

Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held in the village hall on 8 May 2017 at 7.15 p.m.

M17.09. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Barker

M17.10. Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January were read and approved

M17.11. Matters arising

Portobello crossroads There is no further update to this although it was possible that work would commence within the next 3 months

Harolds Orchard The re-siting of the footpath has now been agreed; Highways have adopted the existing road. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to contact Grevayne and find out if any further progress was imminent.

M17.12. Finance

(a) Accounts since last meeting

The account since the last meeting were examined and approved

(b) Approval of Annual accounts

The annual accounts were examined and approved. Councillor Longleather asked whether the previous years could be included for comparison. The clerk said a separate set could be done in this way, but could not be submitted with the audit, as they had not been requested and under new rules, any unsolicited material submitted would be charged.

(c) Appointment of Kenneth Dunn as internal auditor

The appointment of Ken Dunn as the internal auditor was approved.

(d) Approval and signing of Section 1 of the Annual Audit form

Section 1 was approved and signed

(e) Approval and signing of Section 2 of the Annual Audit form

Section 2 was approved and signed

M17.13. Planning applications

Submitted

16/03901/FUL, Pitstop café, Change of use and groundworks

17/00452/FUL Court Lodge, Loft conversion

17/00454/LBC Court Lodge, Loft conversion (amended 15/3/17)

Approved

16_04000_LBC, Court Lodge, Orangery

16/02935/LBC Town Farm, amended rear extension
16/02934/FUL Town Farm
16_03717_FUL, 7 The Sharries, driveway
17/00275/TREE The Barn

Refused

17_00445_LBP, Julia Hunter-Anderson, Lawful development consent

16/03901/FUL, Pitstop café, Change of use and groundworks—Councillor Hazelwood had attended the Committee meeting where this was discussed. The committee's main objection seemed to be with regard to the appearance of the site. The clerk had contacted the enforcement officer for an update but was told that, as the applicant had expressed the intention to appeal, no further action could be taken until October, although no appeal had yet been lodged. Councillor Hazelwood had contacted the agent, who informed her that he would be re-applying shortly, amending the plans with regards the fencing, to a more rural type. He also intended to address the other issues raised at committee. They also intend to appeal, but he had also advised his client to put the property on the market as this might help an appeal.

M17.14. Correspondence

Assorted emails, all forwarded.

Grants for play areas – to be considered later

Shipston police reports – There had been a marked increase in thefts from sheds. Councillor Balchin had heard of the use of drones by thieves in order to 'case' a farm beforehand.

M17.15. AOB

Emergency committee It was felt that, due to ill-health and age the emergency committee needed to look for some younger members. They would need a good knowledge of the village and organizational skills. It was decided that this should be considered at a later meeting.

Cottage Farm Court Councillor Longleather reported that there had been complaints from residents about vehicles parking on the verge outside and making a mess there. Residents had tried various remedial work, but it was suggested that had core, with a gravel top-dressing would be best. Councillor Hazelwood proposed that the council pay for the gravel top-dressing and this was approved. It was noted that No. 1 appeared to have claimed the verge as part of their property and put stones along. However, the legality of this ownership was a subject of doubt.

Hedgehogs Owing to the increased numbers of Hedgehogs appearing in the village there had been a request for signage. However, it was not felt that it warranted the expenditure.

Noticeboards Councillor Hazelwood felt that signs were needed for the noticeboards and agreed to obtain some quotes.

Parking Councillor Longleather had noted vehicles parking on the pavements and blocking them. The problems of parking on the bend were noted and Councillor Hazelwood suggested use of the slip system, whereby a note would be put under offending vehicle wipers. And if this did not help then perhaps the police would need to be informed.

M17.16. Council reports.

None

M17.17. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 23 August 2017 at 7.30 p.m.