

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.00PM
AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, STRETTON**

The following members of the Council were present:

Cllr J McKiernan	Chair
Cllr K Winson	Vice Chair
Cllr M Goode	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr C Lawton	

Also present was the clerk, SCC Cllr Peters and members of the public

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

2223-054 There were several members of the public in attendance to ascertain if there were any updates on issues raised at the July meeting – lorries and speeding traffic along Church Road, pot holes in roads and cleaning of drainage gulleys. SCC Cllr Peters advised that he had been working to address many of the issues with Highways and urged residents to report issues such as pot holes and drainage blockages via the County Council reporting app or website.

2. APOLOGIES

2223-055 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Campion and Lamb and ESBC Cllr Walker.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2223-056 There were none to disclose with regard to agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 5th JULY 2022

2223-057 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Pritchard and seconded by Cllr Winson with all present in favour.

5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2223-058 A copy of the action update had been circulated prior to the meeting.

	REFERENCE	ACTION POINT	FOR WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
1	2122-030 2122-053	Trent Meadows / CCG / Scrutiny Committees at ESBC/SCC	Clerk	Letter sent on 8.6.22 - no reply
2	2223-043/ 028 /012 2122-131 /097	Parish Councillor Vacancies	Clerk/Council	Advertised on website, noticeboards and Facebook ESBC advertised second vacancy
3	2223-035	William Shrewsbury Grave	Clerk Clerk / Cllr Pritchard	St Mary's Church contacted and given approval Contacted Archdeacon with efforts to find living relatives and next steps Archdeacon needs to know exactly what work will be undertaken.
4	2223-040	Burton Albion Community Trust 10k Run	Clerk	Contact regarding help Sponsorship of t-shirts agreed - Cllrs present unanimously supported the sponsorship
5	2223-052	Hedgelaying - Jubilee Playing Field	Clerk	Order placed - awaiting confirmation
6	2223-053	Speed Awareness Signs - solar	Clerk	Order placed - awaiting confirmation of installation in September

6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

2223-059 The Chair confirmed that the vacancy remained unfilled and was being widely advertised.

7. CLLR LAMB - PARISHIONER SAFETY CONCERNS

2223-060 The Chair commented on the number of anti social behaviour incidents in the area during the summer months and the concerns of parishioners regarding the incidents and general safety when out in the area. The Chair advised that a meeting with Staffs Police is to be arranged.

Cllr Peters informed of the forthcoming ESBC Parish Forum meeting where the Police and Crime Commissioner plus a Senior Officer for Staffordshire Police will be present. It was confirmed that Cllr Pritchard will be attending this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. CLLR PRITCHARD - HORSES - ORTON & SPOONER

2223-061 A copy of the report from Cllr Pritchard had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that the auction will be taking place on 19th October 2022 at the National Brewery Centre, conducted by Richard Winterton and all the proceeds being donated to MIND.

The Chair proposed that Cllr Pritchard be given a bid limit of £1,000 at the auction for one of the horses, this was seconded by Cllr Winson with all present in favour.

Cllrs discussed possible locations for permanent display but agreed to wait to see if successful in bidding.

9. CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

2223-062 The Clerk enquired about Christmas displays and cards.

The quotation for solar trees along Station Walk was £1645.00. Cllr Pritchard proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Cllr Lawton with all in favour.

The Chair proposed the purchase of the trees, as per last year, on the Millennium Garden, Church Road junction and the Priory Centre, seconded by Cllr Winson with all in favour. It was also unanimously agreed to purchase additional lights for each of these trees.

Cllrs discussed the distribution of Christmas cards around the Parish as last year and it was unanimously agreed by those present not to proceed with this.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2223-063 The following items of correspondence have been received from the sources shown and actioned as indicated. All items were available for inspection by councillors.

i.	Mr N Parry	A copy of the correspondence regarding the installation of new bus stops on Church Road had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Parry advised that there are 11 bus stops along the length of the village and did not consider the new stops warranted due to the location of other stops at the Church and Priory Centre. Mr Parry asked for Parish Council support in removal of the stops due to them being unnecessary and causing distress to the closest residents. Cllrs present at the meeting unanimously agreed to write to SCC and support the removal of the bus stops.
ii.	St Marys Church	A copy of the email request for floodlight electricity support had been circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion, the Chair proposed financial assistance of £750, as previous years, which was seconded by Cllr Goode with all present in favour.

iii.	ESBC - Dog Dispensers	A copy of the letter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllrs discussed the project and the reasons why the Parish Council dispensers had been removed some years ago.
iv.	ESBC - Housing Choice SPD Cons	A copy of the notice had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Pritchard informed that she had read the document which had not been easy and did not think many residents would try to read and comment. The contents regarding tighter controls on HMOs were noted.
v.	ESBC - Climate Change SPD Adopt	A copy of the notice had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted.

