

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2024 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 G Holmes	
Cllr J McKiernan	
Cllr M Low	(ESBC Cllr)
Cllr S Slater	(ESBC Cllr)
Cllr L Bullock	

Also present was the clerk and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

2324-118

There were a number of members of the public in attendance to put forward their views on two similar planning applications for Church Road where applicants would like a change of use to become childrens' homes. The spokesperson put forward the concerns and reasons for opposing the applications – parking, potential impact on local residents and impact on the local school. The residents felt that the applicants had not given any explanation of plans to combat potential problems. The Chair thanked the residents and advised that the Parish Council is not a decision making authority for planning but are involved in the consultation process.

A member of the public advised that the poor parking around Dovecliff Crescent was increasing at school times with large ruts being left in verges and obstructing of residents properties.

A member of the public informed that Rolleston on Dove Parish Council had been contacted regarding the road condition at the Rolleston end of Craythorne Road. The member of the public had been informed that SCC Highways had been contacted and they had confirmed that the road would be revamped once the building work had been completed.

Several members of the public advised of the recent flooding of Craythorne Road which had also flooded gardens of properties. Residents felt the flooding was due to compacted ground in the field opposite. Photographs have been forwarded to ESBC Cllr Slater and the Clerk advised that SCC Cllr Peters was also aware of the issues. A resident of Bitham Lane, who had also been flooded, advised that they had previously spoken to the farmer about having drainage ditches on the field and the farmer did not think it would help or benefit.

A member of the public advised that the dog bins had not been emptied over the Christmas period and had been overflowing. ESBC Cllr Slater to discuss with ESBC street services.

A member of the public informed that there had been 80 objections made in relation to the planning application at Rolleston on Dove for a traveller site; and that despite the objections the application had been approved. ESBC Cllr Slater explained the process for considering planning applications.

2. APOLOGIES

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Apologies were received and accepted from SCC Cllr Peters and ESBC Cllr Walker.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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It was acknowledged that Cllr Bullock is on the ESBC planning committee as a ward cllr.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

2324-121 Cllr McKiernan commented on Item 2324-108 and the sentence was amended to read "Cllr McKiernan repeated that there was a tree on the Woodland Walk adjacent to his property that also needed attention". The Chair initialled this amendment.

Cllr McKiernan commented on Item 2324-113 and the word traveller used in the sentence. The Chair initialled the amendment.

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

5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2324-122 A copy of the action update had been circulated prior to the meeting.

	REFERENCE	ACTION POINT	FOR WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
1	2223-176	Councillor vacancies	Chair / Clerk	Posters developed and erected
2	2324/051	Councillor Profiles	Chair / Cllrs	Provide information for posting on social media and website EP received and published on website
3	2324/051	Councillor Surgeries	Clerk/ Cllr Slater	To liaise regarding use of the Parish Room
4	2324/053	Names - Memorial	Clerk	Met with contractor - work cannot take place until Summer 2024 due to weather conditions
5	2324/059/108	Wheelchair Friendly Play Equipment	Clerk	Site meeting held with contractor - quotation received survey conducted Order placed / Feb provisional install
6	2324/085	Brewers 10K	Clerk	Letter forwarded to BACT / Run Through / Ben Robinson. Responses received. Meeting requested - letter of concerns sent from response
7	2324/108	Purchase of rotavator and new mower	Clerk	Orders placed and completed Action Closed
8	2324/109	Speed Indicator Signs	Clerk	Quotations received - see agenda item
9	2324/110	Mr McGibbon	Clerk	Letter of response forwarded Action Closed
10	2324/111	Contact Martin Slowe regarding Precinct Alley	Clerk	Letter forwarded
11	2324/117	Job Adverts	Clerk	Adverts placed

6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

2324-23 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.	SCC - Claymills Road Closure	A copy of the instruction and comments via SCC Cllr Peters had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted.
ii.	Stretton Gala	The Gala group ask permission to use Jubilee Playing Field on Sunday 12 th May 2024 for the Stretton Food and Drink Fayre. Cllr McKiernan proposed giving permission, seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in favour.

