001289	S C C	LINEMARKING	334.08
001290	MACE SECURITY	ELECTRIC WORKS HILLFIELD	260.80
001291	WICKSTEED LEISURE	SAFETY TILES - TRIM HILLFIELD	1332.86
001292	ANDREW STRETTON	PAINTING PLAY EQUIP HILLFIELD	778.03
001293	ESBC	DOG/LITTER BIN EMPTY	127.36
001294	RAINBOW WASTE	WHEELIE BIN - EMPTY	71.98
001295	BRADY COPR	CCTV SIGNS	117.47
001296	VIKING DIRECT	STATIONERY	186.35
001297	S J CAMPION	REIMBURSE BURTON MAIL	12.90
001298	CAMPION BROS LTD	LAND RENT FOR GARAGE	120.00
RECEIPTS			
	PRIORY CENTRE	REIMBURSE FURNITURE PAYMENT	1707.02
	FOOTBALL FEES		225.00

0910-181 Stretton Eagles JFC - Request for financial assistance

The Clerk read out the emailed request for sponsorship of shirts at an approximate cost of £200. It was unanimously agreed not to sponsor or assist as this could set a precedent for all other Stretton groups and organizations. Groups should consider fund raising options.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

0910-182 Mr S J Campion - Advised of the large rabbit population at Hillfield and what could be done to control the numbers. Upon discussion it was agreed that shooting and poison were definitely not suitable, proper rabbit fencing was a possibility but was costly. It was agreed to try ferreting in the first instance. Mr S J Campion to make the necessary arrangements.

0910-183 Mr L Milner - Advised of the increase in "keep fit" areas and equipment on recreational areas. Could be considered in future developments.

0910-184 Mrs V Atkin - A new no parking sign required for Almond Court on the garage. The Clerk to advise ESBC as the land has not been transferred to date. Mr L Milner to chase up with ESBC.

0910-185 Mrs H Eynon - Reported on the very poor state of the goal areas on Bitham Lane field. Possibilities are to move the pitches or Astroturf. The Clerk to obtain prices.

- 0910-186 Mrs K Winson – Advised of the next Priory Centre meeting – Monday 25.1.10
- 0910-187 Mr S Tilley – Enquired if it could be more cost effective to purchase a “chipper”. The Clerk to obtain prices.
- Considered the statement made by Mrs E Staples that driving over the speed humps would rub the inside of tyres, this would mean the bumps are a danger and not safe to road vehicles and should therefore be removed.
- 0910-188 Mr C Chapman – Advised that the junction of Rolleston Road, Harehedge Lane and Bitham Lane had flooded again as the adjacent field had also flooded.
- 0910-189 Mr M Lewis – Enquired about the buses stopping for periods of time at the stops on Church Road and Bridge Street. The Clerk advised that the stops were designated as terminus stops which permitted waiting and that redesignation had been attempted previously. Mr Lewis also remarked on the coaches which stopped to pick up on Church Road on double yellow lines – PC Wood to be asked to monitor.
- 0910-190 Mr B Buxton – Requested an update on the Playbuilder application. The Clerk advised that the application had been presented to ESBC for their endorsement which had been given and then formally submitted in November. SCC had rejected all applications and asked for resubmission at the end of February.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE