

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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	
Mrs H Eynon	
Mr M Lewis	
Mr J Fowkes	
Mr B Buxton	
Mr S Tilley	
Mr L Milner	

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

1011-001 Apologies were received from Mr G Taylor and Mr F Bather (ESBC).

**2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2010**

1011-002 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.

**3. ITEMS REQUESTED FOR DISCUSSION**

1011-003 SJ Campion/Clerk - Travellers/Police

Mr S J Campion advised that on the 17<sup>th</sup> March three sets of travellers gained access onto Hillfield Playing Fields. When the Clerk contacted Staffordshire Police, they advised that this was not a police matter and contact should be made with SCC or ESBC. The Clerk contacted ESBC who attended immediately. The travellers had decided to move on before ESBC and the Clerk got to site. It was reported the next day that Staffordshire Police had helped Burton Albion FC to move on travellers from their carpark the same afternoon. Mr S J Campion advised that a letter had been sent to the Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police. The Clerk read out letter received advising that Chief Superintendent Grant had been asked to make contact.

PC Wood advised that the police do have a role to play with travellers and have powers to move on for upto 6 vehicles. PC Wood stated that Inspector Oomer had undertaken some investigations and a response would be made.

1011-004 Clerk - Standing Orders

The Clerk distributed copies of updated standing orders to all members for perusal. Discussion / approval to be undertaken at the May meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**1011-005 PC Wood – Jordan Avenue

The Clerk read out the email received regarding the above complaint made several months ago. Mr E Satchwell confirmed that the situation had improved.

1011-006 Queens Hospital – Letter of thanks

The Clerk read out the letter of thanks for the donation to the Scanner Appeal.

1011-007 SCC – Playbuilder Update

The Clerk advised that the application had been unsuccessful and a official letter advising of the reasons was awaited. The Clerk had contacted SCC regarding the cycle track/footpath and had been informed that Highways Agency and RSPCA had now agreed and the arrangements for construction in September were in hand. SCC had confirmed that an onsite meeting would be arranged before construction to agree exact setting out details.

1011-008 St Mary's Church – Community Day

The Clerk advised that the information required had not been received and therefore discussion not possible.

1011-009 Flint Bishop – Station Walk

The Clerk advised that the solicitor had informed on the fence situation along Station Walk. There is no evidence to show that any obligation exists regarding provision of fencing and the council could decided it would or would not like to have a fence. Mrs A Moore of Bridgeside stated that she did not particularly want a fence but did not want the Parish Council to clear the area but to leave the brambles. Mr S J Campion stated that the appearance and upkeep of the area was easier when cleared. Mrs Moore was adamant that the brambles should be left as this added security. Mr Campion advised that Station Walk was owned and maintained by the Parish Council and clearance of the area had been decided by the Council. Mrs Moore did not wish to continue the discussion.

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

## 1011-010 PC Wood :

- Advised that a meeting had been held to discuss football parking and that Mrs Staples had more details.
- Confirmed that both himself and the PCSO's were directing youngsters onto the parks thus avoiding them hanging around the streets. Hoped that the new centre at Fountains could be used for youth provision. The Clerk confirmed that discussions with the Children's Centre Coordinator had been had and that use of the centre was agreed for Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Mr J Fowkes enquired about recent incidents of nuisance along Beech Lane. PC Wood confirmed that the incidents had been logged onto the system and included on control plan.

- Mr L Milner informed of the increase in vehicles parking on the verge and pavement adjacent to the Fishing Pond on Derby Road.
- Mr L Milner also informed of the matchday parking of vehicles in bus laybys on both sides of Derby Road. PC Wood confirmed that this was an offence.
- Mr C Chapman advised of the amount of rag and bone men around the area and that residents had chased them off driveways.

Mrs M Fowkes :

- Confirmed that on the same day that Mr S J Champion had complained to the Police about the vehicles parked along Derby Road, approximately 100 vehicles were parked around Princess Way area which had been reported to PC Wood that same afternoon.

Mr L Milner :

- Informed the meeting that Enforcement Department of ESBC had been booking lorries parking along Eastern Avenue.

Mrs E Staples (Staffordshire County Councillor) :

- The 20mph limit along Rolleston Road, by de Ferrers school, has been proven effective and it has been decided to roll out to all schools that need it over the next 4 years. The speed limit will be enforceable during school hours.
- The funding to keep the Staffordshire Hoard within Staffordshire has been achieved but finance is still needed for its upkeep.
- Advised of an agency meeting held to discuss matchday parking between herself, Rebecca Lees (ESBC), Kim Realff (ESBC), Inspector Oomer (Staffs Police), Ben Robinson (Burton Albion FC), Matt Weston (ESBC), Nigel Mellor and Richard Rayson (SCC). It was stated that agencies have been working together and pre-match meetings held. It was acknowledged that a pedestrian crossing was to be installed on Princess Way in the next couple of months which was to encourage people to walk or cycle to matches. It had been reported that there had only been two accidents in the Britannia Drive area which were both unrelated to football traffic. "No complaints had been made to the police, highways or enforcement teams" and "rather have cars on the verges than along Derby Road" were two comments from the agency meeting. Mr S J Champion and Mrs M Fowkes (ESBC) reported on to incidents where complaints had been made to the police and Mr S Tilley advised that PC Wood had been observed looking at the parked vehicles following the February meeting. Mrs Staples advised that there was insufficient evidence for double yellow lines and if there was and it was top of the list it would still be 2011 before implementation. Mrs M Fowkes enquired why the land adjacent to the stadium could not be used.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

1011-011 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.

