

Minutes of Stretton Parish Annual Meeting held 14th May 2018 at St Mark's Church, Handley

1 Chairman's Report 2017/2018

There have been 9 meetings of the parish council.

In 2017 one council member resigned and one remains on long term sick. I thank all councillors for giving their time and effort. Joanne Taylor continues as our clerk and manages her role in 5 hours per week.

Thanks too to Cllr Andrew Cooper and Cllr Geoff Butler from North East Derbyshire District Council and Cllr K Gillott from Derbyshire County Council for attending the majority of our meetings and for their continued support.

Thanks also to PCSO Kate Hodnett who 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 14's football club.

NEDDC are the 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. New surfacing and a new piece of play equipment was installed this year.

Cemetery and Cemetery Lodge

Steve Ashlee is the ongoing contractor at the cemetery, and we thank him for his hard work.

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

Finally, this year new gates were fitted to the cemetery entrance. Drainage continues to be an ongoing issue with ongoing maintenance necessary.

General

Councillors again judged the Scarecrow competition for the Woolley Moor Show for the fifth year.

The Christmas lights were put up in the parish by the council. They were more successful this year and other than a last minute change of lamp posts by the County all went smoothly.

This year the Council had hanging baskets in the parish for the first time. These too were very successful and compliments must go to our contractor Woolley Moor Nurseries for such a great display. Woolley Moor Nurseries sponsor the baskets in Woolley Moor to help keep the cost down to the Council. We have decided to continue with the baskets this year too.

The Council continue to support the community by donating £650 to the Woolley Moor Show Committee to support the Woolley Moor Show and the pensioners Christmas lunch, and £325 to Stretton Village Hall in support of their summer fayre. £250 was donated to North East Derbyshire District Council's Chairs appeal in support of the local hospice.

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2 Finance Report 2017/2018

The Precept received for 2017/18 was £16,300, this was an increase on the previous year of £224. Other income for 2017/2017 was £7,140 rent from cemetery lodge and £2,740 burial fees. A big thank you to Ashover Medical Centre Trust who supplied a grant of £5,000 toward the cost of new play equipment.

Expenditure was £49,351 for the year, £28,386 more than last year. £3,794 was staff costs, £2,405 was for loan repayment, £5,651 cemetery maintenance including the new gates, £18,142 playing area upgrade and playing field maintenance.

The budget outcome for the year was a surplus £450 and the year actually finished on a deficit £10,653, which was planned with all the additional expenditure made in year.

The Council have a reserve balance of £16,122 to carry forward into 2018/19.

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 the Clerk

- 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

4 Date of the next Annual Meeting

13th May 2018

Meeting finished 6.55pm