

# Stretton under Fosse Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7:45pm

In The Village Hall of Stretton under Fosse

**Present** Mr T Smith (Chairman), Mrs S Hartshorn, Mark Daniell, Jenny Ogden, Nigel Jennett (Councillors); Kiley Brown (Clerk); Adrian Warwick (County Councillor) and Katie Lee and Roland Hall (members of the public)

1. **a Declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda** – None received
- b Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests** – None received
- c Requests for dispensation as appropriate** – None received
2. **Public Participation Session, apologies and record of those in attendance** – Nothing was raised by the public
3. **News from Rugby Borough Council (RBC)**

The Draft Local Plan will be submitted to the Government inspector on the 14th July, meanwhile there are speculative developers waiting in the wings.

#### 4. **To Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed to be a true account of all three meetings held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, they were approved and signed off by the Chairman Terry Smith.

#### 5. **To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**

- The Parish Councillors welcomed Nigel Jennett to his first meeting as Parish Councillor
- Consultation on Localism – a response was submitted on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June according to the deadline; thank you to the Parish Councillors for their help and input into this response
- Commemorating the Great War – it was agreed that we will join with Brinklow PC in their event at the Motte Bailey Castle site. Closer to the date we will help with the organisation and marketing of the event. The Brinklow Scouts have been asked to join in this event which was agreed in principle
- Speed signs – two quotes were distributed. There was an offer of information from Adrian Warwick who has already raised this issue with the Highways Agency and has agreement with Jo Edwards, Principal Road Safety Officer, to meet on site to discuss the issue further. We will share the current information we have and organise a meeting to discuss options for the village
- During the discussion about traffic calming measures it was noted that signs into the village have been cleaned and foliage cut back; the Parish Council wishes to thank Terry Hartshorn
- Website – quotes were distributed and it was agreed that we would gather more information from HugoFox to determine if it would suit our needs before proceeding
- Fosse Way signage – Jenny will look into this for us and contact Daniel Perkins to have the sign moved (on the advice of Adrian Warwick)

#### 6. **Correspondence**

**Email – Over 40 emails were distributed; the following messages were discussed at the meeting:**

- Nigel attended the Mayor's Civic Service on Sunday 25th June 2017. He reported that the Parish Councils were underrepresented but the service was very good and welcoming
- Plunkett Foundation Call to action – It was decided to take no further action
- Important Questionnaire for Town and Parish Council's from NALC – it was agreed that Terry would respond to this survey before the deadline
- Commission on the Future of Localism – it was confirmed that we would not attend
- Warwickshire County Council Children's Centres Public Consultation – this was received just prior to the meeting and it was agreed that it would be distributed via email and Facebook

- Promoting assistive technology, mobile resource seeking public engagement opportunities – this was considered, but it was agreed that we did not currently have any events or programmes that it would be appropriate to invite the service to be demonstrated at
- Temporary Road closure, B4428 – this was received just prior to the meeting and it was agreed that it would be distributed via email and Facebook

#### **Facebook:**

- 6-10<sup>th</sup> June: A member of the Green Lane Association contacted the Parish Council several times to raise concerns about the blockage to the gate entrance of Road E2048 (Ann's Lane)
  - Comments from the public included:
    - Thanks to the landowner for blocking the entrance to make it safe for walkers
    - The landowner has the support of the public for the actions taken
    - The field looks to have medieval ridge and furrow marks which should be preserved and which would be at risk if motor vehicles used the track
    - It doesn't link up with any other track, as such, the public see no reason for it to be opened up
    - Importantly too, the gates must be kept locked and blocked to deter travellers from entering and laying waste to the field as they did two years ago
    - Also, a concern was raised by a member of the public about a hedgerow at the top end of the Fosse entrance that had been cut down when the Green Lane Association had accessed the road in early June; this was recognised as poor practice
  - The Parish Council noted the blockage but felt that it was a matter for the land owner
  - The council also noted the strong feeling in the village that access to the field should be denied to vehicular traffic to prevent a recurrence of the major vandalism problems which had occurred, requiring extensive clearing up of fly tipping, general rubbish and sewage by village volunteers
  - It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek to get the road downgraded to a bridle path to make it inaccessible to public vehicles
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June: A member of the Green Lane association informed the Parish Council that a street sign had been "removed/stolen" from Ann's Lane near the telephone box side entrance
  - This was addressed but none of the people present could confirm that any signs that were placed by the Highways Agency had been removed

#### **7. New and current planning applications**

- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Planning permission for Lake View was distributed and the response received from the Parish Councillors was that we were happy with this and did not need to send a formal response

#### **8. Finance – including an update of the accounts**

- Five cheques were signed according to the accounts
- Information was received just prior to the meeting which require the accounts statement to be updated post meeting – this will be circulated via email and signed off (along with another check for a late invoice received) by the Chairman at a later date that will be arranged

#### **9. Any other Business**

- The two notices of road closures were reviewed once again and concern was given about the effect on local businesses. It was confirmed these communications would be sent out as soon as possible when they were received by the Parish Council through all of the various channels
- Members of the public added their details to the email distribution list
- Adrian Warwick asked the Parish Councillors what feedback and involvement we would like – it was agreed that we would prefer information that was local to us. Adrian clarified that this would mostly relate to the following:
  - School provision in growing areas
  - Traffic calming measures through the villages
  - The Leicester Road, Churchover development – look for R17/0011 (Ash Tree Farm) on RBC website

#### **10. Items for the next meeting – None**

#### **11. Date of the next meeting – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 @ 7:45pm in the Stretton under Fosse Village Hall**