

MINUTES OF MEETING

Name of Meeting	Ordinary Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council (SODPC) Meeting
Date, Time and Venue of Meeting	Monday 9 th April 2018 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 Chris Burton (CB) and 13 parishioners
Apologies	Cllr Howard Roberts

Public Forum

- Roger Clemons – Island on Brookside
- Planning Application R18/0505 (Organic Fertiliser Tank)

Agenda Number	Minute	Actioner	Date for Completion
1.	Apologies Cllr Pam Rose (PR), Cllr Sarah Gambling (SG)	No Action	
2.	Declarations of Interest There no declarations of interest.	No Action	
3.	Minutes from Last Month's Meeting The minutes of the meeting on 12 th March 2018 were accepted by those present and signed as a true and account by Cllr Paul Gordon.	No Action	
4.	Actions from the minutes		
	a. HS will draft a letter to the residents of Squires Rd regarding the cutting of the laurel hedge.	HS	06/06/2018
	b. So far no feedback has received from residents on the preferred locations of the two new grit bins. Request feedback at AGM & Pendulum.	PG	14/05/2018
	c. The materials for the perimeter track around Plott Lane park were discussed to be carried forward to May. PG to mark-up plan and circulate it so quotes can be obtained.	HS, IS & PB	14/05/2018
	d. HS has informed BT that the Parish Council wishes to disconnect the telephone line but preserve the red box. Two suggestions have been received from members of the public regarding the possible usage for the phone box, one of these was a book exchange. The other was to create a smart hub by engaging with the BT scheme '18 In Link Boxes'. The scheme is only for city and town councils, so villages cannot apply. Further opinion can be solicited at the AGM. IS and PG will visit Stretton under Fosse to look at the telephone box there.	WD	16/04/2018
	e. The following organisations have been invited to share a report at the AGM and have accepted:- The Village Hall, Knightlow School, Stretton Charities and All Saints Church. Brookside Surgery and All Saints Church have been invited as well however confirmation has not been received. All other community groups within the village have been invited to have a table to promote their organisation. WD Designs will print the flyers and WD will arrange distribution. HS will create information items to display in the hall.	HS	14/05/2018
5.	Reports from Borough and County Councillors None received.	No Action	

6.	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Matters</p> <p>The Parish Council reviewed the following applications and concluded it has no comment to make. R18/0529 – The Car Finance Company, London Rd. R18/0394– 72 Brookside</p>	No Action	
6a.	<p style="text-align: center;">Planning Matters</p> <p>R18/0505 – Organic Fertiliser Storage Tank, Freeboard Lane. IS proposed that the Parish Council object to this planning application on the grounds of access into the Freeboard Lane and the usage of HGV vehicles on a single track lane. This was seconded by PG and carried unanimously. HS will submit the following statement to RBC (cc to Howard Roberts and Ryton on Dunsmore Parish Council) on behalf of the Parish Council:- ‘The location and purpose of the facility is not at issue but the main thrust of the proposal is to reduce the number of road trips from the digester at Brinklow by utilising high capacity heavy goods vehicles and routing them via Freeboard Lane within the Parish. Freeboard Lane is a single-track country lane and intrinsically not suitable for heavy goods vehicles. It has soft grass verges and no passing places. A HGV traversing the route would have no option to reverse to avoid oncoming vehicles. Two HGV meeting head on would cause a stale mate. Notwithstanding the width of the lane the current proposal is to route HGV from Brinklow westbound along the A45 and to affect a left turn into Freeboard Lane. Exiting the site would then involve turning left from Freeboard Lane onto the westbound carriageway of the A45. The entrance to Freeboard Lane has no kerb widening or easing and is an acute 90 degree turn. It is a difficult turn and, whilst well within the skill of a HGV trained driver, must be taken slowly. On the entrance it can only be achieved in a long vehicle by first moving into lane two. On exit long vehicles must cross into lane two before turning to avoid beaching on the corner. The A45 is fast flowing and frequently heavily used at this point. Encouraging heavy goods vehicle to manoeuvre slowly whilst crossing multiple lanes to make a turn would, at best, cause disruption to the flow on the major highway and has a high likelihood of being directly responsible for a speed related accident. The Parish Council would also like to point out factual inaccuracies in the figures quoted for the number of vehicle movements. The applicant himself quotes 125 round trips per year and incorrectly states this to be an average of less than 2 per week. In practice however, his calculation of 125 trips is based upon his expected annual usage and not the total capacity of the tank for which permission is requested. He makes an intrinsic assumption that the tank is cycled only once per year. Whilst that may be his current expectation there is no reason to assume that it would not change as the digester production plant does not have a discernible annual cycle. However, based upon an annual fill cycle, a full capacity and an 80% tanker load efficiency it would take in excess of 200 trips per year (400 vehicle movements) to fill the tank. The proposed tank has 50% more capacity than the land at Grange Farm could legally use so there is clearly the possibility of the excess being sold on with consequential additional vehicle movements. If the application were to be given consent in any form Stretton on Dunsmore Parish Council request that a condition be applied to the approval that only plant based (and not animal based) digestate be stored in the tank as is the applicant's current proposal.’</p>	HS	16/04/2018

