

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 M Low	
Cllr L Bullock	(ESBC Cllr)

Also present was the clerk, SCC Cllr Peters and a member of the public.

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

2324-131 There were no questions or representations made.

**2. APOLOGIES**

2324-132 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr McKiernan, Cllr Slater (ESBC) and ESBC Cllr Walker.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

2324-133 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 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**

2324-134 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Bullock and seconded by Cllr Low with all present in favour.

**5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

2324-135 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	2324/109	Speed Indicator Signs	Clerk	Quotations received - order placed - Signs to be erected w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb
8	2324/111	Contact Martin Slowe regarding Precinct Alley	Clerk	Letter forwarded - photographs also forwarded - awaiting response
9	2324/117	Job Adverts	Clerk	Adverts placed.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

2324-136 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.	Winshill Medical Centre	A copy of the information had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed to post on the website.
ii.	Highways Report	A copy of the report forwarded by SCC Cllr Peters had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents noted.
iii.	Letter from Ms Crossen	A copy of the message from Ms Crossen had been circulated prior to the meeting and Cllrs commented that it was nice to get appreciation and good feedback.

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

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SCC Cllr Peters advised:

- Numerous flooding issues around the area. Identification of drains and gulleys which need to be flushed and emptied is being undertaken.
- Speedwatch and asked if able to get volunteers to get the initiative running again. The Chair commented that it had been a lack of volunteers which had led to this not operating before even after discussing partnerships with Horninglow and Rolleston. The Parish Council have speed awareness signage on routes.
- Fountains Primary School are operating a pick up / drop off at Burton Albion FC to help with traffic congestion and parking issues on Bitham Lane and surrounding roads.
- Dovecliff Crescent residents reporting damage to the grassed area from inconsiderate drivers going across the grass and also parking. SCC Highways are investigating options to discourage this.
- Jetting and flushing along Rolleston Road.
- Governor at UHDB and the appointment of a Freedom to Speak Up Guardian for staff.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised:

- Working with SCC Cllr Peters on the Dovecliff Crescent issues.
- Flooding issues and also a blocked drain on Bitham Lane which is going to be cleaned following lots of issues.
- Of the Government flood recovery scheme for residents affected by Storm Henk in January.
- Application for resurfacing of the Church Hall Carpark to the Ward Enhancement Fund.

The Chair advised that ESBC Cllr Slater had confirmed that objection letters had been forwarded in relation to the Church Road planning applications.

**8. DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

2324-138 The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

It was agreed to hold an Open Spaces Meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am.

**9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS**

2324-139 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.

Cllrs discussed the application for change of use to form childrens' homes on Bridge Street being the third of this type in recent months. This application was from 5AB Care for 5

children at this site. They are also one of the applicants for Church Road. Cllrs agreed following discussion to object to this application in relation to the lack of off road parking and traffic congestion issues for the local area.

Cllrs felt that is beyond a local issue and questioned national policy on private for profit care homes and if this actually the best way of caring for children. Cllrs considered that they could not give help the community due to lack of substantive knowledge of both national and local policy on private children's homes – how approved, inspected, licenced and how children are allocated to these homes ensuring that they are placed in the best place and conditions.

The Chair proposed holding a meeting with Kate Kniveton MP and also SCC Cllr Sutton (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), this was seconded by Cllr Goode with all present in favour.

## 10. FINANCE

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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
BAC090124	RT Machinery	Part Payment - Ride on Mower	£11,970.00
BAC100124	C Allen	Salary	£1,166.62
BAC110124	A J Smith	Salary and reimbur	£2,442.36
BAC120124	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,126.13
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£607.72
BAC010224	Yee	Fire Extinguisher Service	£59.54
BAC020224	Rainbow Waste	Wheelie bin and empty	£302.23
BAC030224	C Winson	General Maintenance	£2,470.60
BAC040224	G C McCulloch	Litterpicking	£270.00
BAC050224	Sudell Gutter Clean & Repairs	Replacement guttering Jubilee	£863.50
BAC060224	EON	St Walk Lighting Maint	£299.96
BAC070224	PJC Tree Services	Jinny / Woodland / Jubilee	£3,875.00
BAC080224	Elan City	Speed Awareness Signs	£6,695.98
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£76.78
DD	EDF Energy	Electric Changing Rooms	£20.94

2324-141 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current years budget and allocated spend. There were no questions raised.

SIGNATURE

DESIGNATION

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