

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7pm, at Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance:

Councillors: M Clarke, C. Cupit, (Chair), J Maxwell and J Thompson (Chair)

Also in Attendance: Councillors A Cooper (NEDDC), K Gillott (NEDDC/DCC) and Kath Gruber (Clerk/RFO)

Apologies: J. Broadhead, R. Horton and J Funnell (NEDDC)

1/99/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillors Broadhead (holiday) and Horton (work)

2/100/22 Variation to Order of Business

None

3/101/22 Declaration of Members Interests

None

4/102/22 Public Speaking

Councillor K Gillott (DCC)

Advised:

- East Midlands Devolution consultation end 9 Jan 2023.
- Council budget to be published soon.
- Additional funding is available for organisations to provide Warm Spaces.

Councillor A Cooper (NEDDC)

Advised:

- NEDDC voted against the East Midlands Devolution proposals.
- Next meeting to be held on 30 January 2023

5/103/22 Exclusion of the Public

None

6/104/22 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 November 2022 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

7/105/22 Village Matters

1. Christmas Lights – Councillor Clarke advised that only 1 Christmas tree had been placed in Woolley Moor with all the others in Stretton, the Council **Resolved:** to request a refund.
2. Grounds Maintenance Contract – the Council considered the quotes received and **Resolved:** to appoint CC Services, at a cost of £5250 pa, for 2023/24.
3. Benches – the Council considered the works required to repair village benches and seats; it was **Resolved:** to obtain a quote for the works.
4. Cemetery
 - a) Cemetery Lodge – following feedback on the lodge and grounds inspection it was **Resolved:**
 - To repair and repaint the kitchen window.
 - To replace glass in front bedroom.
 - To repaint bedroom.
 - To arrange for guttering to be cleared.
 - To replace spare key given to tenant.
 - To arrange for clearance of brambles and re-seeded trees around graves before grounds maintenance starts 1 April 2023.
 - b) Water Leak – the Council thanked Councillor Clarke for arranging this to be fixed.
 - c) Grave Tributes – the Council considered the query on whether the tributes were accepted and agreed they are. It was **Resolved:** that Councillor Clarke and the Parish Clerk would inspect tributes in March 2023 and remove any not meeting requirements. Any removed will be stored safely and grave owners notified.

8/106/22 Woolley Moor Pavilion

Item to discuss development options deferred to March 2023. The Council considered the letter from Severn Trent regarding the water supply and **Resolved:**

- Arrange for water to be turned off at stop tap.

- Place a notice advising water not to be used.

9/10/22 Finance

- Bank Transfer – the Clerk reported on the actions required to facilitate updating NatWest mandate and transferring to Unity. The current account is frozen pending these actions.
- Payments -The Council **Resolved:** to approve the payments at schedule 1
- Bank reconciliation - the Council noted the reconciliation 5 December 2022.
- 2023/2024 Budget – the Council noted the end of year forecast and approved the budget for next year at £30,432 (income) and £24,037 (expenditure).
- Precept 2023/24 – the Council considered the options for the precept and **Resolved:** to set precept at £20,186, a 4% increase on last year.

10/10/22 Correspondence

All correspondence noted

11/10/22 Elections

The Council noted the report on the forthcoming elections and **Resolved:** to promote and encourage people to stand.

12/11/22 Report of the Clerk

- Action log noted.
- No burials since the last meeting.
- Two memorial applications.
- Query on consecrated ground considered and actions to clarify agreed.

13/11/22 Date and Time of Next meeting

Resolved: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 13 March 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Agenda to include proposed removal of cemetery shed.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Code	Date	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Salary	09/12/2022	Employee	X	386.70		386.70
Utilities	19/12/2022	British Gas	L	24.00	1.20	25.20
Utilities	19/12/2022	British Gas	L	2.37	0.12	2.49
PAYE	20/12/2022	HMRC	X	386.70		386.70
Mileage	06/01/2023	Employee	X	11.88		11.88
Postage	06/01/2023	Royal Mail	X	2.13		2.13
Office Supplies	06/01/2023	Kath Gruber	S	23.43	4.69	28.12
			Total	837.21	6.01	843.22