

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00PM  
AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, STRETTON**

The following members of the Council were present:

Cllr K Winson	Vice Chair
Cllr M Goode	
Cllr E Pritchard	
Cllr C Lawton	
Cllr P Scanlan	
Cllr G Lamb	

Also present were the clerk and SCC Cllr Peters.

**1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

2223-070 There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

2223-071 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs McKiernan and Tilley.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2223-072 There were none to disclose with regard to agenda items.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

2223-073 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Goode and seconded by Cllr Pritchard with all present in favour.

**5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

2223-074 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		Parish Councillor Vacancies	Clerk/Council	Advertised on website, noticeboards and Facebook
3	2223-035	William Shrewsbury Grave	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 extent of work to be undertaken.
4	2223-040	Burton Albion Comm Trust 10k Run	Clerk	Contact regarding help Sponsorship of t-shirts agreed
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
7	2223-062	Christmas Arrangements	Clerk	Order placed for solar St Walk lights Order placed for trees Order placed for added lights
8	2223-063	Bus Stop Removal Church Road	Clerk	Clerk written to SCC to support removal request - The Clerk read out the recent response received. Action Closed
9	2223-069	Jinny Trail Works	Clerk	Orders placed for steps and drainage - work completed. Action Closed

**6. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

2223-075 The Clerk advised that there had not been any response to the vacancy and new adverts to be placed on the website etc.

**7. CLERK - EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION**

2223-076 The Clerk advised that the audit had been completed. There were no scopes for improvement in 2022/23 identified. The Clerk advised that there had been an amendment made to the Annual Return - reallocating the precept and grant amounts on the document which had been a result of how the payments had been made into the bank account.

**8. WICKSTEED - PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS**

2223-077 The Clerk informed that the inspections had been undertaken and showed the comprehensive reports received. The inspection had identified only one moderate risk at Bitham Lane with missing fixings on the newly installed swing. The inspector had spoken with Mr C Winson at the time of the inspection and Mr Winson had replaced the fixings immediately. All other items were identified as low or no risk.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

2223-078 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.	Stretton Gala - 2023 Request	The Clerk informed that the Gala Group would like to hold the Food and Drink Fayre again at Jubilee Playing Field on either 14 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>st</sup> May 2023. Councillors unanimously agreed that the field could be used again for the community event.
ii.	Horninglow & Eton PC / 20 is Plenty Group	Copies of the invitations to both events had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted.

**10. PRIORY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

2223-079 A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Scanlan enquired if it would be possible to hold some of the meetings in the afternoons and it was agreed to ascertain the availability of Mrs Washington for earlier meetings.

The Chair advised that the roof area of the main hall part of the building was causing some concern due to its age and construction - the building had been erected in 1956 with a potential 20 year lifespan. The Committee had discussed having a structural survey of that part of the Centre done to ascertain the condition and life expectancy of the building construction. The Clerk advised that two quotations had been obtained - one for £1400 and the other £1950 and enquired if the Parish Council would be prepared to share the cost of the survey. Cllr Goode proposed sharing the cost and accepting the £1400 quotation which was agreed unanimously.

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

2223-080 The Clerk advised that a report from Staffordshire Police had been circulated and a printed copy was made available to the meeting.

Cllr Pritchard advised that due to National Mourning the Forum with the Police & Crime Commissioner had been cancelled and enquired if any response had been received from the antisocial behaviour reports. It was confirmed that no response had been had and that a further request be made for an update.

