

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 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	
Cllr S Slater	(ESBC Cllr)
Cllr G Holmes	

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

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

2324-052 The Chair opened the discussions.

Several residents attended regarding issues along Craythorne Road – constant HGV's using the road for access to Rolleston on Dove, mud on the road, pot holes, untidy and unmaintained verges and ditches, speeding, fly tipping, fires, trees being damaged, anti social behaviour, flooding and pedestrians not being able to walk along the road safely. The spokes lady informed of the incidents of anti social behaviour to two residents both of which were reported to the police. Residents find contacting 101 problematic and the police being dismissive of the issues. The residents of Craythorne Road care deeply about the road on which they live and wish to enjoy their properties and lives in a peaceful way.

The Chair advised that the Parish Council share the concerns of the residents and informed that the Parish Council do not have specific powers or jurisdiction regarding many of the concerns raised but do support the residents in getting something done.

The Chair confirmed that Staffordshire Police are invited each month to the Parish Council meetings and that the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner had agreed to look into why representation was not being made. Cllr Low advised that she had raised concerns with PCSO Worden on a number of occasions and would do so again.

The resident who has issues with overhanging trees from the Jinny Nature Trail would be contacted to arrange a site meeting with the tree contractor to look at what could be done.

A resident of Main Street advised of anti social behaviour issues around Main Street / Hurst Drive which had been reported to the police but nothing done to combat the problem.

SCC Cllr Peters informed that he would raise the issue of HGV access with SCC Highways at his next meeting and weight restriction may be a possibility. He also Chairs the Police & Crime panel and would discuss the issues raised with the Chief Inspector and Chief Constable. SCC Cllr Peters suggested that the residents send a strongly worded letter to the local MP outlining the issues and also contact SCC Cllr White who represents Rolleston.

ESBC Cllrs Slater and Bullock advised that they would contact the Planning Dept to ascertain what access conditions, if any, had been put onto the development in Rolleston on Dove. ESBC Cllr Slater informed that he would also discuss the anti social behaviour reported with the Chief Inspector and see if officers could be made available to talk with residents.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised that the incidents at the former golf club had been discussed with the owner and he had agreed to more CCTV, clean up the area and better security to keep the site secure and free from the anti social behaviour.

Residents outlined where the flooding was taking place and the blocked gullies/draubs, SCC Cllr Peters urged residents to use the SCC Highways reporting app and then send him the report number so that he can chase up.

The Chair advised that councillors (Parish, ESBC or SCC) can be contacted between meetings.

A resident advised that the Parish Council website stated that meetings were held on Mondays and that they had had to contact the Priory Centre to find out the date. The Clerk advised that meetings were usually Tuesdays and that the meeting agenda was always published on the website and noticeboard prior to the meeting.

Cllr Holmes urged residents to report incidents to 101 and that this would lead to a collation of incident evidence for a specific area and need for assistance.

A resident attended to request that cycling be permitted along the Jinny Nature Trail. The resident was aware that Sustrans (the cycling network) had rights for a route from Rolleston on Dove to Eggington. The resident also advised that there was no disabled access onto the Trail – the Clerk informed that this was incorrect and there was a radar gate at the main entrance in Stretton and the boundary gate was also for disabled use. The Chair informed that the Byelaws that are in place for the Jinny Trail in both Stretton and Rolleston prohibit cycling. The resident enquired if the Parish Council would discuss the request and the Chair agreed to put forward for another meeting.

A resident attended to advise that the Stretton & Claymills Good Neighbours still had some funds that needed to be spent and that a bench had been requested previously. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had previously offered to site the bench with plaque on Parish Council land but another location had been preferred. The resident agreed that a bench on Bitham Community Park would be ideal. The Clerk to liaise.

2. APOLOGIES

2324-053 There were no apologies to be received from Parish Councillors.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2324-054 There were none to disclose with regard to agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 4th JULY 2023

2324-055 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Winson and seconded by Cllr Low with all present in favour.

