

# Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of Stretton Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2020  
@ 8 pm in the back room of the Jacksons Stops, Stretton.

## Agenda

- 20/88 **Chairman's Welcome.** Cllr Brian Lester opened the meeting by welcoming all who were present.
- 20/89 **To record those present.** Cllrs. Brian Lester (Chair), Cllrs. Greg Harker, Richard Foster, Paul Finlay and Michael Arnold. Also, in attendance Clerk Sarah Gresty and 2 members of the public.
- 20/90 **To receive apologies.** Were received from Cllr. Nick Begy and PC Laurie Appleton.
- 20/91 **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.** There were none.
- 20/92 **Co-option.** There were none.
- 20/93 **Open Forum** for members of the public in attendance to speak. *(this session is for member of the public to comment on specified items on this agenda, also they may have issues for possible consideration at future meetings.)*
- a) A member of the public queried the printer costs again. As this was an item, on the agenda this was discussed under 20/95 below.
  - b) The same member of the public complained that the roads of Church Lane and Manor Road had been swept by RCC but she did not feel this was a good enough job. **Action: Clerk to report again on fix my street for this to be redone.**
  - c) Rookery lane overgrown hedging update. Cllr. Begy sent a report that an enforcement action had been take on the resident and work will be carried out on 3 February 2020.
  - d) A member of the public reported that a huge lorry with a mounted crane had followed its satnav and was directed through the village, he did not follow the signs directing him to the prison, it was suggested that a letter be sent to the prison reminding deliveries to follow the signs.  
**Action: Clerk to send a letter.**
  - e) The Chair reported that Anglian Water has problems with the sewage again, it was thought that the prison are overloading capacity.  
It was proposed by Cllr. Foster and seconded by Cllr. Lester that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive the Rutland CC expressing principle community concerns and to pressurise the prison to review their capacity requirements. - **RESOLVED**  
**Action: Cllr. Greg Harker to draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council for the Chair to sign and send to CEO of RCC.**
- 20/94 **To Agree the Minutes of the meeting held on:**  
PCM – 14 November 2019 – **RESOLVED** as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Foster, seconded Cllr. Finlay and signed by Cllr. Lester as Chair.
- Matters arising from minutes.**
- 20/95 19/62b-Printer costs. After consideration of printer costs it was unanimously voted that charges for external use would be set at:
- 20p per copy for a colour page
  - 6p per copy for a black and white page. **RESOLVED**

- 20/96 19/25-Street light costs – Cllr Nick Begy sent a report “*I will look at my notes on this as believed I have responded – however, I have asked for a report on pre and post costs from RCC Finance.*”
- 20/97 **To receive an update from the Police Authority.** December beat report had been received and was available on the website. Nothing to report in Stretton. Neighbourhood watch – nothing to report
- 20/98 **Financial matters.**  
To note Payment and Receipts and Bank Reconciliation to 31/12/19. – **RESOLVED** .  
**Action: Clerk to update budget and circulate to Councillors.**
- 20/99 To Approve Payments as follows:  
RCC S Gresty Quarter 3 salary + RCC costs – already paid - **RESOLVED**  
To Note the Receipts as follows:  
Bank interest 2.12.19 £3.27 - **RESOLVED**
- 20/100 LALC Audit application. Internal audit services were unanimously **RESOLVED** to be accepted. **Action: Clerk to complete the application form to LRLAC.**
- 20/101
- 20/102 Policies – previously circulated to Councillors.  
a) Disciplinary Policy – Proposed for adoption by Cllr. Foster, Seconded by Cllr. Finlay unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by Chair.  
b) Grievance Policy – Proposed for adoption by Cllr. Foster, Seconded by Cllr. Finlay unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by Chair.
- 20/103 **Asset Register** Cllr. Greg Harker had audited and updated the asset register which was presented to the meeting for adoption. – unanimously **RESOLVED** and signed by the Chair.
- 20/104 **Planning: To receive the following:**  
**2019/1372/PAD** amendment to Proposed Conversion of existing agricultural buildings and alterations to form 2 No. Detached dwellings. Woodlands Farm Stocken Hall Road, Stretton, Rutland LE15 7GW.  
Unanimously **RESOLVED** to submit comments to RCC Planning: “*No formal material consideration for objection, however, Stretton Parish Council have concerns that this would open area to further exponential spreading of development.*”  
**Action: Clerk to post comments.**  
**Clerk to research clarification as to why when there is a “PAD” application the Parish Council are not notified.**
- 20/105 **2019/1375/MAF Proposal:** Use of land as touring caravan site and for angling purposes, creating of fishing lake, formation of roads and hardstanding and erection of amenity block. Land at Stretton Lodge, Clipsham Road, Stretton, Rutland.  
  
Cllr. Foster supported this application stating it enhanced the environment providing accommodation, providing more clients to support the pub the other outlets in the village and provide local employment. It is already a successful business enterprise, super idea for wanting to expand.  
Cllr. Arnold agreed supporting proposal as it enhanced amenities.  
Cllr. Harker in agreement and liked the design, however commented the need to maintain public access and footpaths.  
Cllr. Lester supported with one concern being the state of entrance road.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Foster to support this application, Seconded by Cllr Harker and unanimously RESOLVED. The agreed wording to be submitted:  
*Support application. At a meeting of Stretton Parish Council on 16th January 20, this application was discussed unanimously supported with one Concern in the quality of the whole of the access road joining the main Stretton to Clipsham road. The surface is not suitable and would need upgrading.*

**Action:** Clerk to submit above wording

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**ITCP 2019-10 Feasibility study – recommendations update – Cllr. Paul Finlay** Cllr. Finlay updated the meeting on various points raised with RCC.

