

Minutes of Stretton Parish Annual Meeting held 9th May 2016 at St Mark's Church, Handley

1 Chairman's Report 2015/2016

There have been 11 meetings of the parish council.

In 2015/16 We welcomed a new Councillor, Charlotte Cuprit. Charlotte lives in Stretton and is also a North East Derbyshire District Councillor. Joanne Taylor continues as our clerk.

CLlr Kevin Gillott is our Derbyshire County Council member.

PCSO Gary Green is our local police contact.

Playground and Football Pitch

The football pitch and pavilion continue to be used by Ashover under 15's football club.

Woolley Moor Nurseries continue to be the contractor for the well maintained site. The ongoing issue with land drainage is currently under investigation and the Council are looking at ways to raise funding to enable the necessary investment required.

The playground is regularly inspected by the parish clerk, with an annual inspection taking place by RoSPA.

Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge

Woolley Moor Nurseries continue to be the contractor for the cemetery.

The Cemetery Lodge continues to be let to the same tenant.

General

Footpath 21 remains 'temporary' closed until repairs can be carried out by Network Rail. The Council continue discussions with the County to try and get this footpath repaired.

Councillors were asked to judge the Scarecrow competition for the Woolley Moor Show for the third year, and will be judging again in the summer of 2016.

A new noticeboard was put in Handley, and it soon will be followed with a new waste bin.

For the third year, Christmas lights were put up in the parish by the council. The lights received very positive feedback and have been ordered again for Christmas 2016. The Council are to work with the contractor and to try and provide solar trees where there are no street lamps.

The Speed Awareness Partnership continues to be successful, with a new parish council joining the partnership in June 2015. Since 1st Jan 2016 until 31st March 2016, officers have used the laser device for over 100 hours, 68 tickets were issued for excess speed, and an unconfirmed amount of advice has been given to drivers by officers using 'officer discretion' for minor infringements. In addition to these checks the police will hold a two week Speed Awareness Campaign, this initiative allows local schools to assist with raising the issue with problem drivers. A total of £879 was given away as section 137 grants (grants for clubs, charities or groups within the parish) to Stretton Village Hall, Woolley Moor Show and the Scarecrow competition.

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2 Finance Report 2015/2016

The Precept received for 2015/16 was £15,076. Other income for 2015/2016 was £11,400 this is made up of rent from tenant, burial fees and vat reclaimed.

Expenditure was £24,784 for the year, £3,564 was staff costs, £2,405 was for loan repayment and £16,410 was for parish maintenance. The entrance refurbishment at the cemetery is still to be carried out.

There was a surplus income over expenditure of £1,692, carrying this forward cumulatively gives the parish council a reserve balance of £21,567, of this £5,000 is set aside for the cemetery entrance.

John Marriott carried out the internal audit and Grant Thornton carried out the external audit for 2015/2016, no issues were raised.

3 To consider any other Parish matters

No members of the public attended

4 Date of the next Annual Meeting

To be arranged

Meeting finished 6.50pm