11. 2223-064 REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE.

SCC Cllr Peters informed:

- The yellow lines on Shrewsbury Road/Claymills Road had been completed but the challenge was enforcement
- SCC grants for climate change projects are still available to groups
- Working to get the pot holes repaired - especially those on Guinevere Avenue and Hillfield Lane.
- Working with SCC on helping residents throughout the winter due to cost of living crisis and rising energy costs.

The Clerk read out a report forwarded by ESBC Cllr Walker - cycle path along Princess Way, football parking on Beech Avenue and a damaged drain cover on Beech Avenue from pavement parking.

12. 2223-065 DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

13. 2223-066 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

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 representations to be made.

14. 2223-067 FINANCE

A copy of the payment schedule below was circulated at the meeting and payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Winson and seconded by Cllr Lawton with all present in favour.

Payment Code	Transaction	Description	Payment
DD	Right Fuel Card	Fee	£2.40
BAC120722	A J Smith	Salary	£2,160.02
BAC130722	C Allen	Salary	£1,117.31
BAC140722	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,052.06
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£478.24
BAC010822	Plantscape	Hanging Baskets Priory Centre	£404.16
BAC020822	C Winson	General Maintenance	£2,064.20
BAC030822	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maintenance	£634.00
BAC040822	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£1,156.71
BAC050822	Harlow Bros	Maint Mats	£6.30
BAC060822	Campion Bros	Mowing	£624.00
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£67.12
DD	EDF Energy	Floodlight Elect	£25.48
DD	EDF Energy	Changing Room Elect	£94.00
BAC070822	A J Smith	Salary	£2,179.63
BAC080822	C Allen	Salary	£1,117.31

BAC090822	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,052.06
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£478.24
BAC010922	J Hutson	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£150.00
BAC020922	CommuniCorp	Local Councils Subscription	£100.00
BAC030922	Hardy Signs	Jinny and Priory Centre Signs	£300.00
BAC040922	M E Tomlinson	Hedgecutting	£404.64
BAC050922	Harlow Bros	Maint Mats	£31.50
BAC060922	Wicksteed	zip line seat and chain	£300.37
DD	EDF Energy	Floodlight Elect	£30.90
BAC070922	C Winson	Maintenance	£2,160.00
BAC080922	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maintenance	£634.00
BAC090922	Viking	Stationery	£343.80
BAC100922	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£627.91
BAC110922	Campion Bros	Mowing	£936.00

2223-068 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current years budget and allocated areas. There were no questions raised in relation to the budget.

2223-069 **QUOTATION - JINNY NATURE TRAIL**

The Clerk advised that the work to the drainage and pond undertaken last year had been successful but had highlighted a problem with drainage on the other side of the path approaching the boundary gate. This had been discussed by the Open Spaces Committee and quotation requested. The Clerk advised that a quotation had been obtained from T Bates Ltd, who had undertaken the previous works - there were two options for consideration. Option one to form a small ditch linking 4 soakaways which will then cross into opposite ditch via existing pipes and install 2 new ones; at a cost of £8850. Option two to form a ditch but make into a French drain including filter drain connecting to soakaways and discharge into the ditch. The benefit of the French drain would be getting more attenuation and slow the rate of discharge to prevent flooding plus this will require less maintenance; at a cost of £14471. Cllrs discussed both options and it was considered that option 2 would be of greater benefit longer term.

The Clerk advised that the steps onto the loading dock area were in need of attention and that T Bates had quoted to completely refurbish the steps using block pavers and log retaining/handrail on the wall side - costed £3620.

The Chair advised that the contractor had previously undertaken excellent work in a professional and cost effective manner along the Jinny Nature Trail and sought approval to waive the financial regulation on obtaining 3 quotations which was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Winson proposed acceptance of the quotation for Option 2 of the drainage works, seconded by Cllr Lawton with all present in favour.

The Chair proposed acceptance of the quotation for refurbishment of the steps, seconded by Cllr Goode with all present in favour.

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