

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020 AT 7.00PM  
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM MEETINGS**

The following members of the Council were present:

Mr J McKiernan	Chair
Mrs K Winson	Vice Chair
Mr T Williams	
Mr S Tilley	
Mr M Goode	
Mrs E Pritchard	
Mrs C Hodson-Walker	
Mr S J Champion	

Also present was the Clerk.

**1. APOLOGIES**

2021-001 There were no apologies for absence received. (Mr G Lamb was absent due to information being sent to the incorrect email address)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2020**

2021-002 The previously circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, following a proposal from Cllr S Tilley, seconded by Cllr K Winson with all present in favour.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2021-003 There were no declarations made.

**4. PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19**

2021-004 The Clerk advised of the Regulations that came into force on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to help councils conduct business. Regulation 6(c) removes the requirement for a Parish Council to hold an annual meeting in May 2020 and Regulation 4(2) carries the current appointment of Chair on until the annual meeting in May 2021.

Regulation 5 covers remote attendance for meetings and sets out all the conditions that must be complied with including making provision for public and press to attend remotely.

The Clerk advised that the delegated functions, outlined and actioned with the implementation of the HCID Policy, are still in place and being used.

Playareas were closed as per the Government instructions and notices placed on equipment that cannot be closed off. The Chair commented that the zipline seat had been removed due to continued use by the public.

Litterpicking, bin empty and outdoor maintenance work has continued. It has been noted that dog fouling in some areas has increased but there is a noticeable lack of takeaway litter in others. Cllr Champion commented that the litter situation along Meadow Lane has improved.

Cllr Williams enquired about risk assessments associated with COVID-19. The Clerk advised that these would be undertaken when restrictions are lifted and reviewed on a regular basis.

**5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTING REPORT**

2021-005 Copies of the Year end accounts including bank reconciliation, income and expenditure, risk assessments, balance sheet, asset register and Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR had been circulated to Councillors on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and all Councillors had advised of their approval of the information by completing and returning an approval form. The Internal Audit had been successfully completed on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and the report had been circulated to all upon receipt.

Section 1 and 2 of the AGAR - Annual Governance Statement / Accounting Statements 2019/20 had been circulated again for this meeting. Formal approval was proposed by Cllr T Williams, seconded by Cllr Pritchard with all present in favour.

**6. REQUEST BY JAMES RICHARDS CIRCUS**

2021-006 A copy of the email communication had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair advised of his support for the request. Cllr Campion commented that he felt there was a lack of detailed information to make a decision but at the moment he was opposed to the request due to it being during the football season and pressure on the ground. Upon further discussion it was agreed to request the pack of additional information that the Company had advised could be available.

**7. ACTION PLAN 2020/21**

2021-007 A copy of the Action Plan had been circulated prior to the meeting and accepted by Cllrs.

The Clerk was asked about the bus shelter for the Claymills flyover. The Clerk informed that the pavement was not wide enough to install a bus shelter, so she had met with Highways England to look at putting the shelter on the grassed area to the side. Unfortunately, Highways England had refused approval due to obstruction of signage. Highways England had suggested another location along Derby Road, opposite the bus stop on the other side. There is not a stop at this location and permission would need to be sought from SCC Highways. The Clerk commented that majority of users were from the Claymills area and to locate on Derby Road would not be convenient. Cllrs unanimously agreed not to proceed further with this project.

**8. ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

2021-008 The Chair commented that the trees at Sonia's Orchard were thriving and looking very good. Cllr Winson advised that they were soaking up water which was allowing some of the wetter land in that area to dry out. The Chair advised that he had a plan of the planting and would let the Clerk have this for production of an information board.

The Chair commented that the Woodland was also looking good but two of the recently planted trees had died. Cllr Winson advised that the two trees were Hornbeams and were not dead but needed some water. C Winson is aware and attending to the trees.

The Chair advised of the remote meeting of Parish Councils with Kate Griffiths MP at the beginning of May. Mrs Griffiths had commented that SCC Highways have been given sufficient Government funding to repair all potholes within the County. The main issue had been that some Parish Councils feel ESBC ignore the comments made on planning applications and this was referred to Cllr Goodfellow who was in attendance at the meeting.

Cllr Williams advised of a split tree at the first corner of the Woodland Walk adjacent to the canal. C Winson to be advised and asked to remove before the tree becomes too dangerous.

Cllr Tilley commented that he had found some old planning information which consistently refused work on trees with TPO's and wondered when this stance had changed.

**9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

2021-009 It was agreed to meet again, either virtually or face to face, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7pm.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE