

# Stretton Parish Council

## Open Spaces Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

IN ATTENDANCE :            Cllr S Tilley  
                                      Cllr K Winson  
                                      Cllr J McKiernan  
                                      Cllr P Scanlan  
                                      Cllr T Williams  
                                      Cllr S Campion  
                                      Mrs A J Smith - Clerk  
                                      Mr C Winson - Maintenance Contractor

1.        APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2.        CLLR CAMPION - LITTERPICKING

Cllr Campion informed that certain areas of the parish had a problem with litter and in particular Meadow Lane ditch. Cllr Campion advised that he had spoken with ESBC Cllr Gould on a number of occasions. Cllr Campion enquired if it would be possible to have a community litterpick of the parish. Discussion took place with regard to how and who would organise such a community event and organise volunteers. The Clerk agreed to make some enquiries.

3.        JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS

There were no items to be discussed.

4.        WOODLAND WALK

The Clerk confirmed that the first phase of the clearance had been completed. The meeting agreed that the clearance machine should be hired again to complete the work to the area where the paths meet. C Winson confirmed that 3 days would be sufficient to complete the work and also clear the ditch at Jubilee Playing Fields.

It was agreed to plant some broadleaf trees in the gateway area in the Autumn and to plant some additional nut trees along the fenceline.

Cllr Tilley advised that following the last Parish Council meeting he had looked at the dog waste bin on the path and found that although there were bags on the top of the bin the actual bin was nearly empty. C Winson advised that he was now emptying the bin at the Beech Lane site twice weekly.

Cllr McKiernan informed that the fencing along the boundary with Hillfield Lane was showing signs of rotting.

The Clerk advised that she needed to chase up SCC with regard to the increasing cracks to the surface of the cycletrack.

5.        PLANTER - CHURCH ROAD

The Clerk enquired about the project to remove and replace the planter; and circulated the previous plan received. Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr McKiernan contact Forticrete to make a bespoke piece for the area and report back to the next meeting. In the meantime the Clerk to confirm to RB Landscaping the removal of the existing structure.

6. BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK

Cllr Campion advised that he had looked at the hedging work, with Cllr Tilley, and felt that the hawthorn planted was not sufficient to create a substantial hedge for the area. Cllr Campion advised that double row of hedging should be planted at 7 plants per metre and that a mix of 70% hawthorn and 30% mix of hornbeam, wild rose, maple, crab apple, blackthorn and hazel could be obtained for £634.20 (100m). It was agreed to proceed with the purchase from Woodgrow and Cllrs Tilley and Campion plus C Winson would plant these during the next couple of weeks.

7. JINNY NATURE TRAIL

C Winson advised that he had removing ivy from trees along the Trail and had got upto the loading dock. Discussion took place between Cllrs Tilley and Scanlan regarding the affects of ivy on trees.

The meeting agreed that the area was looking good.

8. OTHER LAND

C Winson advised that the maple trees for Station Walk would be planted in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Williams commented that the path from Beech Lane to Woodland was overgrown on the ESBC and residents areas.

8. BUDGET

The Clerk circulated the current budget position with regard to open spaces.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Winson commented that she would like to have a dogs on leads order placed on all Parish land because of the amount of uncontrolled dogs on the fields and also the dog fouling. The Clerk advised that she would investigate when ESBC are due to renew designations for areas.

10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.00pm.