

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7.00PM
REMOTELY VIA ZOOM MEETINGS**

The following members of the Council were present:

Cllr J McKiernan	Chair
Cllr K Winson	Vice Chair
Cllr S Tilley	
Cllr M Goode	
Cllr P Scanlan	
Cllr C Hodson-Walker	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr T Williams	
Cllr G Lamb	

Also present were the clerk and SCC Cllr Peters and ESBC Cllr Gould.

1. APOLOGIES

2021-045 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Davies, Campion and SCC Cllr Clarke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2020

2021-046 The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr K Winson and seconded by Cllr C Hodson-Walker with all present in favour.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2021-047 There were no declarations made.

4. ESBC TOWN DEAL BOARD

2021-048 A copy of the information on the projects put forward for consultation had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Pritchard informed of the briefing session attended prior to consultation being made public. Cllr Pritchard expressed her frustration and disappointment with the process of obtaining projects, only consulting with the wider public for one week due to submission and did not think that the process had been conducted in the spirit of how the funding was supposed to be. It was also noted that project cost estimates had not been advised at the briefings and whole briefing had been rushed through.

It was agreed that the public should be encouraged to make representation on the consultation and that individual councillors should respond on a personal level.

Cllr Lamb commented that he had assumed the canal project was for the entire length through Burton but this was not the case and the Stretton section not mentioned. The Chair informed that the canal had been split into 3 sections - Branston to Shobnall / Shobnall to Eton Park and then Eton Park to Claymills. The ESBC rationale for not including Stretton had been that it was the least well used. Cllr Lamb observed that the other sections may not be done if the pot of funding runs out.

The Chair, who had been a Parish Council representative at the Town Deal Board meetings, gave some background as to members of the Board which were mainly County and Borough Council members.

Cllr Pritchard commented that there was a lack of substance and vision in regeneration of the Burton town centre and how the funding could be used to bring businesses and the general public into the area.

Some projects were considered to be worth supporting such as the improved cycle/pedestrian provision, but it was noted that there were a lot of County Council projects which had already received previously funding or needed much more clarification. The moving of the library and Children's Centre to the Market Hall was of great concern and it was noted that the stallholders within the Market Hall have not been consulted in any way regarding the proposals, despite stakeholders being told otherwise at the briefing.

It was agreed that Cllrs email comments to the Clerk for a Parish Council response.

5. MHCLG - Planning For The Future White Paper

2021-049 A copy of the white paper was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk informed that Government office were keen to get the views of Parish Council's and that further information was awaited regarding Neighbourhood Planning and the process for reviewing existing plans. Cllrs were asked for forward any comments to the Clerk to respond.

6. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION

2021-050 Cllr Goode informed that the Burton parade and commemoration had been cancelled. Discussions have been held with St Mary's Church and they will be holding a service on the morning which can be attended by upto 40 people followed by wreath laying at the Memorial. The difficulty will be in adhering to the Rule of 6 Covid regulations following the service. It is important to note that there are no road closures permitted. Cllr Lamb suggested that the wreath laying could be live streamed.

The Chair informed that as the Memorial and Millennium Garden were the responsibility of the Parish Council then it should be the Parish Council decision as to the how and who would be in attendance for the wreath laying. The Chair agreed to discuss with Rev Crossley.

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

2021-051 ESBC Cllr Gould informed that ESBC were having a briefing on the white paper next week. Cllr Williams informed that the path adjacent to the canal from the units to Hillfield Lane was still overgrown and unpassable in places; and also informed of another homeless camp.

Cllr Williams enquired about the path from the Woodland Walk to Claymills junction. The Clerk advised again that this was the responsibility of Highways England and they were being actively encouraged to undertake the work.

ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that he had been contacted by the young person regarding the bmx track and that he had spoken with ESBC Open Spaces who did not have any plans or intention to explore the request.

ESBC Cllr Lamb informed that the CCG had not attended the previous Health Scrutiny Committee meeting but had confirmed that a representative would be attending the November meeting. They are to be asked about issues with closing surgeries in the locality.

Cllr Lamb thanked SCC Cllr Peters for the swift action in fixing the broken manholes along Lancelot Drive following the last Parish Council meeting.

SCC Cllr Peters :

- Grant has been approved for the Priory Centre application for replacement chairs
- Highways England have agreed a traffic management plan for works at Claymills which should be completed by the end of October.
- Reassured that SCC have a solid and focused plan for dealing with Covid related issues and testing stations are situated in many areas.

Cllr Winson thanked SCC Cllr Peters for the funding.

8. JINNY TRAIL DRAINAGE AND LANDSLIP WORKS

2021-052 The Clerk had circulated notes on the projected works and estimated costings and advised that the landslip information had only been received the week previous to the meeting.

Cllr Scanlan advised of his observations regarding the project, enquired why Stretton were taking liability for the entire landslip work when the ditch goes into the farmers field and the boundary falls into Rolleston on Dove. The Clerk informed that the boundary line was not straight up the banks on either side of the path and that it was on a diagonal with the landslip being on the Stretton side; and also that the drainage from fields was a known liability when the land was transferred.

It was agreed that proper marking out of the boundary should be undertaken during the project.

Cllr Tilley commented that the pipe had been smashed and could not have been done by animals.

Cllr Lamb enquired about contact with neighbours if access is needed at the top of the bank and the Clerk replied that this would fall within the remit of Project Management.

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the Clerk should request the contractor to draw up a detailed specification/design of works prior to tender process. It was unanimously agreed that a site meeting should be held once the specification and design is received.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2021-053 The Clerk had circulated a register of valid planning applications with status, prior to the meeting, for consideration and updated on the current status.

Cllr Williams commented on the application for Beech Lane and concern regarding flooding.

Cllr Tilley commented on the application for removal of Leylandii hedge at Fenton Green and felt that the replacement holly hedge was not a biodiverse hedge, which should consist of 6 species, and did not offer bird protection.

10. MAZARS - EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION

2021-054 A copy of the completion certificate and notice had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllrs thanked the Clerk for the work involved in the audit process and ensuring all is in order.

11. BUDGET AND FORECAST TO END SEPTEMBER 2020

2021-055 A copy of the budget to end of September 2020 and forecasted spend to year end was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments made.

12. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2021-056 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 via remote access at 7.00pm.

13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

2021-057 Cllr Winson informed of the current issues with the roof at the rear of the Priory Centre. One quotation has already been received and Cllr Winson is obtaining two more.

The Chair advised that the swans from the Town Swan Trail are to be auctioned on the 26th October 2020 with the proceeds going to the YMCA. It was agreed to monitor the bidding and make appropriate bids if considered appropriate. Several areas were identified where the structures could be placed if won. Cllr Pritchard to coordinate.

The Chair and Clerk advised of a discussion to run a similar project in the Stretton area next year. Cllr Hodson-Walker advised that the project had taken a lot of hardwork to put together and make happen but that something similar/smaller could be looked at. It was noted that there are numerous businesses and schools within the Parish that could be part of the project.

The Chair advised that the painted stone trail on the Woodland is to be made into a permanent display.

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