Mrs P Harrison	Complaint regarding precept	The Clerk read out the email to the meeting - this along with a response had been forwarded prior to the meeting.
CPRE	Membership/Donation	After discussion Mr B Buxton proposed a donation of £50 which was seconded by Mrs K Winson but the majority vote was against the payment.
Comm Coun Staffs	Membership/Donation	Mrs K Winson advised that this was useful to the Priory Centre. Mrs V Atkin proposed to renew membership of £22, seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour.
Eddy Steer	Fundraising	The Clerk read out the letter to the meeting. It was unanimously agreed to decline due to the applicant being outside the Parish
Wicksteed	Playarea Inspections	Clerk advised that Bitham had past the inspection with no comments. The camel spring mobile needed a new shroud - the Clerk had contacted Wicksteed and this was being done under warranty. The Clerk advised that the bump stops needed for the fitness equipment had been purchased to be fitted by Handyman.
SPCA	Membership	The Clerk informed that the annual subscription for 2010/11 was £760. Stretton had not been members for several years and advice could be sought from various sources other than SPCA.

Any other correspondence - available for members to peruse.

St Giles Hospice	Newsletter	Filed
ESBC	Council Tax Notification	Filed
SCC	Your Staffordshire Publication	Filed

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

1011-012 Miss Hill informed that she had been a Stretton resident for 11 years and was in attendance to become more involved.

Mrs Mason informed of a recent incident where her daughter had fell ill whilst out in Stretton, her mobile phone had lost its charge and she had had to ask for assistance at the Monks Bridge public house as Stretton does not have any public telephone boxes. It was acknowledged that BT had advised of intention to withdraw some boxes but it had not been noticed that all had been removed.

Mr D Mellor enquired about enforcement of dog fouling which was especially bad along the footpaths from Britannia Drive to the Surgery and on the green space adjacent to de Ferrers Croft. Mr L Milner advised of the enforcement reporting forms on ESBC website and that this was one way to report offenders.

Mr D Mellor also felt concerned that the spring mechanism on the gate into the playarea at Bitham Lane was too fast and dangerous. The Clerk to investigate.

Mr E Satchwell commented that residents should take photographs of illegally parked vehicles and of potholes then send them to the relevant authorities.

Mr M Ford advised that the speed humps were in poor repair again. Mrs Staples advised that quick patches were being made due to the high volume of work but the humps had been reported to Highways for repair again.

Mrs A Parker presented the Chair with an enveloped letter and also suggested that walking through Stretton instead of driving would make him more aware of the lack of telephone boxes.

## 8. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1011-013 The next meeting will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1011-014 There were two objections to be made from the plans brought to the meeting for discussion.

P/2010/00289/MA - Erection of a single storey front extension at 27 Stirling Rise. It was felt that the extension blocked light and removed the view from the neighbours front window - objection to be made

P2010/00384/MB - Erection of a detached dormer bungalow and detached double garage - Land adjacent to 105 Priorylands. It was agreed to make an objection to this application as the development was being squashed into the available land.

## 10. FINANCE

1011-015 Following a proposal by Mr B Buxton and seconded by Mr C Chapman the following cheques were approved and signed:

### PAYMENTS

001339	G C McCULLOCH	LITTERPICKING	184.00
001340	BTN SAMEDAY COUR	PLAYBUILDER APPLIC TO STAFFORD	47.00
001341	HALLMARK TRACTORS	RIDE ON MOWER/CUTTER	17964.58
001342	CAMPION BROS	ALLOTMENT GATES MODIFICATION	246.75
001343	WILLSHEE SKIP HIRE	SKIP FOR GARAGE CLEARANCE	126.90
001344	E.ON	LIGHTING MAINT STATION WLK	155.53
001345	E.ON	ELECTRIC FOR HILLFIELD	90.73
001346	BT	TELEPHONE / BROADBAND	134.91
001347	STH STAFFS WATER	CHARGES FOR HILLFIELD	47.83
001348	SCC	YOUTH SERVICE PROV 10/11	3000.00
001349	PWLB	SETTLEMENT OF LOAN	4900.00
001350	QUEENS HOSPITAL	SCANNER APPEAL	500.00

