

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 6th APRIL 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	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr G Lamb	
Cllr T Williams	
Cllr P Scanlan	

Also present were the clerk and SCC Cllr Peters and Clarke. A member of the public also attended as an observer.

1. APOLOGIES

2021-106 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Davies, Campion and Hodson-Walker and also ESBC Cllr Gould.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2021-107 Cllr McKiernan declared an interest in Item 2021-113.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 2021

2021-108 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr S Tilley and seconded by Cllr G Lamb with all present in favour.

Cllr Lamb enquired if the landlord of the units had responded and the Clerk advised that a response had not been received.

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

2021-109 SCC Cllr Peters advised that due to purdah and the forthcoming election he would take note of any issues and questions for after the election.

ESBC Cllr Lamb advised of information regarding the rear access road on Beech Lane which has now been fenced off and ESBC are dealing with clarification of ownership.

SCC Cllr Clarke informed that this would be his last meeting as County Councillor and informed of the issues at 2 Jackson Avenue which need to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. The Chair thanked SCC Cllr Clarke for his attendance at meetings, answering of all and any questions and looking into issues over the past 10 years. SCC Cllr Clarke thanked the Parish Council for the support given.

SCC Cllr Clarke left the meeting.

5. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

2021-110 A copy of the payment schedule below was circulated prior to the meeting. All payments had been authorised by 2 Councillors each month as per the HCID Policy which is still in place for the Parish Council.

There were no comments made with regard to the schedule. Cllr E Pritchard proposed formal endorsement, seconded by Cllr T Williams with all Councillors in favour.

Payment Code	Transaction	Description	Payment
BAC010321	C Winson	Ground Maintenance	£1,949.91
BAC020321	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maintenance	£224.00
BAC030321	A J Smith	Reimbursements	£207.46
DD	BT	Telephone / BB	£79.20
DD	BT	Telephone / BB - Priors	£134.82
BAC040321	BHIB	Insurance for Mower	£405.28
BAC050321	Harlow Bros	Maint Materials	£17.96
BAC060321	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie Bins and Empty	£267.65
BAC070321	IPaD Ltd	Progress work on Jinny Drainage	£975.00
BAC080321	A J Smith	Salary / Reimbursements	£2,099.71
BAC090321	C Allen	Salary	£1,144.58
BAC100321	HMRC	PAYE/ NI Contributions	£1,050.54
BAC110321	Netwise	Domain Name	£80.00
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Contributions	£362.24

6. **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS APPROVAL**

2021-111 The Clerk circulated a copy of the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure, Bank Reconciliation and Supporting Statement Sheet of the Year End Accounts. Risk documentation was also circulated for review.

The Clerk had also circulated a copy of the year end budget figures per heading.

Cllr S Tilley proposed acceptance of the documents, seconded by Cllr T Williams with all present in favour. The Clerk and Chair to sign the appropriate sheets.

7. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTING REPORT 2021**

2021-112 The Clerk had circulated a copy of Section 1 of the Return - Annual Governance Statement including explanatory notes.

Cllr J McKiernan proposed approval of the Governance Statement Sheet, seconded by Cllr K Winson with all present in favour. The Clerk and Chair to sign the declaration.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of Section 2 of the Return - Accounting Statements 2020/21 prior to the meeting.

Cllr S Tilley proposed approval of the statement and figures, seconded by Cllr T Williams with all present in favour. The Clerk and Chair to sign the declaration.

Cllr K Winson took the Chair for the next item due to a declared interest by the Chair.

8. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF RENT ON LEASES**

2021-113 The Clerk informed that both the Bowls Club lease and Allotment lease were to be reviewed annually with the RPI for February. The RPI for February 2021 was 1.4% which would be an increase of £7.82 (£566.20) for the Bowls Club and £0.39p (£28.48) for the Allotments.

Cllr K Winson proposed implementation of the increases, seconded by Cllr S Tilley and carried unanimously.

The Chair returned to officiate for the remainder of the meeting.

