**Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council Agenda**

A meeting of Stretton-on-Fosse Parish Council was held on Tuesday 31 May 2021 at 7.15 p.m. in the village hall

**Present: Isobel Hazelwood (Chair), Penny White (Vice-chair), Chris Longleather, Keith Finlay, Jon Holdback, Richard Eedle, Sue Finlay (Clerk)**

*M21.28. Apologies:* received from Councillor Jo Barker

*M21.29. Approval of minutes of last meeting:* The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

*M21.30. Matters arising*

*Allotments:* Councillor Hazelwood reported that two tenants had been given notice for failing to maintain their allotment, and the plot had been re-allocated*.* Councillor Longleather felt that the orchard, which forms part of the allotments needed regular maintenance, with perhaps a rota of allotment holders mowing on a regular basis.

*Climate change and Stretton Sustainability Initiative (Chris)*: A second circular had been distributed featuring waste and a car-share scheme launch, but the latter had got off to a slow start. It had been agreed that EV chargers would be fitted t o the village hall, at a cost of £5345, for which a grant of £5000 had been obtained, the remainder to be covered by the Milk/apple juice funds. The units will charge by credit card, with all profits going to the village hall. At the end of 3 years, the units will require a £120 annual service, against which could be offset the profits on the electricity sale The Parish Council will cover any shortfall on this. Wifi will be needed to run the system and it was hoped that this would be installed shortly.

Councillor Longleather thanked Tony Fuller for his work setting up a soft plastic waste collection system with the Co-op. A bin will be installed by the bus stop for soft plastic waste, which will be collected when full by the Co-op on one of their delivery rounds. It was also hoped to set up something similar for light bulbs and batteries.

 On the 17th October the SSI will be holding a Food Fair and Sustainability show in the village hall. Ecofill will have a stall, so people can take containers and have them filled with a range of commodities. There will also be stalls with local food suppliers. There will be a questionnaire to help judge support in the village for things such as the suggested ‘Library of Things’ (surplus/occasional-use equipment that can be shared by the community). It is particularly hoped to encourage children to join in with SSI actions. The event will be free, but funds will need to be raised by means of a raffle, etc. The PC will underwrite the event.

 It was noted that similar events are running in Ilmington (18/09/21) and Cherington/Stourton (04/09/21), who are running a repair shop and clothes swap event.

*Laptop and Microsoft Office for Parish Council:*  the Chair and clerk reported that this was now up and running. It was decided to remain with Namesco and Moonfruit as suppliers of the web address and as web host

*Public footpaths:* Mr Wadham had mown the path across his property now and made some attempt at widening the path by the hedge; the main problem was that the fencing had been erected too close to the hedge. He has said the stile needing repair is not his responsibility and it is thought this might belong to David Sipthorp. (IH to contact?)

 A request had been received that the Hoopers lane bridleway be cleared as it is almost impassable now. (IH to ask Dave/Rod to deal with)

Thanks were given to Richard West for his work on maintaining the village footpaths.

*M21.31. Planning applications*

*New*

21/02533/COUO, Unit 19B, Ditchford Farm, GL56 9RD, for Lord Willoghby de Broke, Change of use from office to residential apartment – Notification for prior approval only and not a formal planning application. It was agreed that Councillors White and Eedle would visit the site and report back to the council before discussion of a response.

*On-going*

*Pitstop*: As Mr Guest has removed the cars, SDC planning enforcement have decided not to pursue this any further. I understand from the garage owners that the lease has been taken on by a Mr Sudo, who says he intends to submit another planning application.

21/00525/LBC, Home Farm Main Street Stretton-On-Fosse GL56 9SA, conversion of outbuildings

21/*01239/FUL,* The Chimneys, conversion of stable block to apartments (refused)

*21/02439/TREE,* Warren House, reduction in height of leylandii. The Council agreed to support this as the trees are becoming overwhelming now.

*M21/32: Finance*

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| Date | Supplier | Item | Income | Outgoings | Balence |
| 17/05/2021 | ICO | Subscription |  | 35.00 | 10234.08 |
| 19/05/2021 | WRHA | Donations | 900.00 |  | 11134.08 |
| 22/05/2021 | Stan Dawes | Grass 24/03, 7/04, 21/04, 5/05, 19/05 | 600.00 | 10534.08 |
| 26/05/2021 | Ken Dunn | Internal audit |  | 55.00 | 10479.08 |
| 27/05/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & ex. |  | 144.40 | 10334.68 |
| 09/06/2021 | Stretton Village Hall | Hire of hall |  | 5.00 | 10329.68 |
| 24/06/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & ex. |  | 114.68 | 10215.00 |
| 26/07/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & ex. |  | 114.68 | 10100.32 |
| 26/08/2021 | Sue Finlay | Clerks salary & exp. |  | 125.35 | 9974.97 |

*M21/33:* Queen’s Jubilee, June 2022: Friday 3 June 2022. Councillor Finlay pointed out that last Jubilee the Council purchased coins and cups for the children. It will be financed by the PC, so it was agreed to review this at the precept meeting. Councillor Hazelwood agreed to raise it with the VHC at the next meeting. Councillor Eedle suggested combining it with Strettfest. It was felt that should bands/marquees, etc need to be hired, this would need to be taken in hand soon, due to high demand.

*M21/34:* *Request for speed limit on Gated Road:*  a request had been received for a speed limit to be imposed on the gated road. The council had taken advice on this and in view of the difficulty in monitoring speed and enforcing a limit felt it was impractical (IH to respond to RS)

*M21.35 Correspondence*

Clerks and Councils.

LCR magazine

Electric charging points

*M21.36. Council reports:* In her absence Councillor Barker had submitted a brief report. She was concerned by the lack of action on problems by the Highways department and would tackle this on her return from holiday.

*Ellen Badger*: There was still a ‘bed review’ being undertaken and beds are to be transferred locally (Stratford, Leamington) until the first stage is complete. The hospital will be demolished first. Councillor Longleather felt more detail was needed. It was suggested that Rachel Vial be contacted at SMC, as they have printouts on the plan. (IH?)

*M21.37. AOB:*

Signage on roads unsuitable for HGVs in the village. Owing to the tendency of Sat Navs to direct lorries down unsuitable roads/tracks in the village it was felt that signage should be put in place (IH to contact Highways?)

Councillor Longleather felt an update was needed on the state of play re: broadband in the village (JH to contact Andy Rutley?)

*M21.38. Date of next meeting*

9 November 2021 at 7.15 p.m, Village Hall