

**A MEETING OF STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 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 J McKiernan	
Cllr G Holmes	
Cllr L Bullock	
Cllr S Slater	

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

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

2425-046 Members of the public in attendance had not items to raise.

2. APOLOGIES

2425-047 There were no apologies to report.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2425-048 There were none to disclose with regard to agenda items.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING TUESDAY 23rd JULY 2024

2425-049 The circulated minutes were approved as a true and accurate record following a proposal from Cllr Winson and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all present in favour.

5. ACTIONS UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

2425-050 A copy of the action update had been circulated prior to the meeting.

REFERENCE	ACTION POINT	FOR WHOM	ACTION TAKEN
2223-176	Councillor vacancies	Chair / Clerk	Posters developed and erected
2324/051	Councillor Profiles	Chair / Cllrs	Provide information for posting on social media and website EP received and published on website
2324/051	Councillor Surgeries	Clerk/ Cllr Slater	To liaise regarding use of the Parish Room
2324/053	Names - Memorial	Clerk	Met with contractor - work cannot take place until Summer 2024 due to weather conditions
2324/085	Brewers 10K	Clerk	Letter forwarded to BACT / Run Through / Ben Robinson. Responses received. Meeting requested - letter of concerns sent from response. Meeting held. Date changed to June 2025 ACTION CLOSED
2324/111	Contact Martin Slowe regarding Precinct Alley	Clerk	Letter forwarded - photographs also forwarded - awaiting response Chased update
2324/139	Children's Homes Applications	Clerk	Arrange meeting with Kate Kniveton MP and SCC Mark Sutton. Meetings held - Action Closed

			Response from KK MP - Replies shared. Written to Jacob Collier MP- awaiting response Mark Sutton - contacted twice -no reply SCC Cllr Peters agreed to contact Cllr Sutton Email for Jacob Collier MP to be forwarded to Cllr Slater.
2425/039	Speed Awareness Signage	Clerk	Written to contact at SCC regarding meeting to assess area
2425/045	Toy Swap/ Sale	Cllr Holmes	Dates and contact information advised Cllr Holmes advised that Mr Redding from AFWS was enthusiastic about the event - Priory Centre available on 9 th November
	SCC Highways		Meeting held in September 2023 regarding funding highway project. Feasibility study to be completed. Contact made asking when this can be expected - awaiting reply
2425/045	Donation to SARAC	Clerk	Completed Action Closed

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION

2425-051 A copy of the completed audit letter from Mazars and AGAR document had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that there were no actions to be undertaken.

7. INTERNAL AUDIT LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT

2425-052 A copy of the letter had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Clerk advised of the excellent service and advice received over the previous 5 years. It was unanimously agreed to reappoint Auditing Solutions Ltd following a proposal by Cllr Prichard and seconded by Cllr Goode.

8. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS - UPDATED VERSION

2425-053 The Clerk advised that NALC had issued an updated version of financial regulations and that the copy circulated had been cross referenced with the current regulations and made specific for Stretton. Approval to adopt the new regulations was unanimously agreed following a proposal by Cllr McKiernan and seconded by Cllr Winson.

9. REVIEW OF AMENDED GRANT APPLICATION POLICY

2425-054 A copy of the amended policy had been circulated prior to the meeting following comments made at the previous Parish Council meeting and the Clerk advised of the amended section.

Cllr McKiernan commented that he considered the setting of amounts to be restricting, and that Cllrs should have discretion when determining applications and amounts to award. Cllr Slater advised that he agreed.

The Clerk suggested alternative wording, with removal of application amount limit, and this was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Pritchard and seconded by Cllr Winson. Cllrs Goode, Holmes, Slater and Bullock were in favour and Cllr McKiernan objected.

10. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

2425-055 The Clerk informed that Plantscape were holding prices of solar powered trees from last year for a short time. It was unanimously agreed to order the 14 half trees for Station Walk.

The Clerk also advised that permission had been given by SCC for the tree on the verge adjacent to Derby Road and Jubilee Playing Field.

11. 2425-056 REPORTS BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS, EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE.

