# Minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council to be held on 28 September 2022 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall (postponed from 14 September due to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II)

**Present:** Isobel Hazelwood (IH, Chair), Penny White (PW), Chris Longleather (CL), Jon Holdback (JH) Sue Finlay (Clerk)

***M22.41. Apologies:*** Jo Barker, Richard Eedle (who attended on Zoom)

***M22.42. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved.

***M22.43. Matters arising:***

1. *Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative*: The next community day will be held in November
2. *Car park tidy:* In conjunction with the Village hall Tidy, this will be held on the weekend 15-16 October. To include tidy up of car park, play area, VH surrounds. IH was also to ask for volunteers to move grit from old bins into the new ones
3. *Wood in Hoppers Lane:* IH reported that the owners were trying to set this up as a Trust for the benefit of the village. Oxford University are currently conducting some investigations here.

***M22.44. Planning applications***

*New*

Victoria Cottage, shed. Resolved; deemed not requiring planning by planning office.

22/02710/LBC, Mr S Hudson, Town Farm School Lane Stretton-On-Fosse Warwickshire GL56 9SB. Replace painted front and rear softwood doors with glazed oak.

*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*

22/01311/LBC, Mr S Hudson, Town Farm School Lane Stretton-On-Fosse Warwickshire GL56 9SB. Proposed new entrance gates [Approved with conditions].

22/01229/LBC Cherry Orchard Farm, Stable Cottage , Main Street, Stretton-On-Fosse, Warwickshire GL56 9SA for Mr R. Graham. Replacement of All Casement Windows, French Doors and Two Rooflights to the North Elevation [Approved].

22/02479/FUL, Mr R. McCarthy, Stretton House, Manor Road, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9SB, Erection of Garden Shed [Approved].

***M22.45: Finance***

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

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| **Date** | **Supplier** | **For** | **Income** | **Outgoings** | **Total** |
| 26/07/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 189.95 | 8986.23 |
| 19/08/2022 | WALC | Planning training |  | 42.00 | 8944.23 |
| 26/08/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 198.70 | 8745.53 |
| 01/09/2022 | HMRC | VAT refund | 1188.24 |  | 9933.77 |
| 04/09/2022 | Stretton Village Hall | Hall hire 06/07 |  | 10.50 | 9923.27 |
| 17/09/2022 | Izzi | Sale of Jubilee coins | 111.00 |  | 10034.27 |

CL pointed out that much of the VAT refund came from the installation of the EV chargers.

1. *Interest account:* Not discussed.

***M22.46 Correspondence***

Clerks and Councils.

***M22.47. Council reports:***

***M22.48. AOB:***

1. *Warm hub at village hall, funding, help for villagers in need:* IH reported that a grant was being applied for to insulate the village hall, involving insulating the walls of the main hall and committee room internally and possibly the ceiling of the kitchen. Insulating the wall would involve refitting the kitchen, which is beyond the means of the funding at the moment. The application for £25,000 has to be submitted by 3 October; it has been reviewed by CAVA, who suggested adding more statistics on carbon saving of insulation. This is 4000T carbon p.a. It is not planned to insulate the toilet block at the moment. This would need to be done externally. The porch needs to be rebuilt at some stage and insulation can be addressed then for this area.

It has been suggested that the VH be used as a ‘warm hub’ for the village in view of the rise in energy bills, with proposals for re-introduction of the soup kitchen that was run during COVID. It is proposed that the soup kitchen be run once a week or fortnight and the hall be open for tea and biscuits at other times. Richard Nourse (RN) has offered help with the financing of this. He has also offered to pay for an energy adviser to talk to the village about how to save energy. It is suggested that the village charity be invited to participate in provision of the warm hub.

IH agreed to email RN to discuss matters further and CL thought it would be a good idea to have a meeting with him.

1. *Hoppers Lane:* CL reported that Stan Dawes had been asked to clear the path through Hoppers Wood and it had improved access. He felt this needed to be done 2 or 3 times a year and it was agreed to incorporate this when considering the precept.

CL also suggested that the orchard area be kept short on the left hand side while the right-hand area be left to grow.

1. *Ellen Badger Hospital SWFT letter of no confidence:* at a recent meeting regarding progress on the replacement for the Ellen Badger it was suggested the PC write to SWFT a letter of no confidence following their prevarication of this development. CL suggested instead writing to Nadhim Zahawi, taking up the issue of acute bed blocking, of which there was examples in the village; the fact that the Shipston surgery had now been priced out of the original proposal and was under increasing pressure due to the number of new housing developments in recent years; and the fact that the Section 106 money from these developments had not gone into the new hospital and an option to build a new surgery on one of the developments had not been taken up and had now expired, handing the developers and additional £500K, but building housing on this area. CL agreed to compose this letter and was to ask David Passingham the best person to write to.

***M22.49. Date of next meeting:*** The next meeting was set for 7 December at 7.30 p.m.

***Clerks report***

Clerks Toolkit : Budgeting and Precept setting: The clerk reported that she had recently attended a workshop on budgeting and precept setting. She reported that she had gained useful insights, and that councils were being warned to include a sum for celebrating the Coronation next year.