

## Minutes of Stretton Parish Annual Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at St Mark's Church, Handley

### 1 Chairman's Report 2016/2017

There have been 11 meetings of the parish council.

In 2016/17 The council members have remained the same, and I thank all councillors for giving their time and effort. Joanne Taylor continues as our clerk.

Thanks too to Cllr Andrew Cooper and Cllr Geoff Butler from NEDDC for attending the majority of our meetings and thanks also to Cllr Kevin Gillott who is our Derbyshire County Council member.

PCSO Gary Green retired this year, PCSO Kate Hodnett is our local police contact. The police no longer attend the parish meeting as part of their general role, however if there is an issue the council can request they attend a meeting if they are available.

#### Playground and Football Pitch

The football pitch and pavilion were used by Ashover under 18's football club. This club are disbanding and will be replaced by the Ashover under 14's football club.

NEDDC are the new grounds maintenance contractor for the site. The drainage problems on site are still an ongoing issue.

The playground is regularly inspected by the parish clerk, with an annual inspection taking place by RoSPA. A new piece of play equipment has been ordered to replace the multi-unit. The council are currently researching new surfacing to replace the matting under the equipment.

#### Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge

Steve Ashlee is the new contractor for the cemetery.

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

In the past few weeks there has been quite a bit of activity at the cemetery. With the removal of debris and soil, removal of the gates and part of the wall, and the preparation for the new entrance gates, hopefully it won't be long until all the work is complete.

#### General

Councillors were asked to judge the Scarecrow competition for the Woolley Moor Show for the fourth year, and were impressed with the continued high standard.

Christmas lights were put up in the parish by the council. Unfortunately, this year for the first time the lights were a disappointment. Due to unforeseen issues with the solar panel and electrics within the trees many trees didn't work all the time or at all !! The Council worked closely with the contractor to remedy this but really was a poor display.

The Council continue to support the community by donating £380 to the Woolley Moor Show Committee to support the Woolley Moor Show and the pensioners Christmas lunch, and £350 to Stretton Village Hall in support of their summer fayre, when last summer they had a fish and chip van come and feed all who attended – I can add they were very delicious !

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### **2 Finance Report 2016/2017**

The Precept received for 2016/17 was £16,076, this was an increase of £924. Other income for 2016/2017 was £7,140 rent from cemetery lodge and £2,070 burial fees.

Expenditure was £20,965 for the year, £3,738 was staff costs, £2,405 was for loan repayment, £2,958 cemetery maintenance, £2,038 playing field maintenance and £1,960 for new roof on pavilion. The entrance refurbishment at the cemetery is underway, and new gates should be fabricated and in place before the summer.

There was a surplus income over expenditure of £5,207, is mainly from the non-payment of the Christmas lighting, and the budget for hanging baskets not being spent. The parish council has a reserve balance of £26,774 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Approximately £8,000 is set aside for completing work at the cemetery and £5,000 for new play equipment.

John Marriott carried out the internal audit and Grant Thornton carried out the external audit for 2016/2017, no issues were raised.

### **3 To consider any other Parish matters**

No members of the public attended however the following requests had been received via Cllr M Clarke

- A request for a height barrier at woolley moor playing field has been received. Residents on both sides of the access road are in favour of the barrier.
- A request has been received for the replacement of the mirror opposite Badger Lane.
- A request for a defibrillator has been received from the residents of Woolley Moor, possible location, phone box.
- Cesspit at changing rooms overflowing, needs attention.

### **4 Date of the next Annual Meeting**

To be arranged

Meeting finished 6.55pm