SCC Cllr Peters advised:

- Pot holes along Beech Lane addressed
- Bollards replaced on Hillfield Lane
- Boundary changes for County Council resulting in parts of Horninglow being classed as Stretton. The Clerk to circulate details
- Derby Hospital having a multi storey carpark for staff
- Various items reported to Highways are being dealt with

Cllr Holmes commented on a recent programme he had seen where a local authority were using rubber to repair pot holes. SCC Cllr Peters informed that SCC have invested in a specific JCB piece of equipment to undertake the job.

ESBC Cllr Slater advised:

- Met recently with the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and had mentioned the lack of representation or reporting from local police teams to the Parish Council.
- Funding of £25,000 from the Ward Enhancement Fund has been granted to Claymills Pumping Station.
- Jacob Collier MP has been in contact with Severn Trent regarding the road closure on Bitham Lane. The Chair commented that the information on signs is misleading.

ESBC Cllr Bullock advised:

- Working with SCC Cllr Peters and William Shrewsbury School on addressing parking issues. A suggestion is to ask local residents about allowing staff to park on driveways.
- Rolleston Parish Council have advised that an ESBC enforcement notice has been served on the Travellers site on Craythorne Road.

12. 2425-057 DATE TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.00pm at the Priory Centre.

13. 2425-058 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING MATTERS

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 on the recent applications.

A copy of the appeal decision relating to the Children's Home application on Church Road had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was noted with disappointment.

14. 2425-059 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
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£53.72
BAC010824	C Winson	Maintenance	£2,830.50
CHQ 001896	SARAC	Donation	£250.00
DD	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Certificate	£35.00
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£12.00
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£78.38
DD	Right Fuel Card	Diesel	£48.53
BAC020824	HMRC	PAYE / NI Conts	£1,445.78
BAC030824	M Perry	Salary	£1,463.44
BAC040824	A Smith	Salary and reimbursements	£3,066.49

DD	Hutchinson 3G	Mobile Phone	£30.00
DD	The Peoples Pension	Pension Conts	£450.00
BAC010924	M E Tomlinson	Hedgecutting	£878.22
BAC020924	St Mary's Church	Contribution to carpark refurb	£8,732.00
BAC030924	T Bates	Path refurbish Jubilee Play Field	£12,974.40
BAC040924	Campion Bros	Mowing	£3,564.00
BAC050924	Rainbow Waste	wheelie bin and empty	£304.25
BAC060924	Viking	Stationery	£129.92
BAC070924	C Winson	Maintenance	£3,416.20
DD	BT	Tele and BB	£78.38
BAC080924	Prince & Sons	Changing Room cleaning	£81.60

2425-060 The Clerk circulated a copy of the current budget control report. There were no questions raised in relation to the budget.

15. FITNESS EQUIPMENT QUOTATIONS

2425-061 The Clerk circulated pictures of the preferred options that had been discussed at the Open Spaces meeting to remove/replace and add fitness equipment at Bitham Lane Community Park. Following discussion Cllr Bullock proposed to proceed with Option 2 at a cost of £11,489; seconded by Cllr Pritchard with all present in favour.

The Clerk to obtain quotations for the distance marking and signage.

16. PRIORY CENTRE MAIN HALL WORKS

2426-062 Cllrs went into the Main Hall to look at the ceiling and ventilation work that has been undertaken and remarked on the difference that this has made to the room and hopefully will benefit hirers.

The Clerk advised that funding from ACRE had been successfully granted (£4280) and following further discussion it was proposed by Cllr Goode that the Parish Council make a 50% donation of the remaining cost. This proposal was seconded by Cllr McKiernan with all present in favour.

2425-063 COUNCILLOR BUSINESS

Cllr Winson advised that a resident adjacent to the Woodland had complained about trees overhanging her garden. The Clerk advised of the scheduled works over the winter period.

Cllr Winson commented on bus shelters and that some are redundant. It was unanimously agreed to review this on a regular basis.

The Chair enquired if preparations were necessary to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ day in 2025. Cllr Goode to investigate.

2425-064 COUNCILLOR BUSINESS CONT

The Chair reminded Councillors that information in relation to employees pay and conditions was private and confidential as part of their employment rights and details should not be discussed with anyone outside of the Parish Council.

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