

STRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF STRETTON PARISH ANNUAL MEETING HELD 18TH MAY 2015 AT ST MARKS CHURCH
HANDLEY

1 Chairman's Report 2014/2015

There have been 10 meetings of the parish council.

In 2015 one of our long standing Councillors Cllr T Moon died. He was a valued District and Parish Councillor and is sadly missed. 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 would require significant investment to correct.

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

The discussions with Derbyshire County Council continue regarding the footpaths within the parish, but tighter budgetary restraints at County mean that very little is being actioned.

Footpath 21 was repaired last year but after flooding again is now temporarily closed until repairs can be carried out by Network Rail.

A minor maintenance grant is received by the Council of £385 which contributes to the upkeep of foot paths in the parish.

Although many objections were made, planning permission was granted for the building of houses off Highstairs Lane on the field adjacent to A61.

Councillors were asked to judge the Scarecrow competition for the Woolley Moor Show for the second year, and will be judging again in the summer of 2015.

For the second 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 2015.

Our Clerk Joanne Taylor instigated a partnership between 10 local parish councils and Clay Cross Police station to address the serious issue of speeding on our local roads. Councils purchased a mobile speed camera between them and Clay Cross officers take the camera out and use in the participating areas. Over 40 tickets have been issued in the first 6 months and another 50 motorists stopped and spoken to about their speeding. If you have any concerns about an area, please let Joanne know and she can contact the relevant police officer.

A total of £575 was given away as section 137 grants (grants for clubs, charities or groups within the parish)

- Stretton Village Hall, contribution to wifi £250
- NEDDC Chair's appeal £50
- Woolley Moor Show £250
- Scarecrow competition – special prize £25

2 Finance Report 2014/2015

The Precept received for 2014/15 was £14,976. Other income for 2014/2015 was £12,224 this is made up of rent from tenant, burial fess and vat reclaimed.

Expenditure was £21,510 for the year, £3,561 was staff costs, £4,810 was for loan repayment and £13,139 was for parish maintenance. The entrance refurbishment at the cemetery is still to be carried out.

There was a surplus income over expenditure of £5,690, carrying this forward cumulatively gives the parish council a reserve balance of £19,875, 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 2014/2015, no comments were made.

3 To consider any other Parish matter

None

4 Date of next Annual Meeting

To be arranged

Meeting finished 6.50pm