7.	<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Plan</p> <p>The clerk has circulated the current emergency plan to all councillors, and supported by a template from WCC, and a recently created Emergency Plan for Princethorpe. IS to lead the sub-committee group to revise the Emergency Plan but the committee will be open to all members of the public (this will be advertised at the AGM).</p>	HS & IS	14/05/2018
8.	<p style="text-align: center;">Fallen Tree</p> <p>A tree fell on Plott Lane around 3.30pm on the 29th March 2018. HS was at the scene within minutes, and it was reported to WCC and the Police who attended. The road has been cleared by the tree still remains fallen across the land near Little Orchard. Both RBC and WCC claim the tree is privately owned and therefore not their responsibility. It was agreed that the tree should remain where it fell as it is not blocking the footpath. It will encourage wildlife.</p>	No Action	
9.	<p style="text-align: center;">Scout Hut</p> <p>Vicki Ledger reported that the guttering was faulty at the Scout Hut, and there was an infestation of vermin. Cllr Simpson has repaired the guttering and instructed Mark Cooper to put on a new down pipe. Flashing, roof tiles and fascia will also be replaced by Mark Cooper. HS to request that the Scouts clear the debris from round the back of the hut to help discourage the vermin. HS is also request an update on the lease from Vicki Ledger.</p>	HS	14/05/2018
10.	<p style="text-align: center;">Grants</p> <p>A grant application has been submitted by All Saints Church to repair the clock in the bell tower. The amount requested was £3880.00 CB proposed the full amount be awarded, this was seconded by PG, and carried unanimously. HS to prepare the cheque.</p>	HS	11/04/2018
11.	<p style="text-align: center;">Correspondence</p> <p>a. GKV & Alan Yeates – RBC Local Plan Cllr Gordon will attend the public hearing on 17th April – Housing Allocations.</p> <p>b. Bus Shelter – Norma Elston. A site investigation is required on School Lane to consider the suitability for the erection of a bus shelter. PG & IS to undertake this.</p> <p>c. Helen Morgan - Additional paving to the play area on Plott Lane. This matter will be incorporated into the perimeter track project.</p> <p>d. Lynda Harvey- Book Exchange</p>	PG PG & IS	17/04/2018 14/05/2018
12.	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Finances</p> <p>Cheques were signed for:- £ Mark Cooper £ Helen Stewart £456.53 E.ON Street Lighting Maintenance £E.ON Street Lighting Electricity £ HMRC PAYE Payment</p>	No Action	
13.	<p style="text-align: center;">Any Other Business</p> <p>AED – replacement pads ordered.</p>	No Action	
14.	<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 14th May 2018.</p>	No Action	

Meeting closed at 8.53pm.