

Stretton Parish Council would like to thank those of you present tonight.

This meeting celebrates this Parish Council's final year's accomplishments.

The year started with trespassers on the Jubilee Playing Fields carpark, despite it having been locked. The removal of the trespassers proved to be very frustrating and costly.

The major projects and events undertaken have been :

Major clearance works have been undertaken on the Woodland Walk over the winter period. Wildflower beds, bulb planting and new tree planting will be done during 2019.

Wildflower beds were again sown on Station Walk, Woodland Walk and Beech Lane which proved to be popular with lots of positive comments and this will be repeated on other areas of Parish Council land.

Hedge work has been completed on the boundary of Station Walk and Bitham Lane Community Park.

The planter around the fingerpost was refurbished with a brick sleeve which was unfortunately driven into. This had to be demolished and rebuilt – funding for this was gratefully granted by ESBC Stretton Ward Councillors.

During December some solar powered Christmas Trees were erected on the lamp posts along Station Walk and also to the front of the Priory Centre.

The Parish Council continued promoting events to commemorate WW1 and thank Parish Councillor Malcolm Goode. The Parish Council would like to thank all those people who kindly knitted/crocheted over 2,000 poppies and also Parish Councillor Elaine Pritchard and the volunteers who attached those poppies to the display. The Armistice services on the day were well attended and our gratitude goes to those who helped to organise the events.

The Parish Council supported the Burton Swimming Gala which was attended by the Chair and Cllr Williams who gave out medals to the winning children.

The Parish Council supported the Stretton Gala in May 2018 and thank the organising group for their continued commitment and time to doing it all again on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May on the Church Field.

Financial aid has been given to both local and national charities and groups which have an impact on the lives of Stretton parishioners, such as Little Staffie, Methodist Church, St Giles Hospice and St Mary's Church.

Work on extending the changing room building at Jubilee Playing Fields with double garage on one side and a separate toilet block on the other. Planning permission was granted and work is scheduled to commence in May 2019.

Areas belonging to the Parish Council – Jubilee Playing Fields, Bitham Lane Community Park, Millennium Garden, The Jinny Trail, Station Walk, Woodland Walk, Beech Lane and The Green – have continued to be maintained. The Parish Council have also continued to mow the Churchyard.

The website – [www.strettoncommunity.co.uk](http://www.strettoncommunity.co.uk) – is regularly updated and work is being undertaken on a new website. Anyone wishing to have an event or item included should contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council would like to recognize the efforts of the following people:

Mrs Amanda Smith, Parish Clerk.

The members of the Priory Centre Management Committee, who continue to undertake the running of the centre.

Mrs Carole Allen who works very hard to keep both the Priory Centre and Jubilee Fields Changing Rooms in good repair.

Mr Christopher Winson as Grounds Maintenance Person, who has kept the parish land areas tidy and in good order.

Mr Graham McCulloch who deals with the specific areas of the Millennium Garden, The Green and the land at Beech Lane.

Mr Arthur Stone (Jed) for locking and unlocking the gate onto the carpark at the Jubilee Playing Fields.

Finally we would like to advise that newspaper reporters are invited to all meetings. Parishioners are always welcome at the Parish Council meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.00pm in the Priory Centre.

Agendas are displayed in the Parish Council noticeboards and on the website.