001351	SCC - PAGET	COPYING QUARTERLY	6.00
001352	C ALLEN	SALARY / REIMURSE BOOK	748.83
001353	A J SMITH	SALARY / REIMBURSE MODEM/CALC	1170.36
001354	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR CA AND AJS	519.04
001355	D&D GLASS	BUS SHELTER PERSPEX	293.75
001356	WOODGROW HORTIC	PLANTS FOR BITHAM LN PARK	465.42
001357	RAINBOW WASTE	WHEELIE BIN PROVISION AND EMPTY	83.98
001358	ALLIANZ INSURANCE	INSURANCE FOR MOWER	268.80
001359	S C C	LINE MARKING	195.05
001360	C WINSON	GEN MAINT	1320.00
001361	HARLOW BROS	MATERIALS FOR REPAIRS	9.21
001362	ESBC	DOG/LITTERBIN EMPTY	104.11
001363	BURTON SHEET METAL	ERECTION OF BARRIER HILLFIELD	1609.75
001364	ST MARY'S CHURCH	DONATION LIGHTS / FLOODLIGHTS	550.00
001365	WICKSTEED LEISURE	PLAY EQUIP INSPECTIONS	105.75
001366	K WINSON	REIMBURSE PADLOCKS	9.50
001367	S J CAMPION	REIMBURSE BURTON MAIL	14.40
001368	CAMPION BROS	AREATE, SERVICE MOWERS	699.12

RECEIPTS

	FOOTBALL FEES	PITCH PAYMENTS	215.00
	STRETTON EAGLES	TRAINING FEE	600.00
	PWLB	OVERPAYMENT RECEIPT	23.48
	NATWEST	INTEREST	2.26
	FOOTBALL	TRAINING FEE	30.00

1011-016 Memorial Update

Discussion took place regarding the quotation for the making of a DVD. It was felt that the cost was high but acknowledged the time involved. Mr M Goode expressed that this would be an opportunity to record the development for prosperity. Mr B Buxton suggested that alternative quotations be sourced for comparison. Mr L Milner enquired about copyright and cost of copies plus it would be prudent to see a piece of work completed by the film maker. It was agreed that the Clerk to make enquiries regarding the copyright.

The Clerk read out a letter from St Mary's advising that the Parish Council could become custodians of the WWI picture but that they would like to have an album to display a copy of the pictures with some information on each. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk purchase an album. Mr M Goode confirmed that Burton College were in the process of refurbishing the frame and new glass to be purchased to protect the photographs.

Mr Goode stated that there were 446 WWI and 13 WWII names for the memorial engraving – the Clerk to organize a meeting to discuss the format of the engraving.

Upon discussion it was agreed that Mr M Lewis make the replica plinth and then advise so that a meeting could be organized to ascertain positioning.

Mr M Goode updated that the book was ongoing but near to being printed.

**1011-017 Hillfield Playing Fields**

Mr S J Champion advised of the walkabout arranged and of the wear and tear on the training area of the field. Mr S J Champion did not think that the ground was wearing well to training 4 nights per week. A quotation was received from Champion Bros Ltd for reseeding work.

Mr S J Champion declared an interest in the quote and left the room.

Mrs K Winson advised that the quotation was for £810 which was the supply of the seed, aerate, chain harrow, roll and sowing of the seed. The work to be undertaken before the end of May. Mr S Tilley proposed that due to Champion Bros expertise they should be asked to undertake the work, this was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour.

Mr S J Champion returned to the meeting.

**1011-018 Bitham Lane Community Park**

The Clerk advised of a quotation received for re-surfacing of the goal mouths on the mini pitches at Bitham Lane with artificial turf - £9216 each pitch or £45000 for both entire pitches. Both these options were considered expensive. Mr S J Champion recommended taking one pitch out of action to fill the worn areas with top soil and seed then swap. Mrs H Eynon enquired if both pitches could be moved a goal width to the side so that all worn areas could be treated at once. Upon further discussion Mrs H Eynon proposed both pitches be moved and Champion Bros undertake the work necessary, seconded by Mr L Milner with all present in favour.

**1011-019 Approval of Year End Accounts**

The Clerk presented copies of the balance sheet and income and expenditure for 2009/10. Members were also given copies of the revised precept budget for 2010/11. Upon discussion Mr S J Champion proposed approval of the accounts which was seconded by Mrs K Winson with all present in favour. The Chair and Responsible Officer signed off the accounts.

**11. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS****1011-020 Mr L Milner :**

- Advised that the Parish Council should be aware of the land ownership and provided details of some land issues where green space has not been past to ESBC.

**1011-021 Mrs V Atkin :**

- Enquired if the fence had been looked at on the Jinny Trail. The Clerk and Mrs Winson advised that this had been done.

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**1011-022 Mrs H Eynon :**

- Advised that the pavement fronting her property on Bitham Lane is breaking up and in urgent need of repair.
- Concerned that the gateway at the Bull Walk has been cleared along with the rear field and large amounts of manure heaped onto the area.

1011-023 Mrs K Winson :

- Thanked those involved with the Butterfly garden as it looks lovely.
- Enquired about the ESBC Noise Pollution Team that was featured in the ES News. Mr Milner advised that a complaint form is available on the ESBC website.
- Advised that the wheelie bin at Hillfield is now lockable but rubbish is being left around the bin. It was acknowledged that this is in fact fly tipping. Evidence to be gathered and presented to ESBC.

0910-224 Mr S Tilley :

- Enquired about the complaint recently regarding the lowering of the pavement near to The Anglesey Pub as disabled motor scooter users and pushchairs are not able to get onto the footpath.

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