**Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council Meeting**

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held on Zoom 6 May 2020 immediately following the AGM and APA at 7 p.m. (approx. 7.30 p.m.)

*M20.01. Apologies*

None.

*M20.02. Approval of minutes of last meeting*

Approved. Councillor Longleather reported that he had seeded the verges at Portobello, but that nothing had come up yet. Councillor Hazelwood reminded everyone that the green bin charges by SDC had been deferred until next year, due to COVID-19.

*M20.03. Matters arising*

*Allotments*: Councillors Hazelwood and Longleather reported that these were now up and running. Councillor Longleather praised the enthusiasm of Bob Field in strimming paths etc., so the allotments were looking good. The rabbit fencing has been put up and a temporary water supply has been arranged. The council is still waiting for Graham Coombs to sign the lease, on behalf of Grevayne. Councillor Barker offered to give a grant towards fitting a permanent water supply.

*Play area*: The play are is now up and ready for us and looking good but it is closed due the Copid 19 emergency.

*Climate change*: Work on this had not proceeded further yet, but Councillor Longleather asked whether it was possible to produce a quarterly newsletter updating the parish on ‘Green’ action it could take. Councillor Hazelwood felt she had enough to do at the moment dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, but suggested raising it at the next meeting.

*Co-opting a councillor*: There had been no interest so far, but Councillor Finlay suggested compiling a list of possible candidates for review and passing this round the council for comments. Possible candidates could then be approached.

*M20.04. Finance*

*Expenditure since last meeting:*  Approved

*Approval of Ken Dunn as the internal auditor*: Approved

*Approval of the accounts for the year 2019-2020:* Approved

*Approval of section 1 of the 19/20 Audit form:* Approved

*Approval of Section 2 of the 19/20 Audit form:* Approved

*Delegation of powers to the parish clerk:* in conjunction with the Chair. This was approved for the duration of the crisis.

*M20.05. Planning applications*

*New*

20/00931/LBC and 20/00930/FUL, Conversion of outbuildings to form one dwelling, for C. Longleather: No objections from the Parish Council.

*Approved*

*19/02785/FUL*, Chimneys; Second update to convert agricultural land to agricultural/equestrian.

*19/03510/FUL* Rowborough Filling station. Extension of shop and associated works. Councillor Finlay reported that he had met the new owners, who own 14 other sites between here and London. They hope to open at the beginning of June, probably just in its original layout at that stage, then add the extended shop once they are up and running.

*On-going*

*Pitstop*: The matter has been granted the right to go to a public enquiry. a further update from Ron Goodyear had been received that morning. Apparently, SDC made Cotswold Cars aware yesterday that they would ask for costs, and were asked by CC, not to spend any money on the inquiry (i.e. don’t put up any evidence). Today, however, they have asked PIMS (planning appeals) for and been granted a 2-month delay because they say they had a buyer lined up, but were prevented from selling because of COVID-19. They have agreed that within that 2 months they will either complete the sale or withdraw the appeal, although this does not commit them to withdrawing apparently. Ron says if they withdraw, the council will immediately press ahead with their enforcement. He also says his boss is particularly good at handling this type of prevarication and they have compiled a dossier on how they have tried to avoid complying, so will be prepared anyway.

*M20.06. Correspondence*

Clerks and Councils.

LCR magazine

Glasdon publicity

*M20.07. Council reports*

Councillor Barker reported that everything at the moment was geared towards COVID and public health. She thanked the village for donations towards the food bank in Shipston. She felt people were still reluctant to come forward for parcels. Referral is not necessary. Councillor Longleather commented that the village had pledges towards a hardship fund, but that the council were unsure about how this could be used, again as people were unwilling to admit they needed help.

*M20.08. AOB:*

None

*M20.10. Date of next meeting*

The date for the next meeting was tentatively set for 5 August, in whatever format is appropriate at the time.