

# Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

## Minutes

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 7 November 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

### *M18.27. Apologies*

None received

### *M18.28. Approval of minutes of last meeting*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

### *M18.29. Matters arising*

Portobello crossroads—Councillor Barker reported that she had spoken to Gary Palmer, the latest *Highways employee responsible* for the traffic lights at Portobello, who told her that the plans had been reviewed to include a lighting element, which had been mentioned by the Coroner following the last fatality there. The lighting plans have only just been received and now the internal bidding process for the work has to be undertaken. The job will now not be put out to tender until Jan/Feb 2019. Councillor Barker had arranged for a timeline to be sent to the council next week (w/c 12/11/18).

Harolds Orchard—Councillor Hazelwood reported that the footings had now been dug. There was concern over Grewayne wanting to include in the contract with WRHA, the right to buy back the houses after 5 years. The Council *and WRHA are* totally opposed to this idea. Grewayne have stated that they want to run them on the same basis as social housing, but it was not felt on past performance that they could be trusted to do this. *The parish council had written to WRHA to state their view*

Play area—Councillor Hazelwood reported that the fund now stood at about £15000, and that she had emailed Sport England *re funding and proposed to apply to Heart of England and the Lottery for grants*

Trees by footpath opposite Chapel Gardens—Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had contacted the land registry, paid the fee (£3), and discovered that no-one owned the land with the trees on. She had emailed Michael Rogers (Highways), but has been unable to find anyone to take responsibility. It was agreed that the council would get some quotes for getting the trees trimmed to a manageable size, then contact nearby residents and Orbit housing to see if anyone will contribute. The clerk pointed out that if the council takes responsibility for cutting the trees this time, they will have set a precedent for future problems.

*Removal of carer from Ilmington School coach from Stretton: due to happen between January and July 2019. Cllr Barker was of the opinion that we were unlikely to keep the carer in spite of protests etc. She advised that the village (PC, school, parents) investigate voluntary carers on coach and possibly even hiring minibus plus carer for the time when all parents will have to pay for the coach (starting Sept 2019). Councillor Barker was asked what the actual saving was going to be and she thought in the range £1700-3000. That parents will have to pay for the bus from the 2019 school year anyway, ignored the fact that not everyone had a car or the means to pay the ,as yet, unspecified amount.*

### *M18.30. Finance*

Expenditure to date was examined and approved.

The clerk distributed expenditure for the previous 12 months for councillors to consider before the next meeting prior to setting the precept in January.

The clerk requested to permission to update the current accounting package, which she had provided free until now. Like All other programs, it is no longer available on a 3-computer contract, only on an annual fee: £5.98 for the first 6 months, then £8.40 for the next 6 months. Councillor Longleather pointed out that free packages could be downloaded, but the clerk pointed out that by upgrading, the accounts could be transferred to the new package with little inconvenience and could be linked to the bank account, acting as a double check on the finances. It was agreed that she should go ahead with the upgrade.

### *M18.31. Planning applications*

*New*

18/02724/COUQ Conversion of barn to single dwelling. Barn Adjacent The Bungalow, Far Longdon, for Mr A S B Knight

18/02730/COUQ Prior approval notification for the proposed change of use of one agricultural buildings to 1 dwelling house, and associated curtilage and building operations. Rectory Farmhouse, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9RE, for Mr ASB Knight (approved 8/11/18)

*On-going*

17/0000/FUL Pitstop café—The clerk had spoken to the enforcement officer (Ron Goodyear) the day before the meeting and obtained the following update: despite being served an enforcement order at the beginning of October, Mr Guest had done nothing until 4 days before the expiry date for appeal against his amended application (refused), then notified the planning department that he intended to appeal (although he has not yet), thereby putting the enforcement notice into abeyance. Mr Goodyear said that the Planning Inspectorate take about 6 months to resolve appeals.

18/01641/FUL, Portobello Farm (café)

*Approved*

Portobello house extension and driveway

Town Farm gates

### *M18.32. Correspondence*

Clerks & Councils magazine, play area equipment leaflets, Glos Mineral proposals (CD)

### *M18.33. Council reports*

Councillor Barker pointed out that a new Stagecoach bus timetable had been published.

### *M18.34. AOB:*

Clerks request to purchase Latest Arnold Baker, new edn. Definitive publication for all councils (cost probably around £104-108, but poss discount via WALC). The Council decided that the clerk should see if 2 or 3 councils could possibly share one.

Councillor White pointed out that there was a dead ash tree in the Tuer that needed attention, but thought it was probably in someone's hedge. Councillor Hazelwood said she would have a look at it.

Councillor Hazelwood reported that a resident had approached her with the complaint that he had observed another resident disposing of dog waste 'inappropriately' - putting it down a drain, tossing it over hedges, etc. Councillor Hazelwood had spoken to Environmental Health and been told that this was not a problem. The main issue is that it must be removed from the public area, and they had no problem with it being put under hedges, etc.

Car parking on the grass along the gated road, just past the bus shelter. Councillor Hazelwood was keen to prevent this becoming a muddy mess again this year, especially as the Hunt was due in the village at the end of October. A number of suggestions were made and it was agreed to review the suggestions.

*M18.35. Date of next meeting*

The next meeting was arranged for 9 January 2019, at 7.30 p.m.