

# Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

## Minutes

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 3 April 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

### *M19.10. Apologies*

Apologies were received from Councillors Finlay and Balchin.

### *M19.11. Approval of minutes of last meeting*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### *M19.12. Matters arising*

Portobello crossroads: Councillor barker reported that tenders had been submitted and should have been selected by now, but she did not have a current update, but she hoped work would start shortly.

Harolds Orchard: Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had recently received a telephone update from Neil Gilliver. The council had accepted their proposal to call the new houses Dyas Green after the man who had instigated the first phase and was retiring upon completing the final phase. She had mentioned that we would like to name the orchard and allotments after the Bellews, who supplied the land.

Play area: Councillor hazelwood reported that the fund now had £18995 and a further £8000 to go in from the Lottery fund, making £27 000. She said that more fund raising events were in the pipeline. It had been decided to limit the spend to £25 000 to allow for the additional VAT which would be added then reclaimed. This would leave some funds for additional things, e.g. new football and netball nets, bark, etc.

Trees by footpath opposite Chapel Gardens: This work has now been completed at a cost of £200.

Carer on the Ilmington School coach: The carer will stop at the end of the summer term and the parents have decided not to pursue this further. There was a worry that parents will withdraw their children from Ilmington once the bus charges are introduced in September and that it will certainly influence parents choice of school in future. It was thought that more parents would take the children by car, causing additional cars on the road and congestion at the school gates.

Car Park drainage: The background to this is given in Appendix A, including an update following a visit from Severn Trent and the DC on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April. It was felt that this is Stratfords problem as they are the landowner.

Cemetery and adjacent verge: Despite assurances from Simon Bayliss that jesse had been instructed to desist, manoeuvres were still continuing and a new pile of earth has now been excavated. Stuart Potter has offered to mediate and the council was minded to take him up on this offer. The gate post has still not been repaired and Councillor Balchin was to be asked to give an opinion on this.

### *M19.13. Finance*

(a) Approval of expenditure since last meeting: The expenditure since the last meeting was examined and approved. It was agreed that the clerk should renew the WALC membership as

they had proved particularly useful over the last 12 months.

- (b) Approval of annual accounts: The annual accounts were examined and approved.
- (c) Approval of applying for exemption for the annual audit: It was agreed that the council should apply for exemption again. This year this seems to imply that the audit form will need to be filled in and audited internally, but not submitted to the external auditor, just put on the website. The clerk is to double check this.
- (d) Approval of Kenneth Dunn as auditor: Passed.

#### *M19.14. Planning applications*

*New*

19/00411/Tree, 6 Chapel Gardens, for R. Merrett, Tree work

*Approved*

*The Old Post Office* Change of materials – no objection

*On-going*

18/01641/FUL, Portobello Farm (café)

Pitstop: This is now subject to 2 enforcement orders, but at the last possible moment the owner appealed both the last application to increase the number of vehicles (refused), and the enforcement orders. Apparently the appeals office is considerably behind and this is expected to take 6-8 months.

#### *M19.15. Correspondence*

Clerks & Councils magazine

#### *M19.16. Council reports*

None

#### *M19.17. AOB:*

#### *M19.18. Date of next meeting*

21 May. This will include the AGM and APA and so will start at 7 p.m.