

# Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

## Minutes

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 8 November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

M17.27. Apologies  
None received.

M17.28. Approval of minutes of last meeting  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

M17.29. Matters arising

Portobello crossroads: Councillor Hazelwood commented that she was annoyed that the Parish Council only received updates on this in a roundabout manner, the latest via the Shipston forum Newsletter. The Council has not been contacted directly by the Highways department at all. Councillor Barker reported that she had arranged a meeting with Andrew Knight as the current delay appeared to be due to problems with overhanging trees. Councillor Finlay thought the trees in question were probably those on Portobello Farm, although the current ownership of this property is somewhat in question. Councillor Barker agreed to follow up this lack of communication and try to resolve this problem, and was asked to let the council know the results of her enquiries.

Harolds Orchard: There has been no further progress here, as Grevayne say they cannot afford to build the houses. They have asked for more government support, but this is unlikely to be forthcoming. Councillor Hazelwood had been contacted by Neil Gilliver, suggesting a joint meeting with the Council and Grevayne, who were now submitting a new viability report, as the original was now 4 years old.. Councillor Barker reported that the original approval will expire on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, but that Grevayne have the option of implementing a variation, which would mean the clock would start again.

Emergency committee: Councillor Hazelwood reported that Stuart Potter had agreed to serve on the committee, but asked that Jayne Potter also be included, due to her local government experience

Parking: Councillor Hazelwood reported that there had been some issues with parking in Belcony and on the bend on the main road through. She thought it was worth contacting the local police to deal with this. Councillor Longleather mentioned that there was an issue in Belcony with some residents leaving bags of rubble on the road, causing problems with parking. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to contact Michael Cunningham at Highways to see if they can enforce the removal of this.

Neighbourhood plan: Councillor Hazelwood has read-up on this and felt at the moment it was not essential. Councillor Barker also felt that this was the case as Stretton is not a service village. She also commented that compiling a plan need not be too onerous a task and it was possible to just update the parish plan.

Play area: Councillor Hazelwood reported that the wooden play equipment would need to be replaced within the next 2 years, at an approximate cost of £15,000. At the village hall committee meeting the day before there had been offers to form a fund-raising committee and

it was felt that this would be a good idea. Various ideas had been suggested, including a donation site. It was agreed that the PC should purchase the equipment in order to be able to reclaim the VAT. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to contact WALC to find out about grants and the position regarding VAT.

#### M17.30. Finance

The expenses since the last meeting were examined and approved. The clerk reported that she had just renewed her personal virus protection a £59.99, which also cover the Parish Council laptop and asked the council if they would make a donation towards this. It was agreed that the sum of £30 be put towards the cost.

#### M17.31. Planning applications

##### *On-going*

17/0000/FUL, Pitstop café, Change of use and groundworks: The clerk checked with the enforcement officer and found that an Breach of Conditions notice was served on 31 October concerning conditions 4 and 5 – that only cars may be sold (not commercial vehicles) and a maximum of 40 cars for sale may be stored there (there are somewhat in excess of 40 at the time of the meeting). His attention has also been drawn to the signage being illuminated overnight, and it seems to have been turned off on some nights in the past week.

#### M17.32. Correspondence

#### M17.33. AOB

#### M17.34. Council reports.

Councillor Barker reported that SDC had refused permission for developemtn at Wellesbourne airfield, but it meant the council may have to purchase the site, although not as building land as it did not have building permission

#### M17.26. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 18 January at 7.30