**Stretton Parish Council Comment/Question:** There are often, but not always, cars parked on the road at the western access to Manor Road. There are seldom cars parked at the eastern end (except when the Jackson Stops Country Inn is busy (ie weekend lunchtimes and evenings). It is from this end that the majority of ‘cut throughs’ to the A1 occur. (ie Clipsham – Manor Road – Rookery Lane – A1 Slip). This is one of the major nuisances that the PC would wish to discourage. **RCC Answer:** *We are unable to do anything to prevent cars “cutting through” Stretton to the A1. Either end of Manor Road are signs which have a red circle with a car and motorbike (which means no vehicles) and below a sign showing except for access. RCC are unable to do anything more apart from this. It might be worth you mentioning this concern to the police as they are able to enforce traffic signs, whereas RCC cannot.*

**Stretton Parish Council Comment/Question:** We accept that to comply with regulation, a 20mph sign needs to be repeated every 200m. We think this should equate to one extra sign and this would be a price worth paying to have the limit reduced. Summary: We were not aware that an SID would only be installed following a specific request. Our hope was that this report would identify that there is a speeding issue on the Clipsham Road and that a recommendation of the report would be to install SID. If this needs to go through a further trial to prove its viability then that is all we can ask. The original email request did not specifically request consideration of the Manor Road to A1 issue. We thought this would be covered naturally by means of the speed survey **RCC Answer:** *RCC would not do anymore on Manor Road to discourage drivers as there are already signs stating the road should only be used for access. These signs are compliant with current regulations). RCC have had other 20mph limits requested in other areas in Rutland. When this has been taken to the HTGW for approval the group advised that as the speed limit is already that slow, the new limit is not required. The HTWG advised that if the parish still wanted the speed reducing then they would be required to pay for the signs. Would the PC pay for the installation of a new speed limit and the associated signs?*

**Other points to be raised:**

- 5.6 – the overgrown vegetation noted in our additional comments still exists. Can RCC serve notice to the landowner as it has done to a similar issue on Rookery Lane to cut back the vegetation to improve visibility?
- 5.8 – the report still states Stocken Hall Road is a 40mph limit. This is incorrect, signage shows the ‘national speed limit’ which is a 60mph road. Vehicles and in particular those travelling from the prison are seen to be travelling at high speed in this section and continuing into the 30mph and excessive speed. We would urge and encourage Stocken Hall Road is reduced to 40mph.

- 5.21 – how does SPC officially request a SID is installed on Clipsham Road, even as a temporary measure? We would like to see the impact this has in terms of recording and reducing speed.
- 5.21 - With regard to the 20mph speed limit on Manor Road being funded by SPC, we have this as a motion to discuss further. Can you provide costs for this please?
- In relation to the above and the restricted access signs, what can RCC do to help prevent access into the village by lorries inadvertently following their sat nav? We regularly have articulated lorries coming through and having to reverse back out and this week alone have had an articulated crane stuck in the middle of the village!
- Are there any timescales for your recommendations and measures proposed in section 6 to be installed?

- 20/107      **A1 Noise Reduction – update.** No further update.
- 20/108      **Development updates for Woolfox and St George’s Barracks.** Report from Cllr. Begy. Local Plan – this has been submitted and will go in to 6 week consultation. As you will know Woolfox is not part of the plan, but obviously they will fight this, but the RCC view is it is not viable on many levels. There is no land in the Parish put forward for residential development, but there is the extension of Hooby Lane and Greetham Quarry.
- 20/109      **Highway Issues**
- 20/110      Continued issues of Quarry spillages of stone on the roundabout. Cllr Begy sent a report: *Quarry – a liaison group has been set up with Greetham and Mick George – on the agenda is the state of the roads and roundabouts. It seems from a public meeting MG are unaware of some of these issues and should be reported to head office.*  
It was also noted that mud on the road was very concerning.
- 20/111      Speed Watch programme. A date has now been fixed for training of Wednesday 12 February 6-8 pm at RCC council office. **Action: Clerk to advertise this on the website for more volunteers**
- 20/112      **To receive a report from County Councillor.**  
Cllr. Begy’s report:  
Ram Jam – have new proposals and await for this to come to planning.  
Hambleton Bakery on the Ram Jam site has been approved.
- 20/113      **Correspondence: (All correspondence received by SPC have also been posted on the Website <https://strettonvillageparishcouncil.co.uk/other/correspondence>**
- 20/114      **Items for future meetings.**
1. Cllr. Foster recommended that the Clerk should be financially supported through her CILCA qualifications sharing the costs with the 2 other councils she is employed by. It was noted that the Clerk had already commenced her CILCA course.
  2. Grant awarded to St Nicholas’ Church in 2009 council had agreed that £1000 be award there was a question as to whether this was paid. **Action: Clerk to check on accounts for 2009/2010.**

3. The item of the grit bin would be readdressed in the summer when as empty as possible. Cllr. Lester would then recommend for its replacement. Meantime, the Clerk was to email RCC to not top up the bins until requested to do so.

4. Anglian Water Sewage update

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**Date and time of next meetings :**

- 1) EPCM 23 January 2020 at St Nicholas' Church @ 6.30 pm
- 2) PCM (Annual) 7 May 2020 at St Nicholas' Church at 7pm followed by  
**The Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm**
- 3) PCM 10 September 2020 at 8pm in the back room of the Jacksons Stops.

The minutes were approved at the Parish Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.  
A signed copy is held on file.