**Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council Agenda**

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall

*M21.39. Apologies:* Keith Finlay, Jo Barker (SDC,WCC)

*M21.40. Approval of minutes of last meeting:* Approved

*M21.41. Matters arising*

*Allotments:* IH reported that she still had to register the Orchard and allotments as an ACV, but this could not be done until the land had been registered.

*Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative (Chris)*: CL reported that one bill had come for the posters for the open day and another should arrive. He felt the event went well and the stallholders had seemed satisfied. Blackdown farm had extended an invitation for a farm visit. The questionnaire given out at the event had shown that people would like regular coffee mornings with Eco-weigh present. Also the ‘Library of Things’ was of interest to many, but no one had offered any items for it. He intended to ask Dave Passingham to look into this. He again thanked Tony Fuller for his work on the soft plastic recycling, which seemed to be going well. The plastic is recycled into plastic chairs and for use in road surfaces.

The EV charger installation was well underway, but they had no credit card facility and an App. was needed. IH said she had tried to download this App. and had had great difficulty. CL asked her to email the problems to him and he would raise the matter with the supplier. He said before the installation could proceed the WiFi needed to be installed, which was in hand.

*Public footpaths:* Richard West has replaced the missing signage on various footpaths and had a few more to go on Compton Scorpion land. The Parish Council thanks him for all his work on this.

*Queen’s Jubilee, June 2022: Friday 3 June 2022:* It was agreed that this was a matter for the Village Hall Committee and representatives from the PC. It was also agreed that any live music would need to be sorted out as a matter of urgency. CL and IH both felt any event would need to be underwritten by the PC. CL felt that someone needed to be in charge and nominated JH as the PC representative. It was agreed that a plan need to be formulated and figures submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

*Road signage for HGV’s:* IH has spoken to Highways, who had passed the matter to health & safety. The hole at the entrance to the gated road was due to a collapsed drain and was the responsibility of Severn Trent, who were being chased up. RE pointed out that the blocked drains that Highways had been notified about some time ago had still not been dealt with.

*M21.42 Hoppers Lane Wood:*  When this was sold recently it was purchased by Nigel and Sally Duncan, who have contacted the council as they would like to make it a wildlife area with access for the village, eventually. They had met with some council members and suggested setting up a charitable trust to run it. CL said this had the advantages of being able to accept donations which could be gift-aided. He felt that the council should canvas interest in the project and said a sum of about £18, 000 would need to be raised. It was decided to defer this matter till after Christmas.

*M21.43* Road Repairs: See above under Road Signage

*M21.44 WALC Annual conference:* Attended by IHand was mainly about climate change. She had downloaded a few items that she thought might be of particular interest to the SSI group.

*M21.45. Planning applications*

*New*

*On-going*

*Pitstop*: The lease-holder, Mr Sudo, says he intends to submit another planning application, but is in Sri Lanka for a month now.

21/02750/FUL, The Chimneys, revised planning application for the conversion of an existing stable building to private ancillary accommodation to be used incidental to the main house. PW and RE said they would like a site visit to take place. IH said she would check the date for comments first.

21/02956/LBC, Dovecote Cottage, Erection of a garden shed. [No objection]

*Refused*

21/*01239/FUL,* The Chimneys, conversion of stable block to apartments (refused, resubmitted with amendments)

*Approved*

21/02533/COUO, Unit 19B, Ditchford Farm, GL56 9RD, for Lord Willoughby de Broke, Change of use from office to residential apartment – Notification for prior approval only and not a formal planning application. It was approved in spite of comments made by the council.

21/00525/LBC, Home Farm Main Street Stretton-On-Fosse GL56 9SA, conversion of outbuildings

*21/02439/TREE,* Warren House, reduction in height of leylandii. The Council agreed to support this as the trees are becoming overwhelming now.

*M21/46: Finance*

*Transfer of HSBC Playground Account to Lloyds:* After several hours on the phone the clerk reported that she had managed to open a ‘sub-account’ with Lloyds and IH had transferred the balance of the play area money and closed the HSBC account. This decision had been taken as HSBC had announced that the account was being converted to a ‘Charitable’ account, which would attract charges of £5/month and 40 p per transaction.

10/09/2021 Stan Dawes Grass 2/6, 16/6, 30/6,

14/7, 28/7,11/8, 25/8 840.00 9134.97

10/09/2021 Moonfruit Moonfruit reg via Izzi 16.79 9118.18

23/09/2021 SDC Precept 2900.00 12018.18

28/09/2021 Sue Finlay Clerks salary & exp. 165.55 11852.63

06/10/2021 WALC Izzi course 12.00 11840.63

22/10/2021 Make Design & Print SSI posters 113.28 11727.35

22/10/2021 Chris Longleather SSI day expenses 22.89 11704.46

23/10/2021 Tony Fuller SSI bin & paints 27.92 11676.54

29/10/2021 Sue Finlay Clerks salary & Exp. 137.35 11539.19

01/11/2021 Moonfruit Website fee 86.40 11452.79

IH reported that, as she had been paying the Moonfruit fee (it had to be paid by credit card), she had been trying to get it changed to DD from the council. This had proved very problematic and she had decided to leave it for now as it was uncertain whether the site would stay with Moonfruit. This will be reviewed next August.

Figures for consideration of next year’s precept were handed out for discussion at following meeting.

*M21.44 Correspondence*

Clerks and Councils.

Sunshine Gym equipment.

*M21.45. Council reports:*

None. CL asked that JB be asked to submit a written report if she was not able to attend. The clerk replied that she does this every meeting, but would try and push this in future.

*M21.46. AOB:*

None

*M21.47. Date of next meeting*

The next meeting was arranged for 12 January 2022 at 7.15 in the village hall.