

Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 12 January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

M15.47. Apologies

N/A

M15.48. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 November and 30 November 2015 were read and approved.

M15.49. Matters arising

New houses updateThe clerk has been notified that the plans for these were submitted on 17 September to SDC, but only validated 13 November 2015. The first email from Grewayne on record regarding the new plans is 21 September. The plans have been submitted with a bath in the disabled bungalow still, as mentioned by Chris Longleather, a matter that was broached with Grewayne when the second set of plans were received. No further communication was received on the matter. On Monday 11th it was discovered that this application has now been withdrawn

Orchard licenceNo further information or communication.

Portobello crossroadsCouncillor Saint reported that there had been no further progress. It is at the end of the design stage, although no plans have yet been seen. An ecological survey has been done and test holes are still to be drilled to confirm the location of cables. After this a road audit will be made.

M15.50. Finance

The accounts since 11 November were read and approved.

Precept:Councillor Longleather had prepared a forecast sheet showing probable spend for 2016/17, and felt that the finances were in a healthy condition with an appropriate reserve. Councillor Hazelwood reported that a more substantial sum would need to be spent on the upkeep of the play area this year, as a number of repairs had been highlighted by the play area inspection report (cost around £500). The bark needed replacing and the cost of this has risen considerably since the last delivery, from £1008 for 40 tons in 2012 to £1920 for 30 tons currently. She reported that some parents had said that the play area also needed some new equipment, but she felt, in view of the repair costs, that this was unlikely to be possible this year. She suggested that perhaps some parents might like to fund-raise for the new equipment.

Councillor Hazelwood also proposed that a refresher first aid course should be arranged, possibly in April or May, but without any subsidised places this time.

Councillor Longleather proposed maintaining the precept at £5200 for the coming year. This was seconded by Councillor Finlay and unanimously agreed

M15.51. Planning applications

Submitted

15/3462/FULThe Old Post Office, For J. Alexander(withdrawn)

15/3246/FULStables Cottage, for M. Lawrence (retrospective)

15/04315/COUOAgricultural Building Located Off The Fosse Way, Stretton-on-Fosse, for Mr J Duckett

15/03932/VARY Wedge Meadow Cottage,

Far Longdon, Tredington, Nr Shipston On Stour Warwickshire, for Mrs Susan

Ayres (refused)

15/03396/FUL Proposal for 7 houses on land at Harolds Orchard
for Grewayne Properties (discussed 30/11/15) (withdrawn)
15/04479/FUL St Peters Cottage, Erection of shed

Approved

15/03055/FUL The Plough Inn, for Mr S. Aubrey
15/03530/TREE St Peters Church, Stretton-on-Fosse
13/00770/FUL Harolds Orchard (2013)

M15.41. Correspondence

Assorted advertising for play equipment and sheds.

M15.42. AOB

Grass cutting Quotes had been received from Stan Dawes and Rob Varley. In view of Mr Dawes being the cheaper quote and because of his satisfactory work for a number of years, it was agreed that his quote should be accepted. The clerk was asked to let Mr Dawes know.

Dog poo Councillor Hazelwood had received a complaint about dog poo being put in a green bin. She had been asked to 'name and shame', but it was felt that this would be inappropriate, so it was agreed that a general email would be circulated on the list Queens birthday. Although the council did not want to organize any specific events it was agreed that if anyone in the village offered to arrange something, the council could consider making a small donation towards this. It was suggested that it be added to the email note to be circulated.

Email list Councillor Hazelwood said she had been approached about the PC email list being used to circulate non-village items. After discussion it was agreed that the use of the list should be restricted to village events, news, etc.

M15.43 Council reports

Councillor Saint reported that the Council Tax grant had been reduced again, but the limit to council tax rises had been raised to 4%. The Fire Service is to come under the remit of the Home Office from next year and the government settlement remodelled to take into account councils providing service for the elderly. However, he reported that the government opinion of the finances raised did not take account of the proportion of the elderly in the population. (Have I got this right – I was getting rather confused here? I think so!! izzi)

M15.43. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 4 May 2016 at 7 p.m., and was to comprise the AGM, APA, and ordinary meeting, each to follow consecutively.