

Minutes of the parish council meeting of Stretton-under-Fosse Parish Council
Held on 15th January 2024 at 7.00pm at Stretton-under-Fosse Village Hall

Cllrs present: Cllr Hartshorn, Cllr Daniell, Cllr Ogden

In attendance: , , Borough Cllr Gillias and Tracie Ball, Clerk.

48. Apologies: to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Cllr Smith and County Cllr Warwick Apologies accepted

49. Public participation:

No residents present

Session closed 19:05

50. Declarations of interest

50.1 To declare any personal interests or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and their nature.

None

50.2 To receive, consider and approve any requests for dispensation relating to Agenda items.

None

51. Co-option – To discuss and consider co-option of a prospective councillor, to receive any expressions of interest and if appropriate, vote and co-opt a councillor.

None

52. Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 13th November having not been read and circulated be deferred to next meeting.

53. Information items: to consider and discuss items for information and comment if appropriate:

53.1 County Councillor report

None

53.2 Borough Councillor report

Local Government Reorganisation in Warwickshire is being considered at both Council and Borough Council level, more details to follow.

Fraser Group development has been approved, vehicle movements will be monitored. Concerns raised that various conditions may not been overseen fully.

Magna Park – There is due to be new island, and the last two buildings are believed to be occupied. HGVs are to follow main highways only.

Flooding issues are being monitored, nothing raised for Stretton-Under-Fosse

54. Finance

54.1 To approve accounts for payment.

	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Cheque no</u>
15/01/2025	HMRC	Salary Oct 24 to Jan 25	£198.00	716
15/01/2025	L Trainer	Back pay	£32.32	717
15/01/2025	T Ball	Salary Oct 24 to Jan 25 + Back Pay	£824.40	718
15/01/2025				

RESOLVED: To confirm payment of outstanding invoice, Proposed Cllr Ogden, Second Cllr Hartshorn unanimous

54.2 Finance update for approval, to include bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: Defer as no bank statements are available

54.3 To note payments received.

None Noted

54.4 Update regarding Lloyds Bank account.

Correspondence address not yet changed - . ACTION Clerk to chase

54.5 To agree 2025-26 budget requirements

Councillors discussed and agreed a precept demand. Please see appendix 1

RESOLVED: To agree 2025-26 Budget and Precept demand, Proposed Cllr Hartshorn, Second Cllr Daniell unanimous

55. Adoption of Policies; review and adoption policies. –

ACTION Councillors and Clerk to consider all policies and advise if they need reviewing

56. Planning applications and other statutory and non-statutory consultations:

None

57. Street lighting: Progress report and update and decide any actions as appropriate.

Defer until March meeting.

58. Community Engagement - Improve engagement with local businesses, to build a stronger community in the village. To discuss the way forward and make any decisions as necessary.

Defer until March meeting.

59. Traffic Issues - To consider the parking problems and other traffic issues in the village and consider the how to tackle any issues.

Defer until contact establish with Police.

60. Litter Pick – To agree a date and responsibilities for the next litter pick in March

Date agreed Saturday 15th March - **ACTION Councillor Hartshorn will contact RBC to collect bags. Clerk to source addition litter pickers.**

61. Matters relating to the parish from Councillors and Clerk – to consider/decide matters relating to each as required.

61.1 Any other matter arising.

None

62. Future Agenda Items

Replacement of Millenium Plaque on tree at Malt Kiln Farm. Cllr Daniell will provide a mount if the plaque is supplied.

63. Parish Council Communications (information for sharing) - To receive suggestions for items for the Parish Council website and Facebook Page, and newsletter.

On going.

64. Date of Next Meetings – To confirm Wednesday 12th March 2025 for the for the next regular meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall at 7:00pm.-

If an interim meeting is required, an agenda will be sent to Councillors and be put on the website and in the Parish noticeboard three clear days before the meeting is held.

65. Confidential matters: to consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for discussions and decisions in relation to either Personnel matters or Legal matters.

None

Meeting Closed – 8:25pm

Signed.....(chair)

Date.....

At the Parish Council meeting held on 15th January 2025, the Parish Council approved a precept of £10,210. This equates to an increase of £12.70 per year for a Band D property.

Councillors worked hard to keep the precept as low as possible; however, two significant factors made this particularly challenging:

- Introduction of a new charge from Rugby Borough Council for the emptying of bins not on their land – this is £3 per bin per week.
- Upgrading existing street lighting.
- Salary and cost increase for the Clerk.

What is the Parish Council Precept?

The Parish Council Precept is the main income source for the Parish Council, included in your Council Tax bill. Each year, the Parish Council decides the amount needed for services, community facilities, and local projects, and submits it to Warwick District Council, which adds it to the Council Tax charges.

Currently there is no cap on the amount that Parish Councils can raise via their precept (Borough Councils and County Councils are capped).

Calculation of the Precept

The Parish Council methodically examines its budgetary needs for the forthcoming financial year, considering the following factors:

- Costs associated with the operation and upkeep of local services, such as the playing field and public spaces.
- Planned enhancements or new initiatives.
- Contingency funds allocated for unforeseen expenditures.

Upon finalising the total budget, this amount is then divided by the Council Tax Base.

What is the Council Tax Base?

The Council Tax Base represents the number of taxable households in the Parish, adjusted for example:

- Discounts (e.g., single-person households)
- Exemptions (e.g., new empty homes, student accommodations etc)
- Differences in Council Tax banding

The result is a figure that represents the 'effective number of properties' in the Parish for tax purposes. By dividing the total precept by the Council Tax Base, the Parish Council determines the amount each household will contribute.

Why is the Precept Important?

The precept allows the Parish Council to:

- Provide services that address local needs.
- Finance enhancements in the community.
- Preserve and manage communal assets.

How Does It Affect Residents? The Parish Council Precept appears as part of the annual Council Tax bill for residents. The amount may vary slightly depending on the property's Council Tax band, and the contribution supports services and facilities for the local community.

If you have questions about the precept or how it is used, please email the clerk at

Expenditure		25/26
SALARIES - STAFF	£2,450.00	£3,000.00
STREETLIGHTS	£4,780.00	£5,000.00
ADMINISTRATION	£890.00	£1,200.00
EQUIPMENT	£600.00	£850.00
PC GRANTS + DONATIONS	£160.00	£160.00
Total Expenditure	£8,880.00	£10,210.00
	24/25	25/26
Precept	£8,800.00	£10,210.00
Tax Base	£96.00	£97.052
Band D	£95.50	£105.20
Precept Increase	£1,330.00	
Band D Inc	£12.70	Per annum