

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 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	
Cllr C Hodson-Walker	
Cllr S Champion	

Also present was the clerk. A member of the public also attended as an observer.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

2122-001 It had been agreed at the previous meeting that nominations with seconds would be requested prior to the meeting.

Cllr J McKiernan had received a nomination for Parish Council Chair from Cllr Champion and seconded by Cllr Winson. There were no other nominations made. Cllr J McKiernan was unanimously elected to the position of Chair and would sign the Declaration of Office.

Cllr K Winson had received a nomination for Parish Council Vice Chair from Cllr Tilley and seconded by Cllr Champion. There were no other nominations made. Cllr K Winson was unanimously elected to the position of Vice Chair.

Cllr J McKiernan reflected on the past extraordinary year and thanked all those working on behalf of the Parish Council for their continued work and dedication despite these challenges.

2. APOLOGIES

2122-002 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Davies and also ESBC Cllr Gould.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2122-003 There were no declarations made in relation to agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 6th APRIL 2021

2122-004 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr E Pritchard and seconded by Cllr K Winson with all present in favour.

5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS FOR THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PRIORY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2122-005 The Clerk had sent out a list of the current members prior to the meeting and they had all agreed to continue on the Committees. Cllr Hodson-Walker advised that she would like to join the Priory Centre Management Committee, which was agreed.

The members of the Open Space Committee are : Cllrs Tilley, Winson, McKiernan, Williams, Champion and Scanlan.

The Trustee Representatives on the Priory Centre Management Committee are: Cllrs Winson, McKiernan, Tilley, Champion and Hodson-Walker.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

2122-006 A copy of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Clerk advised that no changes had been made to either document.

Cllrs present unanimously accepted the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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

2122-007 Due to the forthcoming Staffordshire County Council elections there were no County Councillors at the meeting.

ESBC Cllr Lamb advised that he had received a complaint regarding smoke problems at Jordan Avenue which is being investigated and also reoccurring pot holes around the area. Cllr Campion enquired if ESBC Cllr Lamb could ask again for lock hoods to be installed on the barriers for Meadow Lane football pitch to prevent easy access onto the area.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

2122-008 A copy of the Internal Audit Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report was complementary of the Council and did not contain any areas of concern or actions to be taken

Cllrs present unanimously accepted the report.

9. CLLR S CAMPION - SPEED CAMERA A5121

2122-009 Cllr Campion advised that permanent speed cameras were needed on the A5121 from the A38 as there had been an increase in vehicles and also in the speed these vehicles were travelling along the road.

10. JINNY NATURE TRAIL DRAINAGE PROJECT - TENDER ACCEPTANCE

2122-010 A copy of the Project Tender report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Scanlan commented that it would be preferable to have 3 tenders and that he had contacts who could provide tenders. Cllrs unanimously agreed to try again to obtain 3 tenders for the project and that Cllr Scanlan would provide contact information.

11. BIKE SHELTER PROPOSAL - JINNY NATURE TRAIL

2122-011 A copy of the Proposal with options and costs had been circulated prior to the meeting; and the Chair advised that due to an increase in cycling it would be useful to have a bike shelter to encourage people not to cycle along the Jinny Trail. Cllrs expressed their thoughts on the suggestion and it was concluded that there was no benefit to having a bike shelter and it could encourage anti social behaviour.

12. GOAL KICK WALL / MUGA PROPOSAL

2122-012 A copy of the proposal options and costs for Kick Wall / Full MUGA and Half MUGA had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Winson advised that walls (brick construction) were not recommended and had been discounted from the options available. The Clerk commented of the potential problems with having a full MUGA on the field and then not being available for general use.

The location on the field was discussed and it was agreed that behind the Changing Room building was best, but final location would be agreed at a site meeting with the provider.

Cllr Tilley proposed acceptance of the Target Wall option from Wicksteed, with hardstanding; seconded by Cllr Goode. Cllrs Winson, Scanlan, Pritchard, Williams, Campion, Hodson-Walker and McKiernan in favour and Cllr Lamb against.

13. SPEED AWARENESS SIGNS PROPOSAL AND COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

2122-013 A copy of the email from Community Speedwatch had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Pritchard advised that she is happy to be a volunteer but not a Coordinator. The suggestion had been to team up with Horninglow & Eton Speedwatch therefore having a larger pool of volunteers using the Stretton equipment. Cllrs were unanimously happy with this suggestion. It was agreed to put recruitment notices on Facebook and the website.

A copy of the Speed Awareness Signs proposal and costings had been circulated prior to the meeting. Following consideration of the types of sign available it was unanimously agreed to purchase the two signs from TWM and ask SCC to supply and install the posts/sockets in the agreed locations.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2122-014 *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.

Comments to be made in relation to the Craythorne Road application collating the comments made outside of the meeting via email.

15. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

2122-015 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
BAC010421	C Winson	Ground Maintenance	£1,897.75
BAC020421	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maintenance	£545.00
DD	BT	Telephone / BB	£86.13
BAC030421	Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	£534.00
BAC040421	Home and Trade	Fencing on The Green	£46.30
BAC050421	Harlow Bros	Maint Materials	£95.81
BAC060421	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie Bins and Empty	£661.63
BAC070421	Firs Farm Nursery	Trees for Woodland	£1,924.57
BAC080421	A J Smith	Salary / Reimbursements	£2,118.07
BAC090421	C Allen	Salary	1146..38
BAC100421	HMRC	PAYE/ NI Contributions	£1,045.56
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Contributions	£362.24

16. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2122-016 The Clerk confirmed that the Covid emergency legislation allowing Councils to meet virtually was due to expire on Friday 7th May 2021 and that the Government had advised that this could not be renewed at this time. Therefore after the 7th May 2021 Council meetings must be held face to face with the provision for members of the public to attend in person at meetings. The Clerk advised that an assessment of the risk with using the Slater Room and back room of the Priory Centre had been undertaken and taking into account social distancing measures and wearing of masks she was not comfortable with having a face to face meeting prior to Government advising of full lifting of lockdown measures.

The Clerk informed of the advice of NALC, SLCC and Government that Councils should use delegated powers until it is deemed safe to meet in person. The Clerk confirmed that the HCID Policy is still in place until the Council feel it is safe to deactivate the Policy and return to full in person meetings.

Cllr Williams confirmed his agreement that currently it would be not safe enough to hold face to face meetings. Cllr Tilley also expressed his agreement.

Cllr Lamb enquired if informal meetings could be held virtually and the Clerk replied that virtual meetings could be held but no decisions could be taken as these would be deemed to be illegal.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to cancel the meeting on the schedule for June 2021 and to review the Government guidance prior to holding the meeting scheduled for 6th July 2021.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE