

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM  
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM MEETINGS**

The following members of the Council were present:

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| Mr J McKiernan      | Chair            |
| Mrs K Winson        | Vice Chair       |
| Mr T Williams       |                  |
| Mr G Lamb           | (ESBC Cllr also) |
| Mrs E Pritchard     |                  |
| Mrs C Hodson-Walker |                  |
| Mr S J Campion      |                  |
| Mr P Scanlan        |                  |

Also present was the Clerk, ESBC Cllr Gould and SCC Cllr Peters.

**1. APOLOGIES**

2021-010 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Goode, Davies and Tilley and also from SCC Cllr Clarke

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

2021-011 The previously circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, following a proposal from Cllr E Pritchard, seconded by Cllr S Campion with all present in favour.

It was noted that Cllr Lamb had not received information regarding the previous meeting and was therefore absent, the minutes to reflect this.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2021-012 There were no declarations made.

**4. OPENING OF PLAYAREAS AND EQUIPMENT**

2021-013 The Clerk advised that the playareas have been reopened with necessary signage and guidance.

The Clerk advised of some problems that had been experienced with organised groups using Jubilee Playing Fields and that appropriate signage had been arranged.

The Clerk informed that Wicksteed had undertaken the annual inspection of the play equipment and the reports received did not identify any remedial repair works to the areas or equipment.

**5. CONSULTATION ON DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS - EAST STAFFS ELECTORAL REVIEW**

2021-014 A copy of the review document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair clarified that the recommendations in relation to Stretton were to move an area of the Outwoods parish east of the Tutbury Road into the Stretton ward. Cllr Lamb commented that this would bring an additional 3 schools into the Ward.

Cllr Williams enquired of the thoughts from SCC Cllr Peters and ESBC Cllr Gould on the recommendations. SCC Cllr Peters commented on the impact of the schools on the volume of traffic and ESBC Cllr Gould commented that the proposal would broaden the reach of the ward.

**6. REPORT FROM STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS / EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

2021-015 SCC Cllr Peters informed

- on the completed highway works at Claymills junction and that the outstanding work has been scheduled for completion;

- on the supportive work offered by Staffordshire County Council during the pandemic by helping the vulnerable, supplying ppe equipment and laptops/ipads for children to help with home learning, test and trace, business support funding, changes to ways of working and holding meetings.
- Continuing to investigate the ownership for clearance of the footpath from the Woodland to the Claymills Flyover. Cllr Williams commented that the cyclepaths though Stretton needed attention, especially Princess Way, which is now not wide enough for social distancing to be maintained.

Cllr Lamb enquired how many laptops/ipads had been distributed locally and SCC Cllr Peters advised that he would find out the data.

Cllr Lamb asked about how the County Council would be funding all the services / work undertaken to support the community during the pandemic. SCC Cllr Peters advised that there will be a deficit in the budget spend and that the focus was supporting the community not the costs and that he would make enquiries with regard to Government support funding.

ESBC Cllr Gould advised that the focus of ESBC had been to maintain services and that council, planning and licencing committees had met remotely with scrutiny committees reconvening soon. Cllr Campion informed that there was a person living rough around the lake/field on Meadow Lane. Cllr Williams advised that there was also someone living in a tent opposite the Mill House. ESBC Cllr Gould to make enquiries.

ESBC Cllr Lamb informed that before the lockdown there had been several reports of anti social behaviour in the Claypits area and enforcement had been monitoring.

#### 7. **CLLR J McKIERNAN - GP SURGERY**

2021-016

The Chair commented that the Stretton surgery is now closed every afternoon from 1pm and suggested that the Trent Meadows Practice be asked for clarity as to their future plans for the Stretton branch. It was noted that the Practice had informed that the afternoon closure twice per week in October 2019 was temporary. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk contact.

Cllr Lamb commented that the CCG had agreed to attend the next ESBC Health Scrutiny Committee meeting as it is felt that people are not getting a choice of adequate provision.

#### 8. **QUOTATIONS FOR GROUNDWORKS AT JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD**

2021-017

Copies of the 4 quotations had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair informed that the groundworks undertaken should not be a quick fix and should be a solution that is practical and also makes the area more pleasant. Cllr Campion commented that grass seed would be a better solution instead of turf as watering in would be problematic. Cllr Campion suggested removing the concrete posts at the rear and the Clerk replied that the posts should remain as they provide a barrier for vehicles accessing the field.

Following further discussion Cllr Winson proposed accepting the quotation from Hornsby Ltd at a cost of £6998 which was seconded by Cllr Campion with all other Councillors present voting in favour.

#### 9. **UPDATE ON PROJECTS**

2021-018

##### Jinny Trail Drainage

A copy of the initial technical report for the drainage and also for the landslip had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that investigation works on the manholes and drains from the pond towards Station Walk would be undertaken this week.

Cllr Lamb enquired if Rolleston Parish Council had been contacted with regard to the landslip and the Clerk replied that contact had been made with Rolleston but detailed project work and costings was needed before a meeting could be scheduled to discuss in detail.

2021-019 Old Road Name Signage

A copy of the proposed signage had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed that the logo should be on the left side. A copy to be forwarded to Miss Kirkland. The Clerk advised that SCC had given approval for the signage but needed to finalise the exact locations. The Chair suggested that the Parish Council should donate an equivalent amount to Charity for the project.

2021-020 Speed Awareness Signs

The Clerk informed that there had not been any progress since the meeting with SCC Highways where it had been agreed that SCC would support the project. The Clerk to chase confirmation of locations from SCC Highways.

2021-021 Phase II Bitham Play Equipment

The Clerk had circulated pictures and costs of some items of play equipment that had been briefly discussed at the previous Open Spaces meeting. Cllr Winson advised that the large boulders were of interest and Cllr Hodson-Walker commented that a similar climbing wall had been installed at a school and the children had not used it. It was agreed that a date be circulated for Councillors to meet at Bitham Lane to assess available space.

2021-022 Biodiversity Action Plan

Two quotations had been obtained and circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion of the options Cllr Campion proposed acceptance of the Seabridge quotation which was seconded by Cllr Hodson-Walker and Cllrs present voted unanimously in favour.

**10. PLANNING UPDATE**

2021-023 A copy of the planning report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the Rose Avenue application had been approved despite objections made. Cllr Lamb advised that the development had already been granted outline permission and due to not being able to visit site it had been difficult to assess water levels plus the environment agency had not made any objection.

The removal of hedgerow along Mill Stream Lane was discussed and Cllr Campion agreed to monitor the removal and reinstatement.

**11. BUDGET UPDATE TO 30 JUNE 2020**

2021-024 A copy of the budget to the end of June 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments made and the contents were noted.

**12. ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

2021-025 Cllr Pritchard advised that she was not able to lead the Community Speedwatch Initiative but would be willing to remain a volunteer. There are currently 3 volunteers trained for the Stretton area and Cllr Pritchard suggested advertising on Facebook and the website which was agreed. The Chair thanked Cllr Pritchard for re-establishing the scheme.

Cllr Winson informed that the Priory Centre had reopened to a couple of hirers who would be operating on a one to one or small group basis. Cllr Winson advised that the Centre was Covid safe and all regulations and precautions were being taken. Cllr Winson advised that during closure the lighting had been upgraded and a new kitchen floor laid.

Cllr Lamb suggested information on reporting Highway issues be placed on the noticeboards.

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

2021-026 It was agreed to meet again, either virtually or face to face, on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 7pm.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE