

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 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	(part)
Cllr P Scanlan	
Cllr S Champion	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr G Lamb	
Cllr C Hodson-Walker	
Cllr T Williams	

Also present were the clerk and SCC Cllr Peters and SCC Cllr Clarke (part).

**1. APOLOGIES**

2021-082 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Davies and ESBC Cllr Gould

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

2021-083 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr S Tilley and seconded by Cllr E Pritchard with all present in favour.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2021-084 There were no declarations made in regard to any of the agenda items.

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

2021-085

SCC Cllr Peters :

- Advised of the SCC Climate Change grant application scheme which can give funding of up to £1,000.
- SCC have been discussing diversity within the council and how to achieve a consistent approach with Councillors and officers.
- SCC are continuing to encourage Covid testing especially those who are continuing to work outside of their home. Hillfield House is open for testing every day via an appointment system.

Cllr Williams enquired about clearance of the footpath adjacent to the canal from the Mill House. ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that this was an ESBC issue and he had been investigating and have responded to Cllr Williams that he did not think the path too overgrown. Cllr Williams disagreed and ESBC Cllr Lamb agreed to make further enquiries with ESBC.

Cllr Tilley asked about the Climate Change funding and the closing date for applications.

SCC Cllr Clarke :

- Advised that the closing date for Climate Change application is the end of February and gave an example of what had been funded.
- Informed of the flooding at Jackson Avenue which is being dealt with
- Informed of the discussions taking place with the potential development on Wetmore Road and implications for access onto the sports ground and also Holy Trinity School

ESBC Cllr Lamb informed of the concerns raised by residents in relation to flooding of the balancing pond adjacent to Knightsbridge Way and Harlech Way. ESBC are responsible for the open space but it is unclear who would be responsible should the pond flood.

It was noted that there had been a number of places flooded : Jinny Trail, Craythorne Road (Rolleston end), Hillfield Lane, Derby Road. Cllr Campion informed that Highways had been working on drain clearing on Meadow Lane the day before the meeting and the Clerk advised that this work should also have been extended to Derby Road and Hillfield Lane. Cllr Pritchard also advised that the Precinct carpark had been flooded and it was agreed that the Agent for the Precinct be asked what plans were being made to prevent this reoccurring.

**5. BITHAM LANE COMMUNITY PARK PLAY EQUIPMENT QUOTATIONS**

2021-086 A copy of the survey analysis had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Williams commented on the value of the survey including the wooden equipment option.

Cllr Pritchard commented that the fenced play area was now done, apart from swapping the swings, and that consideration was what equipment should be installed outside of this area for older children following complaints received previously. Cllr Pritchard also commented that some of the comments made on Facebook were not relatable to the fenced playarea at Bitham. Cllr Hodson-Walker agreed with Cllr Pritchard and advised that Council should be mindful that there may be more maintenance needed on wooden equipment. The Clerk advised that a previous piece of wooden equipment at the Park many years ago had been burnt, dangerous items put into the wood and parts sawn off.

Cllr Winson informed that balls are being kicked against the changing room building at Jubilee Playing Fields and that consideration should be made in installing hard standing and a wall specifically for kicking a ball against.

Cllrs agreed that the age group to be considered should be the 10 - 15 years group and the Clerk to obtain costings for a climbing piece of equipment along with wooden range.

Cllr Williams stated that it may also be beneficial to have somewhere at Jubilee Playing Fields for older children to congregate and remove them from the fenced play area. It was agreed to discuss Jubilee Playing Field at the next meeting.

**6. UPDATE FROM OPEN SPACES MEETING**

2021-087 Cllr Tilley advised of the discussions at the meeting held prior to this meeting and that a plan from the Biodiversity Report was being put together for maintenance and planting.

Cllr Lamb asked about the flooding on the Jinny Trail and the Clerk informed that the design and tender specification will be available very soon for the improvement works. Once received these will be circulated.

**7. CLLR P SCANLAN - PROPOSAL FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS 2021**

2021-088 Cllr Scanlan proposed that a Christmas Card be sent to each household in December 2021 from the Parish Council; that the card be obtained from a charity, have Parish Council information on the back and signed by the children of Stretton.

Cllr Hodson-Walker advised that this was a good idea but was not sure about the children signing and if this detracted from the card being from the Parish Council.

Cllr Lamb also felt that logistically it would be difficult to have children signing as Stretton children attend many of the schools in the locality.

Cllr Pritchard also considered the proposal to be a good idea and suggested that a competition could be held to design the front of the card.

The Chair enquired about distribution and how many would be needed. The Clerk informed that there are 3783 properties in the Parish. Cllr Lamb advised that it would take approximately 35 hours for one person to hand deliver to the whole of Stretton. Cllr Scanlan advised that he was willing to deliver in his area and Cllr Williams suggested that everyone could deliver 330 each. Cllr Hodson-Walker felt this was possible with plenty of notice.

Cllr unanimously agreed to proceed with the proposal.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

2021-089 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.

**9. BUDGET UPDATE / FORECAST FOR YEAR END**

2021-090 A copy of the current budget to end of January 2021 including forecasted costs for the remainder of the financial year had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs had no comments to make on the budget and forecast.

**10. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

2021-091 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 via remote access at 7.00pm.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE