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

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 15 January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

*M19.46. Apologies*

Apologie were received from Councillor Finlay.

*M19.47. Approval of minutes of last meeting*

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, with some amendments from Councillor Longleather.

*M19.48. Matters arising*

*Portobello crossroads:* These appear to be working well, although Councillor Longleather felt this was a good opportunity to plant the verges with wildflowers; he agreed to arrange this. The council were disappointed not to have received a response from WCC highways regarding amending the speed limit from the lights to the border to 50 mph.

*Allotments*: See Appendix 1 from a barrister friend of Councillor Hazelwood. Paul Bellew has stated that the original agreement discussed agreed a price for the building land only and the allotments/orchard area was handed over FOC to allow access for the builders, on the understanding that it would be handed over to the council after completion.

*Play area*: Councillor Hazelwood reported that there will still be football nets to buy.

*Climate change*: Councillor Longleather suggested a quarterly Newsletter might be useful, advising where things could be recycled, for example, or suggesting other ways of reducing our carbon footprint. He asked Councillor Barker what SDC were doing. She reported that SDC had declared a climate emergency, but there was more work to be done on their strategy; locating ECPs was proving a problem as the electricity supply was often insufficient. Work was also being done on planning and water control. She reported that areas that the council could affect at the moment were: recycling, biodiversity, green waste (although a charge will be made from 01/04/20). SPC had examined the possibility of charging points on the village hall, but it was found to be very expensive.

*Co-opting a councillor*: This is in abeyance at the moment as there had been little interest expressed.

*M19.49. Finance*

*Expenditure since last meeting:*  As the expenditure sheet was not available, it was agreed that she would email it out when she got home.

*Precept setting:* Councillor Longleather suggested raising the precept to £5500, but it was felt that there was insufficient time to discuss the figures here, so a meeting was arranged at the Clerk’s house for 21 Jan. Councillor Hazelwood reported that she had examined the possibility of the PC taking over the council grass-cutting and that this would give the council an extra £633.26 per annum. The council contract had 2 years to run and a decision was needed immediately. She suggested the council wait for the 2 years to expire and in the meantime get quotes from contractors to see if this move would be feasible.

*M19.50. Planning applications*

*New*

19/02785/FUL, Chimneys; Update to convert agricultural land to agricultural/equestrian.

Rectory Farm: conversion of dutch barn to domestic dwelling. The council felt the appearance was not good, but there was no valid reason to refuse.

*On-going*

Pitstop: The matter is still under appeal. The owner had asked the council to withdraw the enforcement notice as he wished to sell the property, but the enforcement office had refused.

*M19.51. Correspondence*

Clerks and Councils.

*M19.52. Council reports*

Councillor Barker reported that a precept increase of 3% was likely on the part of SDC. She also reported that Wellesbourne airport was possibly going to be subject to a CPO, but this was still being negotiated; there was no possibility of housing there. Shipston Medical Centre will be moving to the Ellen Badger site, together with a Wellbeing Centre.

*M19.53. AOB:*

Councillor hazelwood reported that there was a dead ash tree in the Tuer; she agreed to notify the owner.

*M19.54. Date of next meeting*

The next meeting was set for 6 May at 7 p.m., to include AGM, APA, and the ordinary meeting.