



PETITIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Stretton Parish Council welcomes feedback from its parishioners. The preferred method is through direct contact either
- Face to face at council meetings
 - Through contact with Parish Councillors
 - By telephone to the Clerk
 - Or by email – clerk@stretton-pc.gov.uk

This allows the Council to answer questions quickly and if a policy decision needs to be made it will be placed on the appropriate agenda.

- 1.2 The Council also recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let the Council know their concerns. All petitions presented to the Council will receive an acknowledgement within 10 working days.

2. STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO PETITIONS

- 2.1 Any petitions presented to the Parish Council will be verified by the Proper Officer of the Council prior to discussion or comment at the next Parish Council meeting and a written response forwarded.
- 2.2 A petition can only be considered for response if it advises of the purpose of the petition
- 2.3 The figure to be used for the purpose of determining the validity of petitions presented will be 5% of the number of local government electors for the parish as shown in the register of electors having effect on the 31st December of the preceding year. Only those signatures of registered electors of the parish will be valid and a proportion will be checked against the electoral register.
- 2.4 Online petitions cannot be recognised or accepted.

3. PETITION ORGANISERS

- 3.1 Petitions need to be accompanied by contact details, including an address, for the petition organiser. This is the person that will be contacted regarding the petition.

4. PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSING VERIFIED PETITIONS

- 4.1 The petition will be included on a meeting agenda for discussion.
- 4.2 The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting.
- 4.3 The petition will be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes.
- 4.4 The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at the meeting. It may be decided to take the action that the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.
- 4.5 The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the decision.