

# Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held on 17 August in the village hall on at 7.30 p.m.

## *M16.19. Apologies*

Apologies were received from Councillors White, Balchin, and Barker

## *M16.20. Approval of minutes of last meeting*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

## *M16.21. Matters arising*

- Portoabello crossroads     It was reported that workmen had been seen at the crossroads, taking measurements on several of the preceding days but no official notification had been received. Councillor Saint reported that, as far as he knew, the traffic light proposal was still the preferred option, but there were still issues to be sorted out with this. Councillor Longleather suggested a meeting with the council officers responsible might be a good idea, just to get clarification on what was happening.
- Bridge on the gated road     Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had spoken to County Highways about this and they had agreed to inspect the bridge, but from the photos supplied they did not think there was a structural problem.
- Harolds Orchard     Councillor Hazelwood had today received correspondence from Neil Gilliver, stating that they were still negotiating regarding the footpath, and that the proposed start date was now 2017. She asked Councillor Saint if he had any further information. The only information he had to hand concerned the withdrawn application for 7 houses, but he knew the Section 106 agreement had not yet been signed. He agreed to look further into the matter.
- Orchard license     This has now been signed by the council and submitted to Grevayne, but again there has been no further response. A gate has now been put in to the gentry gap, paid for by the parish council. Councillor Hazelwood reported that one resident of Harolds Orchard had approached with concerns about what was going to be done there. Councillor Hazelwood suggested a meeting be held for the village to put forward their opinions on the orchard, but Councillor Longleather wanted a plan to be drawn up first to have a proposal to show them. He also suggested investigating sources for the trees.

## *M16.22. Finance*

The expenditure since the last meeting was examined and approved. The clerk reported that they had received an unqualified audit again.

## *M16.23. Planning applications*

### *Submitted*

16/01349/FUL Single storey side extension, 10 Cottage Farm Court

16/02514, Tree work, Orchard House

16/01697/FUL The Old Post Office The Council discussed the problems that had arisen from this application and whether there was any contribution they could make to calm the situation. Councillor Finlay felt that

until the legal situation was clarified the council could not become involved. Councillor Saint said if the application was approved the situation would resolve naturally, but suggested a letter/newsletter article promoting the idea of neighbourliness. As he had taken over Cllr Barker's portfolio for planning while she was indisposed he agreed to look into this.

16/01689/LBC Town Farm, internal alterations. A further amendment has been received for this, unspecified at the moment.

16/01688/FUL Demolition of rear porch on south elevation, proposed single storey extension on the south elevation, Town Farm

16/02043/FUL Manège, Chimneys. The clerk reported that there had been a third amendment to this, but it just seemed to be a further reduction in the fencing height.

*Approved*

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*Refused*

16/00357/FUL The Old Post Office, for J. Alexander (resubmission)

#### *M16.24. Correspondence*

Among the numerous emails received by the clerk there had been one regarding the local library, asking for their timetable to be displayed as they now only had one client in Stretton. Councillor Saint was surprised they were continuing to visit.

#### *M16.25. AOB*

#### *M16.26 Council reports*

Councillor Saint reported that the County Council grant fund was now open for applications, the closing date was 7 October and he would email the details to the clerk.

He also confirmed that the local plan had now been adopted and there were plans to run planning courses in Stratford aimed at Parish Councils.

#### *M16.27 Members of the public*

Jan Vick approached the council with a number of concerns about footpaths.

- The Tuer needs clearing. Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had approached Highways about this before, but been told that, due to lack of funding, they would probably just look at closing the footpath. It was thought that residents could be asked to trim back their hedges and that a notice warning of the uneven ground could be displayed
- Gated road corner hedges: these are now overgrown. Councillor Hazelwood said this was already in hand.
- Dog bin: it was felt one was needed at the top of the village. The council will be responsible for purchasing this, but SDC would empty it, although it was unclear if there would be a charge. The council would need to notify Angela Lloyd about emptying.
- Footpath between the 1, The Green and private houses: along this path is an overgrown tree, which is interfering with the telephone cables. The field in question used to be owned by Thornfield, but apparently no longer is. Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had tried to trace the landowner before, but at the moment no-one seemed to own it. Councillor Saint suggested that if it interferes with the cable it is BT's responsibility to deal with it.
- Village Hall: the drop from the fire exits is too deep and requires a step. Also there is no direct disabled access outside to the back. The trees on the boundary need trimming. Councillor Hazelwood said the Village Hall was not the responsibility of the Council, but that she would pass this on to the Village Hall Committee.

Ms Vick also pointed out that she had a large Christmas tree in her garden on the boundary of the

village and she was happy for it to be decorated by the village at Christmas

*M16.27. Date of next meeting*

The next meeting was arranged for 23 November 2016, at 7.30 p.m.