

Stretton under Fosse Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 7:45pm

In The Village Hall of Stretton under Fosse

Present Terry Smith (Chairman), Sue Hartshorn, Mark Daniell, Nigel Jennett, Jenny Ogden (Parish Councillors); Kiley Brown (Clerk); Adrian Warwick (County Councillor); Dale Aston, Jess Aston, Terry Barnsley and Ben Reeve (members of the public)

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Tony Gillias (Rugby Borough Councillor)
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations** – None received
- 3. Approve Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes were agreed to be a true account, were approved and signed by the Chairman Terry Smith

4. Public Participation Session, apologies and record of those in attendance

Dale Aston gave an update on the field they've recently purchased and the work that is being undertaken. It requires some extensive maintenance which they are currently carrying out ahead of fencing/making the area suitable for livestock. To do this they need to re-stone the track to enable regular access without putting mud on the highway, remove the bramble to get back to the original hedge line enabling ditches to be cleaned, and erect signs and stock fencing. There is also a 'ramshackle' barn adjacent to the track – in the interest of health and safety they have decided to fence this off while they consider their options. Historically, this land was cut off by the M6 motorway many years ago and as such was somewhat of an appendix to previous farmer holding which is why it wasn't properly cared for and recently fell into disrepair. They want to restore the field and reinstate the name of the field – Rampress – to keep the history of the area.

He added that the dog faeces left on the property was a concern going forward for them as they have plans to return the field to agricultural use. In order to accommodate sheep on the field they will be fencing the bridleway, insisting walkers/riders keep to the right of way and enforcing the 1953 Protection of Livestock Act to protect their animals.

The Parish Councillors also returned with concerns and comments about the recurring fly tipping and offered support where available to help reduce this problem. There was a discussion about the drains on the land and who should be maintaining these. This will be investigated further as we were unsure without checking.

- 5. News from Rugby Borough Council (RBC)** – Tony Gillias was attending the Pailton meeting and Adrian Warwick reported the following from Warwickshire County Council:
 - Street signs are a continuing issue and how they are planning to go about correcting these. He'll keep the Parish Council updated as he has more information
 - The Magna Park development is still being reviewed – Harborough District approved it and then the full council was called and rejected the plans on the 11th of January. There could be an appeal and a revised application, but we're unsure and we'll be kept informed of any developments

6. To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

Defibrillator meeting update – We have several options for delivery of this session. The Parish Councillors wants to know exactly what qualifications each provider has (if any), what costs would be involved, do they have their own equipment, and what dates they would be available. This information will need to be sought from all three available options to be reported at the next Parish Council meeting when a date should be set for the training to take place.

1. Kevin Garvey is the Area Sales Manager for Cardiac Science (the company we purchased the unit from). He said he could possibly run a session for us or he may try to source someone from West Midlands Ambulance Service.

2. Charlotte Wooliscroft is a Teacher at Lawrence Sheriff School who we've been advised can run this session for us and give advice and guidance. She has been contacted and is happy to run a session and available in the evenings on 23rd, 24th and 25th February.
3. Another local provider that was known to the Parish Council was mentioned and further information would be sought

While discussing the training session the question about whether there was a maintenance contract on the defibrillator was also raised. It was agreed that we would contact Mike Frith (previous Clerk) to ask if this was done by ourselves, through a contract, or not at all. It was also agreed that we would ask Kevin Garvey about this. The manual was referred to and it states that it should be done 'periodically' but it isn't clear what this is defined as and we need clarification.

Neighbourhood planning meeting

- Provisional date booked 19th March 7:30pm to be held in the Village Hall – communicate date widely
- The invitation/ballot needs to be updated and finalised ready for printing
- A projector needs to be sourced – please let us know if you have access to one or have sourced one
- Presentation PowerPoint slides need to be updated for the meeting

Fly tipping was once again reported to Rugby Borough Council on the verge – this was another incident and the previous case was cleared but it will be reported again

7. Correspondence

Email – Over 40 emails were distributed and the following were discussed:

- We had several responses to the Christmas letter – it was well received and we were encouraged to continue communications like this when the need arises
- We've been asked if the Litter Pick date can be set early and advertised. A comment was made that last year this happened too late and verges had grown over, making it difficult to collect the litter – 10th of March Sue will report this to Liz for Round the Revel 10am I will contact the Council to collect on Monday Confirm by email by the end of this week

Facebook

- A member of the public asked about access to the Village Hall to make a booking for a birthday party – they were forwarded contact details for the Village Hall Committee
- Adam Collins of the Green Lane Association – contacted the Parish Council via Facebook over concerns about the trees being cut back and the surfacing of the road. All areas were addressed and the Parish Council is investigating this however they've been reminded that it is private land and they were referred to the land owners directly

Post – An update to the Electoral register was received

8. New and current planning applications – None received

9. Finance – including an update of the accounts

- Transparency Funding application was approved for the full amount – £2,523.00 – this should appear in the next bank statement
- Draft budget and precept was approved and set at £3,450 which is in line with 3% cost of living increases
- There was one cheque to sign
- The accounts were agreed and signed off by the Chairman

10. Items for the next meeting

- Litter pick update – date booked for Saturday, 10th March 2018
- Finalise any plan Neighbourhood plan meeting – review presentation
- Defibrillator session update – sourcing training provider

11. Date of the next meeting – 12th March @ 7:45pm in the Village Hall