

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11 November 2024 at 7pm, in Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance: Councillors: M. Clarke, J Maxwell and J Thompson (Chair),

Also in Attendance: Councillor K Gilliott (DCC & NEDDC)

Councillor A Cooper (NEDDC)

Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

Absent: Councillor T. Gray

FC/1124/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Horton (Work).

FC/1124/02 Variation to Order of Business

None

FC/1124/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public

None

FC/1124/04 Declaration of Members Interests

None

FC/1124/05 Public Participation

DCC Councillor Gilliott advised that:

- Budget position worsening which meant reserves depleting further.
- Cuts to day centres & old folks' homes short breaks

NEDDC Councillor Gilliott advised:

- Sharley Park – will be delayed due to contractor changes
- Traffic lights in Clay Cross part of a larger project to speed buses and eventually flow of traffic

NEDDC Councillor Cooper advised that:

- Next meeting is in two weeks.

FC/1124/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 September 2024 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

FC/1124/07 Council Policies

The Council approved the Sexual Harassment Policy

FC/1124/08 Business and Budget Planning 2025-2028

a. The Council reviewed the forecast position for 31 March 2025

| Budget | EOY Forecast | Difference |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Expenditure | 26,116.31 | -2,821.61 (underspend) |
| Income | 32,737.98 | -580.02 |
| Bank Balance | £43,054.92 | |

b. The Council considered projects and spending priorities for 2025/27 and **Resolved:**

- to develop budget including the following:

| Project | Cost |
|------------------|------|
| Woolley Moor SID | £53 |
| Defib Cabinet | £500 |

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| Playground equipment | |
| NI Contribution | £151 |
| Cemetery Signage | £100 |
| Lodge drainage | £8,000 |

- to reduce lamppost testing and challenge need for annual check when no changes to posts.

FC/1124/09 Village Matters

- 1) Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – Location agreed with Highways and in submission process,
- 2) Jubilee Playing Field
 - a) Enhancements – Councillor Hunter advised that funding is still being sought, of £105,000 required there is £15,000 agreed with a decision on lottery funding of £60,000 awaited.
 - b) Tree Planting – £500 has been received to plant 15 trees on the playing field, it was **Resolved:** to look into location and tree type.
 - c) Playground Inspection – Councillor Hunter advised he had fixed the gate mechanism, so it was closing more slowly (6.5 seconds. It was **Resolved** to ask Inspector for potential solutions for the flooring ties under seesaw.
- 3) Cemetery:
 - The Council noted that an application for Government support to reduce energy bills had been made. It was **Resolved:** to review the EPC report recommendations.
 - The Council considered the clerk's proposal and **Resolved:** that, rather than removing tributes on graves falling outside of the Council's policy, a letter be sent to the grave owner requesting they abide by the policy and remove the unacceptable tributes

FC/1124/10 Planning

- a) The Council considered planning applications 24/00807/TPO noting that response had already been submitted requesting trees be replaced.
- b) Highstairs on S106 – The clerk reported that a response was still pending from the developer on whether to agree to proposal to improve village hall.

FC/1124/11 Finance

- a) Accounts for payments – the Council reviewed and approved the payments as at schedule 1.
- b) Income – the Council noted the income received
- c) Bank Reconciliation – noted and signed by the Chair.
- d) Savings Accounts – the Council reviewed the accounts and **Resolved:** to apply for The Public Sector Deposit Fund which has AER of 4.94%

FC/1124/12 Correspondence & Consultations

- a) Dalc circulars September, October and November 2024 - noted.
- b) The Council noted the survey on grave re-use
- c) National Grid Upgrade – the Council noted the next stage before issue of more detailed proposals.
- d) General correspondence - noted.
- e) Resident correspondence – noted.

FC/1124/13 Report of the Clerk

The Council noted the action plan which had been circulated with meeting papers.

FC/1124/123 Next Council meeting

- a) Future agenda items – None
- b) **Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Council to be held at 7pm on Monday 13 January 2024 in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Schedule 1: Payments:

| Description | Supplier | Net | VAT | Total |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Salaries | Kath Gruber | 317.25 | | 317.25 |
| Landlord | British Gas HomeCare | 54.55 | | 54.55 |
| Environment | Save Amber Valley Enviro | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| Administration | PKF Littlejohn | 210.00 | 42.00 | 252.00 |
| Contractor | Clarke's Cemetery & Ch | 560.00 | | 560.00 |
| Environment | British Gas | 18.28 | 0.91 | 19.19 |
| Salaries | Kath Gruber | 317.25 | | 317.25 |
| Landlord | British Gas HomeCare | 54.55 | | 54.55 |
| Environment | NEDDC | 2,378.05 | 475.61 | 2,853.66 |
| Contractor | Clarke's Cemetery & Ch | 560.00 | | 560.00 |
| Administration | Unity Trust Bank | 18.00 | | 18.00 |
| Environment | Woolley Moor Nurseries | 2,250.00 | 450.00 | 2,700.00 |
| Contractor | Clarke's Cemetery & Ch | 560.00 | | 560.00 |
| Utilities | British Gas | 17.78 | 0.89 | 18.67 |
| Salaries | Kath Gruber | 317.25 | | 317.25 |
| Landlord | British Gas HomeCare | 54.55 | | 54.55 |
| Salaries | HMRC | 582.00 | | 582.00 |
| Administration | Unity Trust Bank | 5.40 | | 5.40 |
| Administration | Unity Trust Bank | 0.40 | | 0.40 |
| Total | | 8,375.31 | 969.41 | 9,344.72 |