SCC Cllr Peters:

- Advise of specific issues for including on the agenda when meeting with the Crime Commissioner
- Seeking clarification from Staffordshire Police on what they now define as anti-social behaviour; domestic violence is reported to be increasing in Burton; car crime is also increasing; and an investigation is underway in relation to the lack of police response and telephone response times with Staffordshire Police. Staffordshire Police have a massive piece of work ahead to reassure and restore confidence of the public in the Police Service.
- ESBC have a community regeneration fund which could be applied to for works to the Priory Centre
- Prepared to act as liaison if the Parish Council wish to have Christmas decorations on public lampposts.
- Report any drains or gulleys which need cleaning so that they can be included on the list for the next visit
- Advised that SCC have not made any decisions on the future of the Hillfield House site should permission be granted for demolition. Cllr Lamb commented that it had been the intention to reopen the building as a care centre in 2019 and why had this changed. SCC Cllr Peters advised that the building was reported to be dangerous and needed to be demolished for public safety. Parish Councillors advised that it was disappointing that SCC did not have or were not prepared to advise of plans for the site and that this would have been preferable prior to demolition.
- SCC / ESBC are looking to help people with the impact of the cost of living rises and offering safe warm spaces where people can go. Cllr Goode advised that Burton Library is part of a scheme to offer a warm space with a drink on specific days.

The Chair advised of a resident of Beech Lane who was causing nuisance and behaving erratically on various roads around Burton. It was noted that Staffordshire Police and agencies are aware and specific incidents should be reported.

Cllr Pritchard asked about the Staffordshire Investment Zone Plan. SCC Cllr Peters informed that the criteria was being examined but presently there was nothing that would make Burton on Trent an investment area.

Cllr Pritchard informed SCC Cllr Peters that the public have a lack of trust with both SCC and ESBC by not replying to emails and being given differing explanations on relevant local issues.

ESBC Cllr Lamb advised the meeting that he had been received a complaint regarding the road closures for the BACT 10k run and he had provided clarification of the rolling programme. It was noted that BACT had informed that leaflets would be distributed.

## **12. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

2223-081 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

## **13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

2223-082 The Clerk had circulated a register of valid planning applications with status, prior to the meeting, for consideration.

Cllrs considered the SCC application for the demolition of Hillfield House. It was agreed that an objection be raised due to the lack of information regarding the future use of the site and the need for demolition not being explained fully plus why all the trees on the site need to be removed when they are neither dead or dangerous. The Clerk advised that the Stretton Neighbourhood Plan identifies Hillfield House as a protected community asset and this should also be included within the objection.

**14. FINANCE**

2223-083 A copy of the payment schedule below was circulated at the meeting and payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Goode and seconded by Cllr Pritchard with all present in favour.

Payment Code	Transaction	Description	Payment
DD	Right Fuel Card	Fee	£2.40
BAC120922	Seton	Chain and Bollards	£641.34
BAC130922	C Allen	Salary	£1,117.31
BAC140922	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,063.48
BAC150922	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,052.26
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£478.24
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£67.31
BAC011022	C Winson	General Maintenance	£2,412.50
BAC021022	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maintenance	£634.00
BAC031022	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£52.43
BAC041022	Harlow Bros	Maint Mats	£801.42
BAC051022	Support Staffordshire	Membership	£25.00
BAC061022	Wicksteed	Play Equipment Inspections	£288.00
BAC071022	Mazars	External Audit	£1,008.00
BAC081022	St Marys Church	Donation towards Floodlighting	£750.00
BAC091022	Burton Albion Comm Trust	Sponsorship 10K Run	£750.00
BAC101022	Prince & Son	Cleaning Jubilee / PC	£396.00
BAC111022	T Bates Plant Hire	Jinny Trail Drain / Steps	£21,709.20
BAC121022	Campion Bros	Mowing	£936.00
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£67.12
DD	EDF Energy	Floodlight Elect	£32.37

2223-084 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current budget and allocated areas. There were no questions raised in relation to the budget.

Cllr Scanlan enquired if it were possible to have the payments list prior to the meeting when the other documents were circulated. The Clerk advised of the reasoning for issuing the list at the meeting.

**2223-085 VIREMENT APPROVAL**

The Clerk advised that some of the budgets needed to have funds reallocated :

Jinny Trail maintenance - add £4550

Jinny Trail drainage - add £8200 both to cover approved works completed

Funds for the above to be taken from the community interest budget for projects.

The above virements were unanimously approved.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE