

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 January 2024 at 7pm, at Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance: Councillors: M Clarke, T. Gray; R Horton (Chair), B. Hunter and J Thompson

Also in Attendance: Councillors A Cooper (NEDDC), Gilliott (DCC), N. Barker (NEDDC) Kath Gruber (Clerk/RFO)

FC/0124/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Maxwell

FC/0124/02 Variation to Order of Business

None

FC/0124/03 Exclusion of the Public

None

FC/0124/04 Declaration of Members Interests

None

FC/0124/05 Public Speaking

Councillor K Gilliott (DCC)

- Budget deficit is £33 million and proposals for efficiencies have been published.
- Devolution has been approved and a combined Mayor and Police Commissioner will be elected next May.

Councillor A Cooper (NEDDC)

- No meeting held since last update.

FC/0124/06 NEDDC Leader, Councillor Barker

Explained he was attending to introduce himself and to promote better working arrangements between NEDDC and Parish Councils

FC/0124/07 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 November 2023 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

FC/0124/08 Village Matters

1. Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – the Council reviewed the quotes and **Resolved:** to confirm with Highways whether solar or battery most appropriate and if solar, to purchase Swarco Basic at a cost of £2952.50 (plus £100 carriage). Meeting with Highways 9 Jan to agree location.
2. Average Speed Camera on Main Road – The Council **Resolved:** to discuss next steps with Highways.
3. Jubilee Playing Field development project – it was **Resolved:** that Councillors Horton and Hunter agree scope of development for consideration at future meeting.
4. Jubilee Playing Field signage – the Council considered two designs, and it was **Resolved:** to adopt wording referencing Woolley moor show. Councillor Hunter is to adapt the sign design for further consideration
5. Re-siting Ogston bench – the Council **Resolved:** a) to seek additional quote to relocate Ogston bench to Highstairs Lane bringing it further forward away from the foliage.
6. Next meeting between Woolley Moor Committee and the Council – it was **Resolved:** to meet on Monday 5/2/24 at 7pm.
7. Cemetery Update:
 - November to December 2023

Service	Number	Income
Memorials	1 additional inscription	£20
Burials	0	
EROB	1	£600

- Lodge Works – the Council noted that work to clear the gutters is required.
- Energy Performance Certificate – this will be issued to the tenant.

FC/0124/09 Planning

The Council considered applications 23/0998/RM; 2300867/FL and 23/01101/RM and **Resolved:** to make no objections.

FC/0124/10 Finance

- Accounts for payments – the Council reviewed and approved the payments as at schedule 1.
- Income – the Council noted the income received since the last meeting.
- Bank Reconciliation – the Council noted the bank reconciliations July to December 2023.
- Forecast outturn – the Council noted the forecast outturn for 2023/24 as at schedule 2.
- Draft budget for 2024/25 – the Council approved the draft budget for next year as at schedule 3.
- Precept for 2024/25 – the Council considered the options and **Resolved:** to set precept at £21,195.30 which is a 5% increase. The cost of this for a band D householder is £81.96 per annum.

FC/0124/11 Correspondence

Contents of Dalc circulars, general and resident correspondence noted.

FC/0124/12 Safeguarding Policy

The Council reviewed the draft policy and **Resolved:** to adopt it.

FC/01224/13 Report of the Clerk

The Council reviewed the action plan, noting progress on Council resolutions.

FC/0124/14 Next Council meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Council would be on Monday 11 March 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Schedule 1:

Code	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT
Utilities	British Gas	L	18.13	0.91
Christmas Lighting	Burleys	S	2,599.00	519.80
Staff Costs	Employee	X	577.45	
PAYE	HMRC	X	93.65	
BG HomeCare	British Gas HomeCare	X	54.67	
Bench Work	S Stone & G Banner	X	290.00	
Bench Work	S Stone & G Banner	X	510.00	
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	X	18.00	
Total			4,160.90	520.71

Schedule 2: 2023/24 Outturn

Budget Stream	Budgeted	Forecast Outturn	Variance
Income	£30,291.29	£32,515.45	+£2,224.16
Expenditure	£24,220.00	£25,131.42	- £911.42
Difference			+£1,312.58

Schedule 3: 2024/25 Budget

Budget Stream	Budgeted	£ Increase/Decrease	% Increase/Decrease
Income	£33,818.00	£1,302.55	4% increase
Expenditure	£29,608.53	£4,477.11	174.8% increase

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