# Minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 30 November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

***Present:*** Isobel Hazelwood (Chair, IH), Penny White (PW), Chris Longleather (CL), Richard Eedle on Zoom (RE, non-voting capacity), Trevor Harvey (District Council, TH)

***M22.51. Apologies:*** Jo Barker, Jon Holdback

***M22.52. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved

***M22.53. Matters arising:***

1. *Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative*: CL reported that a joint meeting had recently been held with the BAP group. The soft plastic recycling had resulted in 4 cwt being recycled so far. There were no activities planned until the New Year now.
2. *Car park tidy:* The branches had been cut back around the car park and Rod Case was organising further work. A replacement fence was planned for damaged fencing between the car par and the first of the bungalows and the weeds needed spraying. After this fresh gravel would be spread. CL thought he might have some spare gravel from work on his driveway.
3. *Warm hub at the Village Hall:* There had been three soup days so far, all well attended. Soup was provided for 35-40 people, mainly elderly. There had been a request as well for the return of the Saturday coffee mornings. CL asked if there had been any further discussions with Richard Nouse regarding his offer of funding for a warm hub and advice on energy efficiency. IH suggested asking his advice on insulating the village hall. She agreed to try and arrange a meeting with him to discuss further.
4. *Ellen Badger Hospital SWFT letter of no confidence:* CL was to write to Nadhim Zahawi regarding this matter. He said he would forward this to IH to send on behalf of the Parish Council. TH reported that no progress had been made with regard to the rebuilding of the EBH as they were waiting for a bed review. IH pointed out that there had recently been a protest in Shipston regarding the lack of activity on the part of SWFT.

***M22.54. Planning applications***

*New*

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.

22/03375/TREE, Mr M. Whittaker, Holly Cottage, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9SG. T1 - horse chestnut - Reduce crown from 11metres in height by 1-2.5metres and reshape.

*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*

22/02903/TREE, Barn End, Manor Road, Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9SB

22/03285/TREE, for Mr R. Eedle, Old Barn Cottage Manor Road Stretton-on-Fosse Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9SB. Atlas cedar - Canopy reduction by 0.5/1 metre [Approved].

22/03177/TREE, for Mr T. Hammnets, Sunrise Cottage Stretton-on-Fosse Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 9SA. Unidentified species—reduce crown by 3-4metres (heavy crown bias off-site). Cherry—fell [Approved].

***M22.55: Finance***

1. *Approval of expenses since last meeting:*

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| 24/09/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 209.05 | 12798.84 |
| 28/09/2022 | Stan Dawes | Grass cutting 22/6, 6/7, 31/8, 14/9, car park and Hoppers Lane | | 550.00 | 12248.84 |
| 29/09/2022 | Stretton Village Hall | Hall hire 28/09 |  | 7.00 | 12241.84 |
| 30/10/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 189.04 | 12052.80 |
| 10/11/2022 | Trs to play area | Bark & inspection money |  | 690.00 | 11362.80 |
| 10/11/2022 | Yell com | Website fee via Izzi |  | 86.40 | 11276.40 |

1. *Interest account:* To be kept under review.
2. *Precept for 2023-24:*  The council examined figures provided by CL [Appendix I] and the clerk and IH [Appendix II] and discussed them with a view to considering them over Christmas for approval in a short meeting in January, when all members could be present.
3. CL proposed increasing the rent for the allotments to £25/plot from January.Seconded by IH and approved.

***M22.56. Council reports:*** TH reported that the DC budget was currently under discussion. The council cannot raise their precept more than the government permitted level, so have been running there reserves down, although they have to retain a minimum of £2.5 Million. They are asking the government to allow them to increase planning application fees as this currently costs £2.5 million p.a., which is not covered by the charges made currently. Another item for review is the CCTV. The running costs after income raised is still £350 K p.a. The options are to tr5ansfer the costs to either the Police or Local Councils. If LCs are unwilling to pay, the service may be withdrawn. He pointed out that Town and Parish Councils have no restrictions on the amount they can raise the precept.

He also pointed out that there was £2 million in CIL money to be used, but they had had 35 bids for it already, totalling £45 million in costs.

He finally mentioned that an application for a solar farm at Crimscote had been made and approved.

***M22.57. AOB:***

*South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) - Issues and Options Consultation:*  Deferred to January when the full consultation comes out.

*Housing survey:*  Not discussed.

*Updated SoF map:* Not discussed.

RE mentioned that he had seen a village phone box used as a museum and suggested the idea of having something similar in the village, which would have information

***M22.58. Dates of next meetings:***

23 January 2023 at 7.30 p.m. The following meeting was set for 6 March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.