

**Minutes of Stretton Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 22 August 2018 @ 8.00 pm at The Jackson Stops**

Present: Cllrs Richard Foster (Chairman), John Leefe (Vice Chairman), Greg Harker, Molly Hayns, Paul Finlay, Brian Lester & Sarah Gresty (Clerk).

Members of the public Present: 6 members of the public were present

1. **Apologies** were received from PC Laurie Appleton and Nick Begy (Ward Councillor)
2. **Chairman's welcome.** Cllr Foster opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public and thanking them for their attendance.
3. **Public Session**
 - a. A member of the public referred to the APC minutes dated 24 May 2018, questioning the cost paid for the internal auditor she felt the price was rather high.
Action: Clerk to investigate the LRALC internal auditing services for 2018/19.
 - b. A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had recovered VAT on invoices paid. The Clerk confirmed that she had made a claim for the years 2014/15 to 2017/18.
 - c. A member of the public asked about transparency of information for all formal meetings, asking whether all accompanying and supporting documents could be uploaded on to the website with the Agenda. Discussion took place on the practicalities of this. It was stressed that the Clerk keeps all documents securely on the Parish laptop and if requested could send copies of any required documents, if this did not breach data protection.
Action: Clerk to consult LRALC guidelines and to make enquiries of other Parish Clerks as to their processes and report back at the next meeting.
 - d. A member of the public raised the issue of road gritting routes, referencing a letter from Highways dated July 2018. Present Cllrs. and Clerk were unaware of such a letter.
Action: Clerk to check past correspondence to see if this letter had been received and if not to contact Neil Tomlinson (RCC Highways) to get a copy. Item to be c/f to next Agenda
4. Report from PC Laurie Appleton, Leicestershire Police. Clerk read to the meeting the July report. John Leefe commented that this report was inaccurate as there was a reported theft in Stretton which had not been recorded.
Action: Clerk to write to PC Appleton to report this fact.
5. To receive declarations of unregistered disclosable pecuniary interests in agenda items and to receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a registered Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
There were none declared.
6. **Minutes of previous meetings**
 - **Minutes from Annual Parish Council meeting dated 24 May 2018**
After correcting a type error (omission of the letter t) on Item 7. It was **resolved** to approve. Proposed by Greg Harker, seconded by Paul Finlay, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.
 - **Minutes from Extraordinary Parish Council meeting dated 26 July 2018.** After removal of the paragraph from Item 4. Starting 'In accuracy on map regarding footpath'. It was **resolved** to approve. Proposed by Molly Hayns, seconded by Brian Lester, unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the minutes

- a. **Speed Issue of Stocken Hall Road.** A reply from HMP Governor was read to the meeting. A positive response but one to be continually monitored and raised again if no improvements.
- b. **Sewage Smell.** Brian Lester reported on his conversation with Anglian Water. The smell persists in the village. Anglian Water suggest that all residents with a problem phone the **Anglian Water Freephone 0800 145 145** when there is an issue. If they receive more calls about one problem this adds more urgency. Brian is monitoring the smell which seems to be at its worst at around 8 am and 8-10 pm. Anglian Water proposes to aerate the sewage before it leaves the treatment works to see if this improves the problem.
Action: Greg Harker to add freephone number to the local newsletter.
Also discussed as a related issue - the smell of human waste products being spread near Thistleton.
Action: Clerk to write to Environment Agency reporting this odour problem to ensure that compliance is being adhered to with regards to this waste product.

8. Planning Applications

2018/0724/CAT Proposal: Fell 1 No. Rowan Tree & 2 No. Laurel Shrub Trees. 6 Walnut Close, Stretton, LE15 7QQ. This has already been approved by RCC.

9. **Review of Standing Orders.** Prior to the meeting a new Standing Order template produced by LRLAC was circulated.

Action: It was agreed that Greg Harker and Molly Hayns would review/remove irrelevant items and bring to the next meeting for further discussion.

10. Updates

Defib: Cllr Harker reported last time that the Shires had withdrawn support for a second defib in Stowe Court. However, he has now been informed of a change of heart. The Shires now will support putting their defib on the wall at 1 Stowe Court, so long as funds can be raised. Cllr Harker is now in discussion with The Shires and The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to establish whether the wall is a feasible option and establish the likely costs. If this is the case, there may still be an option of approaching the Karen Ball Trust (KBT) for a grant towards the installation. Based on the previous purchase, and given that the Shires already has a defibrillator, a provisional estimate was that the cost was likely to be about £1000 (of which KBT might make a contribution).

