# Draft minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 29 May 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

**Present: Isobel hazelwood [IH], Penny White [PW], Chris Longleather [CL], Richard Eedle [RE], Jon Holdback [JH], Sue Finlay [clerk], Trevor Harvey [TH, SDC]**

***M22.72. Apologies:*** None.

***M22.73. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved. CL asked that minutes be circulated with the agenda before the meeting.

***M22.74: Matters arising:***

1. *Update of village map:* IH reported that she had sent an updated map round by email and hoped to have one laminated to go on the noticeboard at the entrance to the village.
2. *Coronation:*  The coronation celebration was combined with the May Queen crowning and teas. And was very successful.
3. *Gated road:* IH has contacted Warks Highways [WH], but had received no response as yet. She said they were proving difficult to contact.
4. *Local history display:*  Geoff and Naomi Dalton have agreed to take over this from Donald Holdsworth and have taken charge of the photos. It is suggested that one event to present the information is held in the village hall [VH]. CL suggested having some of the photos displayed in the hall permanently, once the insulation work has been carried out. It is hoped to involve some of the youngsters in the village. It is hoped that the photos can be digitised.

IH reported that the village tapestry is to be framed for display. IH is to ask Gill Sutherland about writing an article for the *Stratford Herald* about it.

1. *Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative*: This item was covered in the APA.
2. *Village Car Park renovations:* Stan Dawes is to clear the over-growing grass, when asked to do so. The damaged fence has still to be dealt with, but is in hand. More gravel will be needed and the white lines have still to be painted.
3. *Stan Dawes grass-cutting*: A new contract has been offered to Mr Dawes on the basis of being paid a monthly retainer of £240 for a notional 16 cuts per year between April and November (£1920 in total), with additional payments for extra work.

***M22.75. Planning applications***

*New*

23/00472/HRN, for Mr C. Knight, Buildings At Badgers Poor North And South Tredington Shipston On Stour, CV36 4PW. Removal of a section of hedgerow, 102metres in length, located to the west of an entrance track to farm buildings, Badgers Poor, North and South, Tredington, off the B4035 highway. O.S. grid reference SP 2275 3982. There was concern over such a long stretch of hedge being removed. This application has now been withdrawn and a new application is to be submitted, following a survey of the hedge. The new proposal is to plant a new hedge a few metres behind the old hedge, reducing the height of the old hedge, then removing it once the new hedge is established and the wildlife has migrated to the new hedge. Meanwhile Mr Knight proposes a permissive path be given to allow safe passage from the path from Stretton to the Darlingscott road. IH suggested reducing the speed limit to 50 mph. TH said this would be too expensive to be considered.

*On-going*

*Pitstop*: The owner is still Mr Guest as he only leased the Pitstop to Rowborough Filling Station with an option to buy, which they did not take up. The owner is now looking for a new tenant/purchaser

*Approved*

***M22.76: Finance:***

1. *Approval of expenses since last meeting:* Approved.

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **Item** | **Income** | **Outgoings** | **Balence** |
| 10/03/2023 | SBS | Chippings via Rod |  | 167.62 | 9700.37 |
| 10/03/2023 | BPS | Boarding via Rod |  | 31.68 | 9668.69 |
| 26/03/2023 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 189.44 | 9479.25 |
| 03/04/2023 | SDC | Precept | 3150.00 |  | 12629.25 |
| 18/04/2023 | Ken Dunn | Internal audit |  | 70.00 | 12559.25 |
| 25/04/2023 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 233.01 | 12326.24 |

1. *Interest account:* *How much do we want to put in it to open it.* It was proposed that a working capital of £1000 be left in the current account, to be added to at the clerks discretion, and the remainder put into the savings account.

***M22.77. Council reports:***

*Ellen Badger Hospital:*  TH reported that, owing to the economics of centralising services, it had been decided to centralise the beds in Leamington Hospital, so there will be no beds at the new Ellen Badger; however, the ICB are not committing to what facilities they are intending to supply there. There are legal arguments pending. The ICB are going to hold a place on the site for a new medical centre, but owing to the increase in costs due to the delay in the project, the surgery can no longer afford to build the new facility. SDC has allotted £1.4 m to the Ellen badger project, but this is not fixed.

*Voter ID:*  TH reported that of 45,000 voters 32 were turned away for not having the correct ID. Of these 23 returned later, meaning 12 voters were denied a vote in the district.

***M22.78. Any other urgent business***

*Coronation coins:* IH reported that most coins had now been handed out to children 16 and under in the village and there were approximately 45 left. It was agreed that these would be offered for sale at £3 each, restricted to 2 or 3 per family.

***M22.79. Date of next meeting:*** 24 July 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.