A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM IN THE PRIORY CENTRE, CHURCH ROAD, STRETTON

The following members of the Council were present:

Mr J McKiernan	Chair
Mrs K Winson	Vice Chair
Mrs E Pritchard	
Mrs C Hodson-Walker	
Mr G Lamb	
Mr P Davies	
Mr P Scanlan	
Mr M Goode	
Mr T Williams	

Also present were the clerk, SCC Cllr R Clarke and a member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

1920-123 Apologies were received from Cllrs Campion and Tilley and ESBC Cllr Andjelkovic.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

1920-124 There were none advised.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2019

1920-125 The previously circulated minutes were amended following comment by Cllr Davies that Item 1920-111 4th Paragraph should read … travelling from Stretton…. The Chair initialled this alteration.

The amended minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record following a proposal by Cllr Winson, seconded by Cllr Hodson-Walker with all present in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1920-126 **SCC – BUS SHELTER ON DERBY ROAD**

The Clerk advised that SCC had looked at the location and advised that it would not be possible to site a bus shelter on the pavement. They had suggested the adjacent grassed verge area but this land is Highways England and SCC were of the opinion that the shelter may effect the visibility of the road sign.

The Clerk informed that it would be possible to move one of the existing shelters at a reasonable cost.

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with contacting Highways England.

1920-127 **BARTON PARISH COUNCIL – DOG ONLY AREAS**

A copy of the email from Barton Parish Council had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Clerk advised that there had not been any response from ESBC Enforcement asking for information on the Oak Road site.

Cllr Williams commented that he did not feel a specific area would be beneficial. The Clerk confirmed that only the fenced off areas of Parish Council land were subject to dog control orders.

Cllr Williams expressed that the dog fouling problems in areas could be combatted with better enforcement earlier in the morning or later in the evening.

5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1920-128 The following items of correspondence have been received from the sources shown and actioned as indicated. All items were available for inspection by councillors.

i.	Boundary Commission – *Borough Ward Boundary Consultation*	A copy of the information had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The meeting discussed the consultation and agreed to have a small group meeting to look at the options in greater detail. The Chair and Cllrs Davies, Hodson-Walker and Winson to meet in January 2020.
ii.	ESBC – *Met Office Weather Ready Info*	A copy of the email had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted.

6. REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

1920-129 ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that ESBC had confirmed that the 5 year land supply information remained valid and the evidence shows that there is 6.3 years supply.

7. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

1920-130 The next meeting will be Tuesday 7th January 2020 at the Priory Centre at 7.00pm.

The Clerk distributed a list of meeting dates for 2020.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

1920-131 The Clerk had circulated a register of valid planning applications with status prior to the meeting, for consideration and updated on the current status. There were no representations to be made on the applications presented.

9. FINANCE

1920-132 A copy of the payments schedule was circulated. Following a proposal by Cllr Hodson-Walker and seconded by Cllr Williams the following payments / receipts were unanimously approved :

PAYMENTS

BAC181119	TAS ENGINEERING	SECURITY DOORS HILLFIELD	1596.00
BAC191119	C ALLEN	SALARY	1117.48
BAC201119	A J SMITH	SALARY AND REIMBURSEMENT	2129.49
BAC211119	INLAND REVENUE	PAYE/NI FOR AJS/CA	1086.54
DD	PEOPLES PENSION	PENSION FOR AJS/CA	362.24
BAC011219	RAINBOW WASTE	WHEELIE BIN EMPTY	532.35
BAC021219	DAVID EATON TRACTORS	NEW TRAILED ROLLER MOWER	18600.00
BAC031219	SLCC	MEMBERSHIP ALCC	40.00
BAC041219	SLCC	MEMBERSHIP SLCC	227.00
BAC051219	HARLOW BROS	MAINT MATERIALS	145.96
BAC061219	PLANTSCAPE	XMAS TREES - ST WALK & P CENTRE	2012.40
BAC071219	C WINSON	GEN MAINTENANCE	2059.88
BAC081219	HOME AND TRADE	MAINT MATERIALS	7.00
BAC091219	G C McCULLOCH	LITTERPICKING	918.00
BAC101219	PROJECT X OFFICE	TABLE FOR SLATER ROOM	102.00
BAC111219	WICKSTEED LEISURE	PARTS FOR FITNESS EQUIP HILLF	95.53
DD	B T	TELEPHONE AND BROADBAND	85.69
DD	NPOWER	ELECTRIC FOR CHANGING ROOMS	146.78
DD	B T	WIFI FOR PRIORY CENTRE	224.28
DD	NPOWER	FLOODLIGHT ELECTRIC	171.91
BAC121219	TECHCARE LTD	SERVICING OF P CENTRE WIFI	156.00

RECEIPTS

	ROLLESTON JFC	USE OF PITCH	175.00
	HILLFIELD	PITCH FEES - SUNDAY	90.00
	PRIORY CENTRE	HEATING, BIN, INSURANCE	1534.26
	BURTON ALBION LADIES	PITCH FEES	112.50
	ADAM JOHN	USE OF FIELD	120.00
	NATWEST	INTEREST	22.00
	BURTON ALBION LADIES	PITCH FEES	187.50
	ROLLESTON JFC	PITCH FEES	105.00

Cllrs were given copies of the budget and committed expenditure figures up to the end of November 2019.