Cllr Harker proposed that he concludes the discussions with The Shires to confirm feasibility and establish costs and reports back to the Parish Council. This approach was unanimously agreed.

A1 Noise Reduction. Cllr Harker had been notified by Highways England that they are developing a plan to introduce noise reduction measures along the Stretton stretch of the A1. The latest estimate was that this would be in the financial year 20/21, but HE were still developing their plans and would inform the PC as soon as anything definite was known.

11. Correspondence

It was agreed, that for future meetings, incoming correspondence recorded by the Clerk would be placed on the agenda and only items further discussed would be recorded on the minutes.

Date Received		
27.7.18	RCC	2018/0724/CAT Proposal : Fell 1 No. Rowan Tree & 2 No. Laurel Shrub Trees. 6 Walnut Close, Stretton, LE15 7QQ.
28.7.18	RCC	2018/0724/CAT PROPOSAL: Fell 1 No. Rowan Tree & 2 No. Laurel Shrub Trees. 6 Walnut close
2.8.18	LCPA	National planning policy understanding course
3.8.18	LRALC	Rural Economy survey
6.8.18	Anglian Water	Complaint response to Sewage smell ZDG7-COMPEWB-09-01082018-401
7.8.18	Ruth Peasgood	RCC distribution list - sharing news and information
9.8.18	PC Laurie Appleton	Beat Report July 18
9.8.18	LRALC	Choice Unlimited Rutland
10.8.18	RCC	Decision 2018/0583/CAT T1 Laurel Fell, the Manor
18.8.18	RCC	Decision 2018/0468/CAT T6 1 No. Sycamore Tree crown reduce, The Shires
13.8.18	RCC	Rutland Local Plan - Focussed Consultation
16.8.18	RCC	Merchant Navy day
16.8.18	Paul Jackson	FOI request dated 15.8.18
17.8.18	RCC	Rutland Local Plan
21.8.18	RCC	Annual report

There was one item of correspondence offered by a member of the public at the meeting. This could not be answered at the time.

[Action: Clerk to supply a reply.](#) [Please see the end of these minutes for a reply to this matter.](#)

12. AOB

Cllr. Paul Finlay raised the continued and increasing problems of quarry lorries dropping stone from their vehicles.

[Action: Clerk to write to all quarries in the area drawing attention to this problem and asking them to take all due care and attention to their responsibilities for the safety of other road users.](#)

Issue c/f from Minutes APC 24th May. Bollards. As Cllr. Nick Begy was not present it was agreed to carry this item forward to the next Agenda.

13. Accounts:

Asset Register. The Asset registered was financially up-to-date but the committee was unsure if responsibilities had to be assigned to Cllr members.

[Action: Clerk to liaise with LRALC to clarify full compliance with regards to the asset register.](#)

Income and Expenditure and bank reconciliation were presented to the meeting. It was agreed unanimously that the new format was clear and acceptable. In future the Clerk will post this separately on to the website along with minutes and agendas.

14. Cheques and Expenditure

Clerk presented three cheques to the committee for agreement and signatures for payment. These had been included on the I&E sheet above.

Information Commission Office (ICO) the Clerk had registered with ICO and a direct debit prepared (saving £5).

15. Next meeting: Tuesday 30th October. 8 pm at the Jackson Stops.

Meeting Closed at 21:07

The following has been received from RCC's Monitoring Officer.

"Rutland County Council District Council being the Authority with responsibility under the Localism Act 2011 for making arrangements for the consideration of Standards Complaints in relation to the Parish Councillors within its area has received complaints in relation to the wording used in the Chairman's statement about complaint 06/18. The County Council has considered the complaint together with the Independent Person appointed for these purposes and has directed that a local settlement be put in place and the Parish Council publishes the previous outcome of complaint 06/18 to ensure that the outcome is clear. The text of the resolution put in place for complaint 06/18 is says:

Member Complaint 06/18

I write further to your Member complaint dated 15 March 2018.

Your complaint was in relation to a Stretton Parish Council Meeting dated 8th March 2018 where incorrect information was allegedly provided by the Chairman as to who is the holder of the Councils Vulnerable Persons Register. He also allegedly disclosed information held on this list.

It is within the Monitoring Officer's powers to seek an informal resolution if the circumstances allow and in this instance I am satisfied that it can be resolved this way.

I recommend that you request that the Parish Council clarify the location of the Vulnerable Persons Register and as Data Controllers they deal with any complaint that you may have in relation to the data held on that list. I will take no further action."

"In response to the above, the Parish Council re-emphasises that no list of vulnerable people has ever existed and that any information inadvertently disclosed has been discussed and resolved to the satisfaction of the individual concerned."