

Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall at 8.00 p.m.

M17.01. Apologies

None

M17.02. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

M17.03. Matters arising

Portobello crossroads See attached email from Mark O'Connell regarding progress. Councillor Longleather thought that the speed limit should be lowered in the approach to the lights, but the County Council did not feel it necessary. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to review progress from time to time.

Harolds Orchard Councillors Barker and Saint reported that there had been no progress on this matter, with the Section 106 matters being the probable hold up. Councillor Saint commented that once the 106 contract had been signed work could commence on the Orchard area. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to send the Grevayne contact details to Councillor Barker.

Footpaths and sheep worrying This sheep worrying problem seemed to have been resolved.

Councillor Hazelwood commented that the footpath signs on the Compton Scorpion estate still had not all been installed and that residents seemed to be walking the paths again. She agreed to remind Compton Scorpion Estate about them.

Overgrown footpaths This matter is still in hand, but has not yet been resolved.

Phone box Councillor Hazelwood reported that only one resident had asked for the box to be retained, but considerable expense would have been involved moving it, and the consultation period had now passed.

M17.04. Finance

Accounts since last meeting: these were read and passed.

Precept: Councillor Longleather had prepared a forecast sheet which he presented to the meeting. He concluded that the finances were in a healthy state and he felt that no increase in the precept was necessary in view of the healthy surplus. Councillor Hazelwood raised the possible need to replace some of the wooden play equipment, and perhaps some of the benches around the village. Councillor Hazelwood proposed setting a precept of £5200 again and was seconded by Councillor Finlay. This was passed unanimously.

M17.05. Planning applications

Submitted

16/02934/FUL + 16.02935/LBC Further amendment Town Farm, kitchen extension. This involved a further reduction in size of the extension. There was no further comment

16/03622/FUL + LBC Court Lodge, Orangery

16/04000/LBC, Court Lodge, Rooflights. New plans are to be supplied for this.

16/03901/FUL, Pitstop café, Change of use and groundworks. Following communication between

Councillor Hazelwood and the Agent for the site, Councillors Hazelwood, White, Longleather and Finlay, and the Clerk (the latter two in the capacity of being neighbours) met with the agent to discuss amendments to the landscaping plan supplied. The agent, Ian Gidley, seemed willing to make amendments suggested and supplied Councillor Hazelwood with an amended landscape plan on Friday afternoon, by email. This has to be resubmitted to the council and at the time of the meeting this had not been done. He was particularly keen for the council to request that it go to committee, but in order to do this Councillor Saint reminded the council that they would have to visibly support the application, and therefore be willing to speak in favour at the meeting. When the clerk rang the planning officer had been a little unclear as to whether comments should be submitted on the basis of the original application or whether we should wait for the second one. Councillor Saint recommended submission. It was therefore decided that Councillor Hazelwood would draft comments for circulations around Councillors White, Balchin and Longleather

Approved

16/03576/FUL, 3 Cottage Farm Court,

M17.06. Correspondence

Councillor Hazelwood had inspected the mineral extraction proposals and found nothing within the local area.

M17.07. AOB

M17.07. Councillor reports.

Councillor Saint reported that the County Council were likely to set a 6% increase in the precept and the District Council a further 2%.

M17.08. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was set for 10th May 2017, at 7.20 p.m. This to include the AGM, APA and ordinary meeting