5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2324-056 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 Notice of Action displayed for objections by the end of May. Application referred to Chancellor for determination. Approval granted and work completed. Action Closed The Chair advised that the work was excellent and that an article has been written for publishing.

2	2223-115	Replacement play equipment	Clerk	Completed Action Closed
3	2223-176	Anglesey Parish Council - network group	Clerk	Advised of wish to be included
4	2223-176	Councillor vacancies	Chair / Clerk	Posters on display
5	2324-017	Bus Shelter Repairs / Surveys	Clerk	Order placed - Repairs completed Awaiting survey results
6	2324-019	Damage Claim	Clerk	The claimant has been directed to contact insurance company to make claim. Claimant contacted insurance company awaiting further information Agreed to close action
7	2324-043	Flail Mower Upgrade	Clerk	Equipment purchased and delivered Action Closed
8	2324-044	ESBC - Standards Comte	Cllr McKiernan	Expression of interest submitted Action Closed
9	2324-051	Seating - Bitham Comm Park	Clerk	Options and costings obtained please see Item 2324-059
10	2324-051	Councillor Profiles	Chair / Cllrs	Provide information for posting on social media and website
11	2324-051	Councillor Surgeries	Clerk / Cllr Slater	To liaise regarding use of the Parish Room No action to date

6. **ADDITIONAL NAMES - STRETTON MEMORIAL**

2324-057 The Clerk advised that a resident had contacted regarding three names of WW1 soldiers that were killed in action in 1916 but were missing off the memorial. Cllr Goode gave some background. The Clerk advised that it was proving problematic locating a stonemason that could undertake the work to add the names.

7. **CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS**

2324-058 Station Walk Solar Powered Trees - The Clerk advised that the cost for the 14 half trees would be £1645 which is the same as last year. Cllr Winson proposed acceptance of the quotation, seconded by Cllr McKiernan with all present in favour.

Christmas Trees - The Clerk advised that SCC had given permission for the seasonal placement of a tree on the corner of Derby Road and Hillfield Lane. Cllr Low proposed the purchase of trees for Church Road, Priory Centre, Millennium Garden and Derby Road, seconded by Cllr McKiernan with all present in favour. The Clerk advised that no additional lights were required.

8. **OPEN SPACE ITEMS**

2324-059 Bitham Lane Community Park bench options - The Clerk had circulated a report on bench options with supply costs. Cllr McKiernan proposed the purchase of the coloured recycled product bench £519.93, seconded by Cllr Low with all present in favour. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr McKiernan and the Chair regarding the siting of the bench.

Wheelchair Friendly Play Equipment - The Clerk circulated some options for consideration following a request for this type of equipment. It was agreed that the Clerk should have a site meeting with the supplier at both Jubilee Park and Bitham Lane Community Park to look at space and price for all three options - roundabout, swing, seesaw.

Noticeboard – The Precinct. The Chair advised that the board located at the former Coop had been removed by the new vendors and when handed over it was found that it was damaged. The Clerk had liaised with Dean & Smedley Chemist plus the agents for the Precinct and permission has been granted for a new board on the side of the chemist. A board has been ordered in consultation with the Chair and will be in place very soon. A picture of the board was circulated. Councillors endorsed the decision.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2324-060

- SCC – Fairham Road Closure. A copy of the notice had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted. Cllr Goode commented that it would be interesting to see how this will be undertaken.

During the discussion Cllr McKiernan commented on the disgraceful state of Derby Road and Princess Way.