10. PRECEPT CONSIDERATION 2020/2021

1920-133 The Clerk distributed draft proposal options for the precept. The tax base figures have been received from ESBC and have been incorporated into the options. The tax support grant allocation from ESBC remains at £5813.
Option 1 – Keeps the Band D cost figure the same as 2019/20.
Option 2 – Increases the budget spend by 3%

Both options increase the precept:
Option 1 by 4.35% due to the increased number of properties in the area. No increase to Band D cost.
Option 2 by 6.10% due to the increased number of properties and percentage increase on the spending budget. Increase of 0.02p per week to a Band D property.

Cllr M Goode commented that it had been the intention of previous Council's to gradually increase the precept to offset the removal of the Tax Support Grant.

Cllr M Goode proposed acceptance of Option 2 Precept Budget Proposal as £200,987 for 2020/21, this proposal was seconded by Cllr E Pritchard with all present in favour.

The Clerk advised that she had attended Ashby Woulds Town Council in November and they had discussed Speed Traffic Signs which could be moved around the area on lamp posts. The signs also collate data on speed and volume of traffic. Further information had been obtained from Ashby Woulds Town Council in that they had purchased two signs at a cost of £7,000 which included training on how to move and collate the data. It was unanimously agreed to progress this project with information from the supplier and discuss with SCC.

11. FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS – CLLR P SCANLAN

1920-134 Cllr Scanlan stated that he felt the decision to place an order for the Bitham Lane Community Park play area refurbishment had been "railroaded" through and that the Standing Orders for 3 quotations had not been adhered to.

The Chair advised that the decision to place the order had followed lengthy discussion by all members of the Council present and that Wicksteed Leisure Ltd had been acknowledged as the preferred contractor due to them being a reliable contractor with good quality products and maintenance.

The Chair advised that Section 11 Contracts, Part d of the adopted Financial Regulations was used to waive the regulation for 3 quotations and that the reasons for this had been discussed prior to the proposal and vote being taken.

12. "STRETTON'S WAR" – CLLR M GOODE

1920-135 Cllr Goode advised that he had contacted the publisher, recommended by Cllr Pritchard, and of the services that she would be willing to undertake free of charge. Cllr Goode confirmed that the book would the story of Stretton during WW2 both military and the home front. Cllr Goode advised that he would like the proceeds from sales plus royalties / commission to be donated to the refurbishment of the sensory room at William Shrewsbury Primary School.

The publisher had suggested that books could be pre-ordered to cover the cost of the printing but Cllr Goode did not think that this was suitable and asked that the Parish Council fund the printing of the book at a cost of £3/£4 per book for 200 copies (total of between £750 - £1000).

The Chair enquired how many books were unsold from the previous publications and Cllr Goode estimated that there were approximately 50 left but assured that the selling and marketing of this book would be better at events from VE day in May to VJ day in August.

Cllr Goode recommended that the Parish Council funding the printing and promotion of this local book would show that the Parish Council was doing something to mark the historical dates and raise money for a local good cause.

Cllr Lamb commented that children from Stretton also attend other schools, such as Outwoods and Fountains, and asked if it was appropriate to just give to William Shrewsbury. Cllr Davies expressed his support for donating to William Shrewsbury as this was classed as Stretton's school.

Cllr Hodson-Walker proposed that the Parish Council underwrite the printing of the book, upto £1,000, with the Parish Council logo on the front and acknowledgement within the book plus the donation made to William Shrewsbury be made in the Parish Council name. This proposal was seconded by Cllr P Davies with a unanimous vote in favour.

The Chair requested that Council see a copy prior to commencement of any printing.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

1920-136 The Clerk advised that Burton had been identified as one of 100 towns invited by Government to develop proposals for the Stronger Towns Fund. The town has to create a Town Investment Plan by Summer 2020 which will be used to establish a Town Deal that could unlock funding to deliver interventions. In order to do this a Town Deal Board is to be created. ESBC initially asked for one Parish Council representative from the 9 Parish Councils in the town area. The Clerk advised of the confusion and disgruntlement that this request had caused to some Parish Councils.

The Clerk advised of current members of the Board and Cllr Pritchard commented on the membership.

The Clerk advised of the Parish Council nominations and asked for first, second and third choices to be put to ESBC. The votes will be counted and now two representatives from the Parish Councils' will be part of the Town Deal Board.

The Chair closed the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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