7. 2324-124 REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE.

The Clerk read out the written report from SCC Cllr Peters :

- Challenging wet weather has resulted in lots of flooding in the area
- Feasibility study on Craythorne Road is being explored
- Issue associated with St Mary's Church pathways

ESBC Cllr Slater advised:

- Raising issues relating to County Council with SCC Cllr Peters
- The majority of the ESBC Community Fund has now been spent with a project at St Modwens School
- The ESBC cost of living funding has been spent with another round of funding from April to October
- Taxi licence review is underway
- ESBC Council Tax budget setting is being carried out.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised:

- Funding for a nurture room at St Modwens School via the ESBC Community Fund.
- Looking into resurfacing of St Mary's Church carpark with ward enhancement funding.
- Meeting SCC Cllr Peters to look at Dovecliff Crescent and installation of barriers.

8. 2324-125 DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

9. 2324-126 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

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

Cllr Bullock withdrew from the discussion of this item.

Cllr Goode commented that it was pleasing to see the application for a replacement care facility at Hillfield House and that this should be supported.

Cllrs discussed both the applications for change of use to form childrens' homes on Church Road and the appropriate planning grounds for objecting. Concern regarding adding to congestion along the road and potential parking issues was raised. Cllr Low commented that there was a need for these homes and that not all the children were unruly and out to cause problems but needed help. Cllr Slater proposed that objections be raised on both applications, which was seconded by Cllr McKiernan - Cllr Low abstained and the vote carried in favour.

10. 2324-127 FINANCE

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

Payment Code	Transaction	Description	Payment
BAC121223	Garden Machinery Direct	Rotavator	£11,963.40
BAC131223	C Allen	Salary	£1,160.53
BAC141223	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,237.65
BAC151223	HMRC	PAYE / NI Confs	£1,174.05
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Confs	£607.72
DD	Right Fuelcard	Diesel	£28.80
DD	BT	Wifi Priory	£135.45
BAC010124	Yee	CCTV Annual Charge	£721.03

BAC020124	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£390.56
BAC030124	Prince & Son	Cleaning Changing Rooms	£165.60
BAC040124	C Winson	General Maintenance	£1,537.50
BAC050124	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking	£224.00
BAC060124	Stretton Gala	Picnic In Park Donation	£250.00
BAC070124	Sth Staffs Water	Water at Changing Rooms	£76.04
0	Campion Bros	Rent for garage land	£500.00
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£76.78
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Changing Rooms	£18.06

2324-128 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current years budget and allocated spend.

11. QUOTATIONS

2324-129 The Clerk informed of the quotation from Plantscape for hanging baskets in the summer at the Priory Centre with the price remaining the same as previous years. Cllr Goode proposed proceeding with the quotation, seconded by Cllr Low with all in favour.

The Clerk advised that the guttering system on the changing rooms was in need of replacement and a quotation had been obtained for the works from Sudell Gutters for £863.50 Cllr McKiernan proposed proceeding with the work as per the quotation, seconded by Cllr Goode with all in favour.

The Clerk presented two quotations for additional speed awareness signs, as previously discussed. The two options were discussed and Cllr Pritchard proposed accepting the quotation from ElanCity at a cost of £5579.98; this was seconded by Cllr Goode with all in favour.

12. BUDGET SETTING - PRECEPT 2024/25

2324-130 The Clerk circulated 3 options for budget /precept figures for 2024/25 – option one keeping the band D base static at £61.850; option two keeping band d cost per week at zero and option three increasing the budget by 3.9%. Cllrs discussed the options and it was acknowledged that other agencies would not be able to freeze their budgets and would be increasing.

The Clerk advised that the ESBC Grant remained constant at £5813.00.

Cllr Goode proposed option one to keep the level of spend, band d base rate the same as 2023/24, seconded by Cllr Slater with all in favour.

SIGNATURE

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