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

2324-061

SCC Cllr Peters advised :

- Works to Claymills junction underway in the evenings for the next month
- Aware of the problems along Craythorne Road and will discuss weight restrictions with Highways Team at the scheduled meeting
- On the closure of Bitham Lane in July/August.
- Of the meeting at Fountains Primary School with ESBC Cllr Bullock to discuss parking and traffic volume issues. Various options being explored. The Chair commented that the Fountains High School parking has improved.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised:

- Works to enhance and upgrade the Claypits area will be considered in October for completion in the Spring
- Improvement works to the Butterfly on Princess Way will be undertaken in the Spring
- The tow path works are on schedule and it was confirmed that cyclists will be able to use the tow path once completed.
- Meeting with SCC Cllr Peters to look at the inconsiderate parking by the garages on St Mary's Drive; and also Trent & Dove Housing. More evidence is required prior to any bollards /posts being installed.

ESBC Cllr Slater advised:

- Met with Craythorne residents in July to look at the recurring flytipping and installation of CCTV. It was again noted that residents need to keep reporting and that Councillors can be contacted between meetings.

Cllr Holmes suggested producing a flyer for residents outlining the responsibilities of the different councils and how to contact – this was agreed.

11. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

2324-062

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

2324-063

The Clerk had circulated a register of valid planning applications with status, prior to the meeting, for consideration. There were no comments to be made.

13. COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

2324-064

Ms Lizzie Bullock had forwarded her expression of interest to join the Parish Council which had been circulated to councillors.

It was unanimously agreed that Ms Bullock be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

14. FINANCE

2324-065 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
BAC110723	Garden Machinery Direct	Flail Mower	£5,738.00
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£4.80
BAC130723	C Allen	Salary	£1,160.73
BAC120723	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,253.92
BAC140723	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,114.31
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£91.01
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£607.72
BAC010823	Campion Bros	Mowing	£1,680.00
BAC020823	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£322.77
BAC030823	PJC Tree Services	Jinny / St Walk / Drby Road	£950.00
BAC040823	C Winson	General Maintenance	£2,310.00
BAC050823	Hardy Signs	Replacement signs	£504.00
BAC060823	South Staffs Water	Water - changing room	£78.48
DD	Information Commissioners	Data Registration Renewal	£35.00
BAC070823	G Burley & Sons (Plantscape)	Hanging Baskets	£425.76
BAC080823	Grave Care	Initial payment for grave works	£1,656.00
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£76.78
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£4.80
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Changing Rooms	£102.19
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Floodlights	£74.12
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£54.77
BAC090823	C Allen	Salary	£1,160.73
BAC100823	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,329.91
BAC110823	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,114.31
BAC120823	Wicksteed Leisure	Springies / Zip line parts	£7,505.39
BAC130823	Grave Care	Final payment grave works	£1,104.00
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£90.48
DD	EDF Energy	Floodlight Electric	£51.00
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£607.72
BAC010923	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking and maint	£1,318.00
BAC020923	Home and Trade	Soil for Jubilee	£73.80
BAC030923	CommuniCorp	Local Council Update Subs	£110.00
BAC040923	Stretton Gala	Contribution	£250.00
BAC050923	PR Horticultural Svs	Mower breakdown / repair	£154.68
BAC060923	Boston Seeds	Grass Seed Jubilee	£55.00
BAC070923	J Hutson	Bus shelter window clean	£300.00
BAC080923	C Winson	Maintenance	£2,348.40
BAC090923	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£302.23
BAC100923	Wicksteed Leisure	Parts for swing repairs	£251.78
DD	EDF Energy	Elect for changing rooms	£134.17
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£77.28

2324-066 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current years budget and allocated areas. There were no questions raised in relation to the budget.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2324-067 The Chair advised that due to the increased number of councillors it would be prudent to set up the committee membership. Dates of meetings to be agreed.

Cllrs Pritchard, Slater, Bullock and Goode agreed to form the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Cllrs Pritchard, Low, Winson and Holmes agreed to join the Priory Centre Management Committee.

Cllrs Pritchard, Bullock, Winson and McKiernan agreed to form the Open Spaces Committee.

Cllrs Pritchard, Low and McKiernan agreed to form the Remuneration Committee.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

DATE