

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Stretton Village Hall, Stretton on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7pm

In attendance:

Cllr M Clarke, Cllr N Shaw, Cllr R Pridmore, Cllr J Thompson, Cllr C Cuprit, Cllr K Gillott, Cllr G Butler, Joanne Taylor – Clerk/RFO

Cllr Gillott and Butler left meeting at 7.25pm

Agenda

1/03/17 Apologies for absence:

Cllr R Mansfield - illness

2/03/17 Declaration of Members Interests:

None

3/03/17 Public Speaking:

Police did not attend the meeting. PCSO Kate Hodnett had emailed the clerk and sent her apologies, she is now attending 11 villages and is not on duty when our meeting has taken place.

Cllr Gillott attended from Derbyshire County Council and notified the council of funding he had been able to give to local groups including the village hall £400. He confirmed the DCC council tax increase of 4%. Cllr Clarke raised the issue of the narrowing of the B6014 between Smithymoor and Woolley Moor. The parish council have reported the narrowing of the road to highways on several occasions. It has been reported back by highways that there isn't an issue as two cars can pass safely. Local residents dispute this outcome. Clerk to email Cllr Gillott with correspondence. Cllr Clarke mentioned the new £3 bag charge for taking building waste to the recycle centres and asked Cllr Gillott if this will just lead to more fly tipping.

Cllr Butler attended from NEDDC and gave an update on district matters. He spoke about the recent conviction of fly tipping and hoped this would be a deterrent for other offenders.

4/03/17 To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2017

RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

5/03/17 Report of the Clerk including actions from previous meeting:

Actions

- a) Cemetery
 - Clerk and Cllr Clarke met with the only contractor to agree to attend and quote for work at cemetery. The work was reviewed a quote received for the work. **RESOLVED** to appoint contractor to carry out work as soon as possible.
 - Clerk to liaise with gate fabricator when posts and wall removed.
 - Internment of ashes took place on 9th March 2017
 - Inspection of cemetery took place on 3rd March 2017
- b) Playground/Playing Field/Pavilion
 - Clerk chased NEDDC for replacement of gate to play area
 - Order has been placed for removal of old play equipment and for new equipment to be erected. Clerk due to meet contractor on site.
 - Playground matting supplier agreed to check flooring after work has been completed and to carry out replacement.
- c) Grounds Maintenance
 - Clerk to arrange with tree contractor regarding removal of large branches.
- d) Correspondence
 - NEDDC Local Plan circulated
 - Derbyshire County Council charges at recycle centres
 - North East District and Parish Meeting 29th March 2017
- e) Other
 - Vat refund has been claimed
 - Request from Council for clerk to obtain quotes for hanging baskets.

6/03/17 Decisions

- a) Approve Financial Regulations. **RESOLVED** to adopt Financial Regulations.
- b) Approve Pension Provider. Clerk presented options to council regarding opting for a pension provider. **RESOLVED** to use NEST as a provider.
- c) Approve appointment of Internal Auditor. **RESOLVED** to appoint J Marriott.

7/03/17 Planning Application

- a) North East Derbyshire District Council Local Plan – Consultation Draft February 2017

8/03/17 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and other correspondence

- a) DALC previously circulated

9/03/17 Finance

- a) Accounts for Payment

001635	Payroll	£284.00

RESOLVED to approve payments.

- b) Income received

Rent	£595.00
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- c) Bank Reconciliation – Reconciliation and budget monitoring presented to council and approved.
- d) Clerk requested the council approve digital banking, not to make payments but to access the bank statements online. **RESOLVED** to approve this.
- e) LATE ITEM – A letter has been received from Plantscape regarding the Christmas tree lighting and the issues. They have offered a discount on the invoice and a discount on future order for Christmas 2017. Council discussed this and it was agreed that the clerk respond and ask for a further discount off 2016 reflecting the lack of time all trees were working. The council will address Christmas 2017 when order is placed.

Meeting closed 7.55pm

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