9. CLLR E PRITCHARD - BURTON TOWN DEAL BOARD

2021-114 Cllr Pritchard had circulated a report of concerns and questions relating to the Town Deal Board and its procedure and proposals. Cllrs were advised that the Government had granted funding to Burton and that there is a lot of concern regarding the project to relocate the Library to the Market Hall throughout the Town. It had previously been recorded that the Parish Council were unhappy with the consultation process and time given to this. Following discussion it was agreed that the information available to the public and some stakeholders is confusing with mixed messages being made.

The Chair, who is a joint Parish Council representative on the Board, agreed that the information being made available was not good and advised of some of the other projects to be funded such as the education projects giving opportunity for upskilling and retraining.

ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that ESBC Cllr who were not on the Board had not been given any more information than that in the public domain. ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that he would be lobbying for the canal project to be extended through to the Stretton parts if it is possible to substitute projects in to the plan. Cllr Williams supported this and suggested the disabled access work, that had been undertaken by ESBC Cllr Andjelkovic before her death, be included.

It was agreed to monitor and rediscuss when further information available.

10. STAFFORDSHIRE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION - SUBSCRIPTION

2021-115 The Clerk had circulated a copy of the letter and invoice prior to the meeting. Cllrs unanimously agreed not to subscribe for membership.

11. BURTON ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB - LETTER OF THANKS

2021-116 The Clerk read out the letter of thanks from Mr Robinson regarding the recognition given to BACT in providing help with vaccination services in Burton on Trent.

12. SCC - S53 APPLICATION FOR FOOTPATH - BITHAM LANE

2021-117 A copy of the application had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair suggested that the Council support the application. Cllr Lamb advised of the history of the application and shared photographs of the area which show where the hedges are and the newly erected name sign which will add some credibility to the application. It was unanimously agreed to write to SCC supporting the application.

13. CLLR S CAMPION - SPEED CAMERA A5121

2021-118 Cllrs agreed to defer the item to the next meeting when Cllr Campion is in attendance.

14. CLLR S TILLEY - USE OF HERBICIDES / JUBILEE PLAYING FIELDS PLAY WALL

2021-119 Cllr Tilley commented that the use of weed spray by ESBC around posts, trees, drain covers etc was unacceptable and has got wider over the years of spraying; and proposed that the Parish Council should not use weed spray at all on Parish land.

The Clerk suggested that there were areas such as some of the paths and block paving where use of weed spray would be helpful.

Cllr Scanlan asked about the weed spraying on Station Walk and the Clerk replied that this had been done on the areas where the cultivation of wildflower beds is to be made.

The Chair again suggested that limited use on blocks and around buildings be agreed. Cllr Scanlan proposed having minimal use and that Open Spaces Committee agree and give permission when needed but then withdrew this proposal.

Cllr Tilley reiterated the proposal for a total ban, seconded by Cllr Pritchard with Cllrs Scanlan, Lamb and Goode in favour.

Cllr Tilley advised that the suggestion for a wall at Jubilee Playing Field was Cllr Winson's but he would like to also have basketball provision included. Cllr Winson advised that the changing room building and garages have been used to kick footballs against due to the hardstanding and kickback and that they did not want to use the field. Cllr Winson suggested building a wall with hardstanding away from the building. Cllr Scanlan suggested consideration of a proper area such as a gated muga. Cllrs Tilley, Winson and Scanlan agreed to meet to discuss options and positioning.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2021-120 *Cllr Lamb did not take part in any discussions on this item due to his role with ESBC.*

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.

16. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

2021-121 The Chair advised that the current regulations allowing remote access meetings was due to expire on 7th May 2021 and the Government had decided not to renew the regulations at this time. The Clerk advised that the meeting scheduled for 4th May 2021 would be via remote access and would be the Annual Meeting of the Council with the statutory items. Cllrs agreed that papers for nominations of Chair, Vice Chair and committees would be circulated for completion prior to the meeting.

Cllr Pritchard advised that the Burton Swans art initiative is to be repeated next year with a new brief.

Cllr Lamb enquired about the status of the speed awareness signs and the Clerk advised that a paper with costings would be available for the next meeting.

Cllr Lamb asked for an update on the Jinny drainage project. The Clerk apologised that due to the year end accounts she had not followed up on the status of the tender process but would do so and advise accordingly.

17. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2021-122 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th May 2021 via remote access at 7.00pm.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE