

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE 2023 AT 7.00PM
AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, STRETTON**

The following members of the Council were present:

Cllr E Pritchard	Chair
Cllr K Winson	Vice Chair
Cllr M Goode	
Cllr M McKiernan	
Cllr M Low	

Also present was the clerk, SCC Cllr Peters, ESBC Cllrs Slater and Bullock and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

2324-022 The Chair reminded that public question time was available to registered local government electors of the Parish to ask a question on any matter of which the Parish has power or present a petition.

A member of the public advised on the increasing number of lorries using Craythorne Lane/Road, at speed making the area dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists. SCC Cllr Peters agreed to look into this issue.

A member of the public enquired about the suspected Japanese Knotweed on Station Walk, the Clerk advised that a specialised contractor would be surveying the area this week. The member of the public also expressed displeasure on the state of the mowing of the field on Fairham Road and this was referred to the ESBC Cllrs.

2. APOLOGIES

2324-023 There were no apologies to be received from Parish Councillors. Apologies were received from ESBC Cllr Ackroyd.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2324-024 There were none to disclose with regard to agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING WEDNESDAY 10th MAY 2023

2324-025 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Winson and seconded by Cllr Goode with all present in favour.

5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2324-026 A copy of the action update had been circulated prior to the meeting.

	REFERENCE	ACTION POINT	FOR WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
1	2223-035	William Shrewsbury Grave	Clerk / Cllr Pritchard	St Mary's Church contacted and given approval. Archdeacon advised faculty required – application submitted. Quote for work obtained Diocese asked questions about the work. Notice of Action displayed for objections by the end of May. Then application referred to Chancellor for determination.
2	2223-115	Replacement play equipment	Clerk	Wicksteed - purchased - installation by end of June (supplier issues) Cllr McKiernan asked about the seat on the zipline damaged again by dogs; the Clerk advised that options are being explored.

3	2223-110	Renumeration Committee	Chair	Arrange a meeting - see agenda item
4	2223-132	Exterior Painting	Clerk	Quotation obtained - work commenced 22.05.23
5	2223-153	Tree removal works adjacent to Beech Avenue	Clerk	Letter sent to address supplied No response received Resident discussing with adjacent land owner. Action Closed.
6	2223-176	Anglesey Parish Council - network group	Clerk	Advised of wish to be included
7	2223-176	Councillor vacancies	Chair / Clerk	Posters developed
8	2324-017	Bus Shelter Repairs / Surveys	Clerk	Order placed - Repairs completed Awaiting survey results
9	2324-018	Japanese Knotweed Survey	Clerk	Contained a couple of companies who would be willing to undertake a survey - should no knotweed be found a charge will be made - agreed to proceed following consultation with Chair.
10	2324-019	Damage Claim	Clerk	The claimant has been directed to contact insurance company to make claim. Action Closed

6. OPEN SPACE ITEMS

2324-027

Pitch and Training Fees – The Clerk advised of the current charges for use of the facilities. Cllr McKiernan proposed keeping the charges static for the forthcoming season, which was seconded by Cllr Winson with all present in favour.

The Clerk and Cllr McKiernan advised of some tree work on the Woodland Walk – to remove some badly leaning trees and opening up of the area adjacent to the RSPCA entrance. The quote to undertake the work was unanimously agreed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2324-028

- The invitation from Outwoods Parish Council to meet with the Police and Fire Commissioner had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- CPRE Membership information had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Goode proposed joining, seconded by Cllr McKiernan with all present in favour.

8. REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE.

2324-029

SCC Cllr Peters advised :

- Plans are in place to resurface the Claymills junction over the summer holidays
- Of a complaint from a resident of Fairham Road concerning the replacement lamppost work being undertaken by Eon. Cllr Goode informed that the concrete posts are being replaced and the new posts are higher. Cllr Winson advised that new posts were put in around Hall Green Avenue and the light had changed from being spread around the post to being directly down.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised:

- Of requests to undertake planting of bluebells etc on the Woodland Walk.
- State of the Squichel area – the Clerk advised that this was a Public Right of Way but that the Parish Council had cut in recent times due to the lack of maintenance by the County Council.
- Areas of green space around Britannia Drive being unmaintained. The Clerk advised that some areas are unadopted and that the ESBC Open Spaces Team are working to

resolve.

ESBC Cllr Slater advised:

- Of the ESBC Councillor Community Fund, where community groups can apply for funding. Each councillor has £1500.
- Of the ESBC Community Lottery which will donate proceeds to voluntary/community groups. The official launch is on 15th June 2023.
- Of the Stretton Medical Centre dispute and the lack of full time service for the area, and that the ESBC CEO is talking to the surgery. ESBC Cllr Bullock advised that Kate Kniveton MP is also working on this.

9. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2324-030 The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2324-031 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.

11. COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

2324-032 Mr Simon Slater had made an expression of interest to join the Parish Council. He gave a brief resume of his experience and of his intention of link the Parish Council with ESBC in more positive ways. Cllr McKiernan proposed the co-option of Mr Slater onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Winson with all present in favour.

The Clerk advised that there had been another expression of interest from Mr G Holmes but unfortunately he had not been able to attend this meeting.

Posters had been displayed and the Clerk advised that despite some scans of the QR code there had not been any interest expressed.

The Chair suggested using Facebook and posting a personal statement from each Councillor.

12. FINANCE

2324-033 A copy of the payment schedule below was circulated at the meeting and payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Winson n and seconded by Cllr Pritchard with all present in favour.

Payment Code	Transaction	Description	Payment
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£52.13
BAC120523	BHIB	Insurance Premium	£2,129.21
BAC130523	C Allen	Salary	£1,160.73
BAC140523	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,074.33
BAC150523	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,078.12
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£607.72
BAC010623	C Winson	General Maint	£2,818.13
BAC020623	RB Landscaping	Linemarking	£1,596.00
BAC030623	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£303.38
BAC040623	Viking	Stationery	£70.88
BAC050623	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking/Maint	£859.88
BAC060623	Campion Bros	Mowing and Aeration	£3,546.00
BAC070623	Home & Trade	Maint Materials	£31.20
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£76.78
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Changing Rooms	£72.28
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Floodlights	£24.18

2324-034 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current years budget and allocated areas. There were no questions raised in relation to the budget.

13. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

2324-035 The Chair confirmed that a meeting had been held and agreement made to increase the Clerk onto the next pay scale from 01.04.2023. This had been a unanimous decision.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2324-036 Cllr Slater advised that he would like to introduce a monthly open surgery and would be looking for a room. Many suggestions were made and it was agreed to reconsider this at a future meeting.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

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