

# Stretton under Fosse Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7:45pm

In The Village Hall of Stretton under Fosse

**Present** Terry Smith (Chairman), Sue Hartshorn, Mark Daniell, Nigel Jennett (Councillors); Kiley Brown (Clerk); and Ben Reeve (member of the public)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Jenny Ogden (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**
  - Ben Reeve attended in order to report back to Jenny
5. **News from Rugby Borough Council (RBC)**
  - At present the main issue around Fosse is the expansion of Magna Park that is up for discussion in November at Harborough Planning Committee
6. **To Report on Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting**
  - **Improving the agenda** – new format was welcomed but it was thought that we might add more specific items in areas like ‘Correspondence’ or ‘Items for the next meeting’. This can be done, but it was agreed that the Agenda wouldn’t be posted in the village, Facebook or via the distribution list until the week before the meeting to allow for more information to be added.
  - **Website and transparency** (including funding update) – Kiley needs to finalise this with John Crossling and address some queries before getting sign off from Parish Councillors and submitting
  - **Neighbourhood plan**
    - Sue shared the options that were available around funding, including the deadlines for applications and for spending the money.
    - Everyone agreed it would be good to book a consultant in to review our situation and consider whether it is something that needs to be done for our area. All of the information gathered will be taken into account and vote will take place at a future Parish Council meeting. Sue will check availability and organise this meeting.
    - Concerns were raised that Neighbourhood planning should not be undertaken lightly and it may be expensive so we need to be sure we want to do it. Terry shared information regarding the process which included (among other things) coordinating with planning authority, proper consultation, complex process, consultation questionnaire. Terry will share this information by email for further consideration. It was noted, this information had no costs attached and it would be good to have some research regarding the money that might be spent over the period of time the planning is done.
    - It was decided that we should ask Brinklow Parish Council if they are doing this at the moment and how the process is going. We could contact Clerks from surrounding Parish Councils that have Neighbourhood plans to ask their opinions as well.
    - An alternative suggestion was made that, if we choose not to do a full Neighbourhood Plan, it might be worth updating the Parish Plan. It could include a survey to find out the opinions of the Parish so that we can use the information to make decisions on planning in the future.
  - **Use of our facilities in an emergency** – Thelma has replied and is happy for me to share her details; when/if a meeting is organised she’ll let us know in case we can also attend
  - **Street lights out** – This has been reported and we are waiting to hear back

- **Any issues with the road resurfacing** – all issues will be followed up by Kiley
  - The clunking noise from the ironworks has been resolved
  - The materials that had been left were collected
  - The pavements that were on house walls is still being chased by Kiley
  - Water hydrant near the phone box is leaking – Kiley to report this to Severn Trent
- What are we doing with the signs at the end of the village
  - Kiley donated a bike which Sue has collected – TBC what will be done with this
  - Sue spoke to Chris Lee and asked advice about flowers and greenery. Chris raised a concern over who would be responsible for maintaining anything that is done at that end of the village
  - Kiley to report a bent sign at the end of the village

## 7. Correspondence

**Email – Over 35 emails were distributed; the following messages were discussed at the meeting:**

**Concerns over parking on the pavements** – was raised by a member of the public as the pavements are being used for parking.

- The Parish Council will put out a communication to remind people to park on the road and not the pavement or the verges – Kiley to draft and sign off with the Parish Councillors before distribution

### Facebook

- Adam Collins of the Green Lane Association was in contact on Facebook to discuss the issues with access to Ann's Lane. The Parish Council thanked him for informing us of the updated situation and his intended actions and asked him to continue to liaise with the landowner directly.

### Post

- **Pensions Regulator** – forms were completed and confirmed
- **Winter Gritting Routes** – this catalogue was sent to the clerk, an online copy is being sought to share more widely with the village via email and Facebook

## 8. New and current planning applications – None received

## 9. Finance – including an update of the accounts

- Three cheques were signed according to the accounts
- An update was approved and signed by Chairman Terry Smith – comments were made about the separate accounts and this will be updated in future statements with the names to 'match' the statements to be clearer in the future.

## 10. Items for the next meeting

- Fly tipping needs to be reported to Rugby Borough Council on the verge
- Leaking hydrant near the phone box needs to be reported
- Update information on the Neighbourhood plan progress and possible vote to proceed
- Update about parking on roads

## 11. Date of the next meeting – Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7:45pm in the Village Hall