

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council (SODPC) Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Monday 9 th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Knightlow School.
Meeting Chair	Cllr Paul Gordon (PG),
Minute Taker	Mrs Helen Stewart (HS)
Attendees	Cllr Ian Simpson (IS), Cllr Nicola Haywood (NH), Cllr Joe Whitmore (JW), Cllr Warwick Dipple (WD), Cllr Pam Rose (PR).
Apologies	None

Public Forum

There were no items raised in the public forum.

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date for Completion
1.	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies</p> <p>While no apologies were given, it was reported that two vacancies have occurred on the Parish Council. Cllr John Simmonds has retired from his role for health reasons and tragically Cllr Rob Stephens has died suddenly. Cllr Paul Gordon led everyone in a minute's silence to remember Cllr Stephens.</p>		
2.	<p style="text-align: center;">Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>		
3.	<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes from Last Month's Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 11th September 2017 were accepted by those present and signed as a true and account by Cllr Paul Gordon.</p>		
4.	<p style="text-align: center;">Actions from the minutes</p> <p>a. The Clerk had contacted four building firms and received two quotations back. It was agreed to engage F Geo Robinson's to complete the repairs to the Bus Shelter. Cllr Dipple will oversee the project in conjunction with the Clerk. HS to arrange a meeting with the contractor.</p> <p>b. It was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase a laser light machine, and work with Andy Cambridge to install it safely so the lights can be seen on the Old Lime Tree on the village green. HS to contact Andy Cambridge.</p>	HS HS	30/10/2017 30/10/2017
5.	<p style="text-align: center;">Reports from Borough and County Councillors</p> <p>There was no representation from with RBC or WCC at the meeting.</p>	No Action	
6.	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Matters</p> <p>R17/1376 – Brookside Surgery. No comments. There was discussion regarding RBC Local Plan. The Parish Council has submitted a response during the consultation period, opposing it on the grounds of extra pressure on the infrastructure, increased traffic and flood risks and reduction of green space within this rural village. It will not be taking any further action at this stage until there are further plans in place for consideration. HS is to add a note into the Pendulum asking residents to contact the Parish Council with their comments on the current Local Plan, so the Parish Council can better determine the view of the electorate whom it directly affects.</p>	HS	16/10/2017
7.	<p style="text-align: center;">Dog Fouling</p> <p>It was agreed to engage with the Keep Britain Tidy 'Dog Poo Fairy' scheme. HS to purchase signage and stickers for £54.</p>	HS	30/10/2017
8.	<p style="text-align: center;">War Memorial</p>		

	It was agreed that the traditional service at the monument on Remembrance Sunday will go ahead again, led by Rev Ali. Cllr Gordon will lay a wreath. HS to contact members of the PCC and History Society to establish if a local person would like to give a short address on behalf of the people of Stretton. The monument will be cleaned in the next few weeks and the grass cut. It was discussed that Mark Cooper should go on a course so he can be licensed to use weed killer in a public place, ie: the war memorial island. Cllr Simpson will look into courses for this and inform the clerk.	IS	30/10/2017
9.	Christmas Fair A letter from the Parochial Church Council was received informing the Parish Council of its intention to hold the Christmas Fayre and light switch on in the village centre on 1 st December. The Parish Council has no objection to this.	No Action	
10.	Bonfire The Scouts have requested to host their annual bonfire night celebrations at Fosse Way Park on Saturday 4 th November. The Parish Council had no objection to this, provided the space was cleared and left in a good condition.	No Action	
11.	AED & First Aid Training Twelve parishioner will be trained in Basic First Aid on Tuesday 17 th October 2017 at 12.30pm in Stretton Village Hall.	No Action	
12.	Small Grants Policy Three applications for funding were received, considered and granted. Awards were made to:- All Saints PCC - £1971 (Upkeep of church yard and flood lighting) Stretton Village Hall - £1300 (Annual Insurance Policy) 1 st Stretton on Dunsmore Scouts - £1260 (flooring for the Scout Hut)	No Action	
13.	Allotments Cllr Simpson will take over responsibility for the allotments, and collect the rent annually.	IS	30/10/2017
14.	Brook and Trees Mark Cooper continues to manage the Parish Council trees. He has raised a concern about the build-up of silt in the brook, so HS has arranged for Mark Banning of WCC to inspect the brook in November. HS has also contacted Ben Hill of WCC to try to establish when the resurfacing of Brookside will take place.	No Action	30/10/2017
15.	Basketball Hoop It was agreed to purchase a new basketball hoop and net for Plott Lane park. Mark Cooper will repair the backboard.	HS	30/10/2017
16.	Fosse Way Pavilion The pavilion and shed on the Fosse Way are just about serviceable but not at visually pleasing and could be a lot more functional. Cllr Gordon proposed that the Parish Council form a working party to develop a long term plan for the buildings, to create a more appealing and practical space. It was agreed that a note should be shared in the Pendulum to ask for volunteers from the village who would be interested in working on this community project with the Parish Council.	HS	30/10/2017
17.	Speed Awareness Cllr Rose proposed that Stretton jointly purchases a Speed Gun and signage with Princethorpe Parish Council, so the Community Speed Watch can continue to work together to reduce the speed of vehicles traveling through the two villages, by setting their own timetable. This was seconded by Cllr Whitmore and carried unanimously.	No Action	30/10/2017
18.	Correspondence		

	a. Email from Peter Langley regarding the RBC Local Plan b. Email from Norma Bryson regarding parking on Church Hill.	No Action	30/10/2017
19.	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Finances</p> <p>Cheques were signed for:- £100.00 – CASH (Toddler Group Grant money from WCC) £360.00 – Grant Thornton (External Audit) £25.00 - WALC (Training) £1566.00 – E.ON (New lamp Manor Drive) £393.40 – Helen Stewart (Salary) £1182.82 – E.ON (Electricity) £89.54 – Helen Stewart (Expenses) £939.57 – Mark Cooper (Wages) £1300.00 – Stretton Village Hall (Grant) £1971.00 – All Saints PCC (Grant) £100.00 – Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths) £1260.00 – 1st Stretton on Dunsmore Scouts (Grant) £54.00 – Keep Britain Tidy (Dog Poo Fairy) £360.00 – BT Payphones (Red Phone Box) £240.00 – Tranter Training Solutions (First Aid Course) £2184.00 – Midland Conservation Ltd (Monument Cleaning) £45.00 – WALC (Training)</p>	No Action	
20.	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>HS to contact WCC regarding the refilling of grit bins in the village</p>	HS	30/10/2017
16.	<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Next Meeting & Future Meetings</p> <p>The dates for the forthcoming public meetings have been set as:- Monday 13th November 2017. There will not be a public meeting in December.</p>	No Action	