# Draft minutes of a meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council held on 23 January 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the village hall

**Present: Isobel Hazelwood (Chair, IH), Penny White (PW), Chris Longleather (CL), Richard Eedle (RE), Jon Holdback (JH)**

***M22.59. Apologies:*** Sue Finlay (clerk)

***M22.60. Approval of minutes of last meeting:*** Approved.

***M22.61: Finance***

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

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| 28/11/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp | 185.99 | 11090.41 |
| 01/12/2022 | Stretton Village Hall | Hall hire 30/11 | 10.50 | 11079.91 |
| 30/11/2022 | Stan Dawes | Grass cutting | 480.00 | 10599.91 |
| 28/12/2022 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp | 169.08 | 10430.83 |

1. *Interest account:* Deferred to next meeting.
2. *Precept for 2023-24:* After examining the combined budget sheet produced by IH, CL and the clerk, a precept of £6300 was proposed (CL), seconded (IH), and passed unanimously. [Appendix I]

***M22.62. Any other urgent business***

*Cost of Living crisis:*  IH presented the first draft of a letter to be circulated round the parish, to be aimed at anyone who is struggling with food, heating, transport, etc.? It will be paid for by the apple juice profits. [Appendix II]

*Update of village map:*  It was agreed that on Taylors map of the village should be updated and circulated to everyone on the email list.

*WHRA:* There has been a request from WHRA to attend a PC meeting to discuss the need for new houses. The email sent to IH was rather vague. IH is to email them for more details. CL felt the existing stock in the village was in a poor state.

*Coronation:* It was agreed that IH would order coins for the children in the parish. JH agreed to test the water regarding any ce3lebration in the village with the usual organizers, possibly in combination with the May Day festivities. Money could be available from PC reserves.

*Gated road:* CL asked the PC to complain to Highways about the poor state of the gated road.

*Rowborough Filling Station:* CL suggested writing to the owner to ask why his prices are so high

*Local history display:* RE suggested a display of local history in the village, possibly in an old telephone box (would need to be purchased).

***M22.63. Date of next meeting:***

7 March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.