

STRETTON-ON-DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections

Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council currently has two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Following protocol these vacancies were advertised, and as a result 20 residents wrote to RBC to request that there be a by-election within the Parish to fill the vacancies. A by-election will take place on **15th February 2018**. If only two people apply to RBC they will automatically be elected to office; this is an uncontested election. If more than two people apply, then it goes to an official ballot where all Stretton residents (who are on the electoral register) are given the opportunity to cast their vote by silent ballot in the village hall; it works the same as the local election process. The Parish Council do not have any involvement in the by-election, all ballot papers, notifications and vote-counting etc are managed by RBC.

Speed Watch

The Princethorpe & Stretton joint Community Speed Watch have now ordered their own speed gun and equipment so they can set their own timetable. The Police will be running the Speed Awareness Course again on **Saturday 10th February at 2pm** for anyone who wishes to be trained on the use of a speed gun and join the team. The volunteers always see an impact on the traffic when they are out 'shooting'. While the team's results cannot be used to enforce any immediate penalties, each speeding driver will receive a letter from the police and the information is retained so any regular speed breaker can be identified by the police and dealt with accordingly. If you are interested in joining the team and would like to undertake the training (2-3 hours maximum!) then please contact the Parish Clerk or Cllr Pam Rose.

Community Grants

The Parish Council have introduced a Small Grants Policy, so it can contribute to groups and organisations within Stretton on Dunsmore that benefit the community. So far this year it has awarded grants to the Village Hall, the Scouts and All Saints Church (for the upkeep of the churchyard). The policy and application form is available on the link below however if you would prefer a paper copy please contact the Clerk. Applications will be taken all round and reviewed at the next public meeting.

<https://strettonondunsmore.org/parish-council/parish-council-documents/>

Allotment Vacancy

There is currently one allotment plot vacant. If you would like further information about this or to rent this plot please contact Cllr Ian Simpson 07760 165198 cmillydog@aol.com.

Community Litter Pick

The Parish Council will once again be organising the annual community litter pick to spring clean our beautiful village. The date is **Saturday 3rd March 2018**; meet on the Village Green at 10am. Everyone (and the dog) are welcome. Some litter picking sticks and hi-vis are available, but if you have your own please bring them.

The Parish Council's next public meeting will be on 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm in Knightlow School.

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