

STRETTON-ON-DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Community Speed Watch

Cllr Pam Rose has taken on the role of co-ordinating the Stretton & Princethorpe Community Speed Watch Team. Another traffic monitoring session has been arranged for the Fosse Way in July. The Parish Council wish to thank the volunteers and Police for their continued efforts to reduce the speed of vehicles traveling through our village.

Parking

The Parish Council has no jurisdiction over parking but again reminds residents and visitors to park considerately. You should not double park so an emergency vehicle cannot pass down the road nor should you park within 20 feet of a corner or junction. Reports of concerning parking or erratic driving should be made to the police via 101. Photographs and registration details are always helpful.

Basic First Aid Training

Working jointly with the First Responders, the Ambulance Service and the residents the Parish Council has facilitated the installation of three Automated External Defibrillators (AED) within Stretton. The Parish Council is keen to invest further in the health and well-being of the village and is therefore considering running a Basic First Aid Course which will include an AED demonstration. A minimum of 12 volunteers is required to run the course, so if you are interested in receiving the training please contact the Clerk. The date and time of the course will be arranged based on the majority availability of the volunteers.

Allotment Space

There is currently one allotment plot for rental within the village. If you are interested in renting this plot please contact Cllr Simmonds on 02476 542350 or the clerk.

Grass Verges

The Parish Council are very aware that parts of our village are looking rather dishevelled; these are the areas which RBC have responsibility for maintaining. The Parish Council have complained directly to RBC, and copied in Cllr Howard Roberts. RBC should be cutting the grass verges 7 times between April and October but they have clearly fallen behind despite receiving complaints from The Parish Council, residents and County Councillors. In the short-term the Parish Council will ask the handyman to rake up the dried cuttings in the affected areas to make it look more presentable. Thank you, to the community spirited residents who have already starting doing that! In the longer-term the Parish Council are looking into the feasibility of topping up the cuts or even taking overall responsibility for all the grass verges currently maintained by RBC. These options must be considered more fully and in conjunction with the Parish financial forecast.

Handyman

Unfortunately our hard-working village Handyman, Mark Cooper has been taken ill and admitted to hospital. He has asked his son, Nick, to pick up some of his work in the short-term but please bear with us for the next few weeks. The Parish Council have sent their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mark!

RBC Local Plan & Development

The consultation period on the Local Plan has ended, and despite strong opposition from Stretton (and other surrounding parish councils) on the grounds of traffic, infrastructure and flooding it has been passed, so we are very likely to see 75 new dwellings built within Stretton.

The Local Plan has identified the locations for these new homes to be built in the field behind Squires Rd (S16/065), and the area known as Little Orchard (S14/004) on Plott Lane. Other sites were considered within Stretton by RBC but ultimately dismissed as unsuitable, including the land of Fosse Way (S16/018) which is currently being promoted by Rosconn. This land is not part of the Local Plan. The Parish Council have been in contact with the Principle Planner at RBC, who has stated that it is not an option to swap either S14/004 or S16/065 in favour of S16/018. The two sites identified within the Local Plan are the locations which will be developed, the land promoted by Rosconn would be in addition to those 75 dwellings should it get public support and planning permission. Further advice from the Principle Planner and Cllr Howards is that by implementing the Local Plan, and releasing the sections of greenbelt at sites S14/004 & S16/065, it will stop any further development within Stretton on other greenbelt sites. Based on this it appears unlikely that Rosconn will be successful in any planning applications for site S16/018. The Parish Council will ensure that it is kept abreast of further developments regarding the Local Plan and planning applications.

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