

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 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 S Champion	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr G Lamb - part	

Also present were the clerk and SCC Cllrs Peters and Clarke.

1. APOLOGIES

2021-058 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Davies and Williams and ESBC Cllr Gould

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020

2021-059 The previously circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr S Tilley and seconded by Cllr K Winson with all present in favour.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2021-060 There were no declarations made.

4. REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION

2021-061 The Chair commented that due to the impending lockdown regulations taking effect from 5th November 2020, he would attend the Memorial lay a wreath on behalf of the community and Parish Council at 11am. Cllr Goode wished to read out some names and would also attend complying with social distancing.

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

2021-062

SCC Cllr Peters :

- The Trent Meadows Surgery at Branston was to undergo a deep clean and that testing for staff was ongoing. The flu jabs are also not yet ready to administer.
- SCC are leading on lockdown measures and working with BACT to engage with vulnerable residents.
- The Claymills junction highway has now been patched.
- ESBC street marshals will start patrolling very soon.
- Was able to provide The Priory Centre will additional funding for the chairs.

SCC Cllr Clarke echoed the comments made by SCC Cllr Peters.

Cllr Champion enquired about the 12 non working floodlights at Claymills junction. SCC Cllr Peters agreed to make additional enquiries.

ESBC Cllr Lamb informed that Lynn Miller of the CCG had attended the ESBC Health Scrutiny Committee and updated on the current issue at Trent Meadows Medical Practice where staff have been isolating following instruction from the Track and Trace app despite always wearing full ppe. The CCG will be revising the Practice in the coming days.

ESBC Cllr Lamb explained that the CCG were working with the Practice and looking at future working practices including the Stretton surgery, and that there were no plans at present to reopen the surgery in the afternoon.

6. St Mary's Church - Floodlighting

2021-063 The letter requesting the annual financial assistance had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr S Tilley proposed granting the amount requested, seconded by Cllr M Goode which was approved. Cllr Winson commented that the lights are not fully visible from Church Road due to the overgrown trees. It was acknowledged that the Church are attempting to gain approval for works to the trees and also funding to do the work.

7. PROJECT UPDATE

2021-064 A copy of the Action Plan 2020-21 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs had no comments to make on the updated plan.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2021-065 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 comments to be made on new applications presented.

9. BUDGET AND FORECAST TO END OCTOBER 2020

2021-066 A copy of the budget to end of October 2020 and forecasted spend to year end was circulated prior to the meeting. The budget and forecast was accepted.

10. PRECEPT BUDGET 2021/22

2021-067 The Chair suggested that the Parish Council should not consider increasing the precept amount for residents and Cllr Tilley added that the Parish Council should also not consider reducing the amount as this would have little impact with other agencies increasing their charges.

Councillors were asked think about any additional projects that could be undertaken in 2021.

The Chair suggested that should the Parish Council receive requests from charities for funding to help with covid related activities and that for the sake of speed in sorting this funding the Chair and Clerk be given delegated power to assess the applications and award if considered appropriate.

Cllr Scanlan commented that the Parish Council should not wait to be asked for funding and should be actively seeking out charities etc to assist. Cllr Scanlan also suggested that works and spending be stopped. The Chair replied that the Parish Council needed to continue to maintain estates to a high standard for safe use due to these areas being used for recreation.

Cllr Tilley commented that groups should make proper applications for funding due to the precept being publicly funded.

11. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2021-068 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1st December 2020 via remote access at 7.00pm, dependant upon items to be discussed.

12. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

2021-069 Cllr Tilley informed of a suggestion to put manure around the newly planted trees on the Woodland, the hedgeline at Bitham and the trees on Sonia's Orchard. The Clerk advised that she was contacting the Burton Conservation Volunteers regarding the continued maintenance of the orchard. Cllr Tilley also suggested some additional planting along the Woodland including nut trees.

Cllr Scanlan expressed that he did not think that putting mulch / manure around was a good idea which was also the view of Cllr Winson, but did agree to the additional planting of trees.

Cllr Champion commented that having the Biodiversity report would be beneficial information to the enhancement of areas and that Champion Brothers would be willing to give the manure free of charge to the Parish Council.

Following some further debate the Chair asked for a vote to be taken regarding the placing of manure on the Woodland and Bitham Lane - Cllr Tilley proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr Champion with Cllrs Pritchard and McKiernan in favour. Cllrs Scanlan and Winson were against and Cllr Lamb abstained.

Cllr Lamb enquired about information on the old road name signs and the Clerk advised that when it is permitted to do so Miss Kirkland and the Chair would meet to take some photographs for putting onto the website with some written background to the names.

Cllr Lamb asked about the speed indicator signs and if Guinevere Avenue could be added to the list of areas covered by the signs.

Cllr Winson advised that the Priory Centre was adhering to all the Covid related regulations and stipulations and that Mrs Allen had all the necessary ppe and cleaning equipment to ensure that the Centre is Covid secure.

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