# **Draft minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 6 July 2022 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall**

**Present: Isobel hazelwood (Chair, IH), Penny White (Vice-chair, PW), Chris Longleather (CL), Jon Holdback (JH), Sue Finlay (Clerk), Trevor Harvey (SDC, TH)**

***M22.32. Apologies:*** Jo Barker, Richard Eedle [attended on Zoom]

***M22.33. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved.

***M22.34. Matters arising:***

1. *Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative*: CL reported that the Soft plastic recycling was working well and calculated that in one year the village had recycled 4.5 cwt plastic waste. PW suggested this be mentioned in the next newsletter to encourage more people to use it. CL said the next Community day was 09/10/2022, although he felt there should be a Get-Together before then as an opportunity for the community to come together.

He also said that there was a shortage of volunteers in the village, especially from the younger cohort, who were needed for village tidy-ups/ apple pressing, etc. The latter had raised £1000 last year towards village activities. IH felt it would be good to involve more children in new sustainability initiatives.

1. *Queen’s Jubilee, June 2022: Saturday 4 June 2022:*  Thanks were given to JH and all the helpers for the success of the day. IH reported that 62 jubilee coins had been handed out to children under 16 and a further 12 had been sold. After all expenses had been paid only a small amount of money (£180) had been paid out by the council towards it.
2. *Welcome pack for new residents:*  IH felt there was a need to keep the website more up-to-date regarding events and agreed to liaise with JH about regular updates.
3. *Car park tidy:* IH suggested a car park tidy up was needed to encourage people to use it rather than the village hall car park when events were on. It required:

* Removal of overhanging branches;
* Improvement of the surface and marking parking spaces; PW agreed to ring Webbs and Shipston builders to find the price of gravel with a view to laying down over rough areas.

JH suggested combining it with the Village hall and Playground tidy, due in October.

***M22.35. Planning applications***

*New*

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 [No objection].

22/01311/LBC, Mr S Hudson, Town Farm School Lane Stretton-On-Fosse Warwickshire GL56 9SBView Map. Proposed new entrance gates [To be reviewed by IH and comment circulated].

*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

The Chimneys, Hedge contravention of planning approval [amended]. No longer reported to Enforcement as the correct type of hedge has now been planted.

*Approved*

22/00613/LBC, S. Harcourt, St Peters Cottage , Main Street, Stretton-On-Fosse, Warwickshire GL56 9SE, Replacement of all existing wooden framed windows of various styles with flush casement hardwood 'heritage' double glazed units of consistent appearance and painted. Replacement of front door with equivalent hardwood version retaining 'stable door' style. Replacement of existing two rear double glazed doors with equivalent hardwood/painted 'heritage' double glazed units. [Approved].

22/01220/TREE, The Court House, Tree work [No objection].

22/00556/VARY, The Chimneys, Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (materials) and 6 (swallow access) of planning permission 21/02750/FUL (date of decision 18 November 2021) to allow for: amendments to the external design and appearance of the building; amendments to the internal layout; amendments to the external materials; and the updated wording of condition 6. [Approved with conditions.]

***M22.36: Finance***

1. *Approval of expenses since last meeting*

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| 17/05/2022 | ICO | ICO fee |  | 35.00 | 11002.17 |
| 19/05/2022 | Ken Dunn | Internal audit |  | 65.00 | 10937.17 |
| 19/05/2022 | Mosely signs | Charging signage |  | 96.00 | 10841.17 |
| 29/05/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 306.04 | 10535.13 |
| 30/05/2022 | Rolec | EV charger software via CL |  | 792.00 | 9743.13 |
| 06/06/2022 | Village Hall | Jubilee contribution | 60.00 |  | 9803.13 |
| 14/06/2022 | Zurich | Insurance |  | 662.52 | 9140.61 |
| 14/06/2022 | Stan Dawes | Grass cutting: 30/3, 13/4, 27/4,  13/5, 31/5, 8/6 | | 720.00 | 8420.61 |
| 15/06/2022 | Stretton Village Hall | Hall hire |  | 15.00 | 8405.61 |
| 16/06/2022 | WCC County fund | EV charger grant | 938.73 |  | 9344.34 |
| 27/06/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 168.16 | 9176.18 |

1. *Payment of second part of Green Shoots grant towards EV chargers:* Now made
2. *Interest account:* CL felt the council should look at having an interest paying account in view of the likelihood of interest rates rising. The clerk had explored the possibility with Lloyds, which would be the easiest to set up. This is offering 0.01% currently. It was agreed to keep the matter under review.

***M22.37 Correspondence***

Clerks and Councils.

***M22.38. Council reports:***

TH reported that, post the merger fiasco, things had been quietening down at SDC. The introduction of a new joint waste collection system was to go ahead from 01/08/2022. The contract had been awarded to Biffa for 8 years and he felt there may be some teething problems. The only issue he foresaw coming up was the effect of inflation; SDC had budgeted for a wage rise for staff of 3%, but this looked likely to be nearer 6% now which would mean finding an additional £1.5 m.

He recommended having copies of the Shipston Forum magazine delivered. IH asked for 50 copies to be delivered to her to put in the bus shelter to try and judge demand. TH said it was also available electronically and IH agreed to circulate the link.

***M22.39. AOB:***

*Wood in Hoppers Lane:* Originally part of the Longford Trust, following the death of Bill Longford it was decided to sell off Hoppers Wood. A village group tried to buy it for the village, but were outbid. The purchaser had contacted the PC to explain they wanted to keep it as a wildlife sanctuary. They want to form a Trust to look after it and invited donation towards funding the necessary work. IH suggested the village might be able to get funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund or other grants (Woodland Trust?). The owners were visiting shortly to discuss the matter further.

*Other matters:* CL reported that the path in Hoppers Lane was impassable. IH said it was an Unclassified County Road, but Warks Highways were unwilling to undertake further work upon it. CL also reported that the Orchard needed tidying up, but as these jobs were always being left to the older volunteers he felt that it might be necessary to raise the rents and employ someone to handle this maintenance for the council.

***M22.40. Date of next meeting***

14 September 2022 at 7.15 p.m.