

## MINUTES OF MEETING

<b>Name of Meeting</b>	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council (SODPC) Meeting
<b>Date, Time and Venue of Meeting</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in Knightlow School.
<b>Meeting Chair</b>	Cllr John Simmonds (JS)
<b>Minute Taker</b>	Mrs Helen Stewart (HS)
<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr Nicola Haywood (NH), Cllr Paul Gordon (PG), Cllr Warwick Dipple (WD), Cllr Ian Simpson (IS), Cllr Robert Stephens (RS), Cllr Joe Whitmore (JW), Cllr Pam Rose (PR), Cllr Howard Roberts (HR) and Cllr Carolyn Watson-Merrick and four parishioners.
<b>Apologies</b>	

### Public Forum

The following topics were raised: -

- Eroding pavements

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date for Completion
1.	<b>Apologies</b> There were no apologies received.		
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations		
3.	<b>Minutes from Last Month's Meeting</b> The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting which took place on 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 by Cllr Simmonds.		
4.	<b>Actions from the minutes</b> 4. One AED is live and located on the exterior wall of the Village Hall, a second has been fully installed on Rugby Lane and a third is now located within Knightlow School. HS is processing the paperwork with the Ambulance Service to make them all live. 4. The response to the Mineral Strategy has been submitted. 4. The Parish Council were in receipt of three quotes to cut the laurel hedges on the amenities land on Squires Rd. The contract will be awarded to Eagles Arboriculture for £480. JS to liaise on date for cutting. 4. HS to contact other Parishes with a War Memorial with a view to finding a reputable company to clean the monument. 4. All the volunteers who took the Speed Awareness course have passed and an official certificate giving will take place on 18 <sup>th</sup> March with the Police.	HS  JS  HS	13/03/2017  13/03/2017  13/03/2017
5.	<b>County &amp; Borough Councillors Issues</b> Cllr Watson-Merrick spoke regarding the new initiative that sees RBC charging £40 per year to each household who would like their green waste disposed of; this is in addition to the council tax. The Rugby Hall of Fame Museum will see a charge to all adults but children will be free.	No Action	
5a.	Cllr Howard Roberts informed the assembly that the Dunchurch Forum on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February would be attended by members of the Police and WCC Road Safety Department. He also spoke regarding the budget setting process at RBC which will start on 28 <sup>th</sup> February. A saving of £1.2 million must be made this year. He advised Parish Councils to maintain some reserves for the forthcoming years. Despite a number of other cuts to local amenities, WCC will maintain the 580 bus service between Rugby and Coventry. Cllr Roberts will stand for re-election in May 2017.	No Action	

6.	<b>Planning Matters</b>		
	Planning application R17/0109 was considered and the Parish Council has no comment to make.		
7.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Stretton-on-Dunsmore Scout Hut</b>		
	A meeting took place between Cllrs Gordon, Simmonds, Helen Stewart, Andy Cambridge and Adrian Gardener of the Scouts at the Hut on Plott Lane. The lease is still to be formalised by the solicitor once HS, PG and JS have agreed the document changes. The Smart Meter will be installed on 14th February. Adrian confirmed that Vicki has arranged for all subsequent bills for the electricity in the hut to be sent directly to her. It was agreed that a cheque for £250 for the first six month's rental of the hut will be made ready and passed to Helen by 1st March 2017. The annual rental cost going forward will be £500. It was also agreed that the terms of the rental are that the Scouts are responsible for any interior works but the Parish Council will remain responsible for the maintenance of the building's exterior. After a discussion it was agreed that lighting the car park area was not likely to be a quick or practical solution. The Scouts suggested that continuing the fencing from the play area along the bank to the concrete access ramp into the playing field, then picking it up again the other side might be a more effective solution. The Parish Council have agreed this in principle and delegated further costings and work to PG.	PG, HS, JS	10/04/2017
		PG	13/03/2017
8.	<b>Traffic &amp; Parking</b>		
	Concerns over inconsiderate parking have been raised by both residents of Hill Crescent and Church Hill. It was concluded that while the Parish Council has no jurisdiction over parking it would make an effort to liaise with the School and Church to make residents aware of events which may increase traffic around the two buildings. HS will also ask the police to increase their presence in the village during term time at school drop off and pick up times.	HS	13/03/2017
8a.	Cllr Simmonds raised concerns about the owners of the Manor House extending the boundaries of their property by adding potted conifers to the grass verge. After a discussion it was agreed that Cllr Simmonds should approach the owners to discuss the matter.	JS	13/03/2017
8b.	At short notice, Helen Stewart and Cllr Haywood met with Debbie Poynton of WCC Road Safety to discuss traffic calming measures that could be implemented within Stretton. One possible option is to reduce the speed limit on School Lane and Brookside to 20 mph but this would require the erection of more signage, chicanes and more road markings. Mrs Poynton's advice in the first instance was to commission some traffic surveys to establish the speed and volume of vehicles passing through the village centre. This option was discussed and the Parish Council have decide to defer a decision on this until after April when funding such surveys may become available from WCC.	HS	08/05/2017
9.	<b>E.ON</b>		
	HS has requested a quote and full schedule of works for installing power within the village green so the large lime tree can be lit up at Christmas but has not yet received a reply from E.ON. Add to next agenda.	HS	13/03/2017
10.	<b>Litter Pick</b>		
	Cllr Haywood will lead the annual community litter pick on Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April time to be confirmed. Everyone (and the dog) are welcome! Some litter picking sticks and hi-vis are available, but if you have your own please bring them.	No Action	
11.	<b>Correspondence</b>		
		JS	13/03/2017

	A relative of the late Lyn Joyce has queried the spelling of her name on the plaque on the bench on Brookside. JS will confirm the correct spelling and a decision to alter the plaque has been deferred to the next meeting.		
11a	HS has been in touch with WCC regarding the trees on Plott Lane which are interfering with 1 Squires Rd. Mr Clint Parker will visit site to carry out any necessary works.	No Action	
11b.	RBC has confirmed that Stretton-on-Dunsmore will receive a grant for the cutting of grass verges as in previous years.	No Action	
11c.	WALC Annual Briefing Day is taking place on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2017.	No Action	
11d.	Michelle Morris of the Oak and Black Dog is forming a working party, and has arranged the hire of a skip to clear the overgrown section of the brook from the doctor surgery to the electricity hub. The Parish Council fully support this as it will reduce the risk of flooding and it be more aesthetically pleasing.	No Action	
12.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Finances</b></p> <p>HS to attend End of Year Financial Training from WALC.  Cheques were signed for:-  Helen Stewart £495.69 – Clerks Salary&amp; Expenses  Knightlow School £90.00 – Room Hire  Knightlow School £71.25 – Room Hire  Mark Cooper £141.35 – Handyman  Andy Cambridge £275.00 – AED Rugby Lane  E.ON £28.80 – Faulty Lamp  E.ON £456.43 – Quarterly Maintenance (previous cheque returned.)</p>	No Action	
13.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>JS will arrange an update of the burial ground for the next meeting.  WD will ask the footpath group to look at the stile in School Lane which is rather high.  HS to report the faulty lighting of the War Memorial to Highways England.</p>	JS WD  HS	13/03/2017
14.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date of Next Meeting &amp; Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The dates for the forthcoming public meetings have been set as:-  Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017  Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017  Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – AGM  Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017  Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017  No meeting in August  Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017  Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017  Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017  Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017</p>	No Action	