

# Stretton under Fosse Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

Held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at 7:45pm

In The Village Hall of Stretton under Fosse

**Present** Mr T Smith (Chairman), Mrs S Hartshorn, Mark Daniell, Nigel Jennett (Councillors); Kiley Brown (Clerk); Adrian Warwick (County Councillor) and Peter Wallace, Thelma Tredwell, Roland Hall and Adam Collins (members of the public)

**Apologies** Jenny Ogden (Councillor)

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

**Poor Piece Charity:** in reviewing paperwork, the Parish Council became aware that the deadline for appointing Trustees to the Charity had passed in March 2017 and invited the current Trustees to the meeting. They were all in attendance. Peter Wallace gave an update of the Charity before the Parish Council reappointed two Trustees to the Charity – Peter Wallace and Thelma Tredwell. This will be reviewed in accordance with the agreement between the Charity and the Parish Council in four years' time – August 2021.

**Update from Poor Piece Charity:** In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century a field on the Fosse was left for the village for the villagers to collect timber. It was deforested many years ago but did have some allotments and cricket grounds on it in the past 50 years. These both diminished and it was rented to farmers. Eventually it was agreed that the land would be sold as it would be more profitable than renting the land and it was valued and sold to the Fields farm. An account is held at the Co-op the Trustees have kept an eye on the interest and income generated from the investment. It was difficult to decide what to do with the money as it was left for the villagers. It was decided that the money is distributed in small amounts at Christmas time – non-married women over 60 and all men and women over 65 in the village receive the contributions from the charity each year. Trustees are not eligible for the money contributions from the charity. The charity has also agreed that if the village needs support they would consider this. For example, if the Village Hall fell into disrepair they would help with this. In the past they've also supported individuals like Holly when she attended the Special Olympics in 2014.

The Trustees addressed two questions

1. They were asked about how sustainable this model was if the interest on the account doesn't match inflation. This is a concern but they are considering it going forward. Other factors like the population of the village also need to be taken into account.
2. They were asked whether they had sought financial advice and responded positively. At the moment they are still considering other options for increasing the income but it is currently being running well and being managed well.

The Parish Councillors were happy to hear this positive report and commented on a job well done by the Charity.

**Adam Collins attended as a representative of the Green Lane Association** He had some points that he wanted to address from the notes of the previous meeting:

- He wanted to clarify on the point about the hedge that it wasn't The Green Lane Association
- He also commented that in order for us to have the road re-classified as a bridleway it we would need to be able to provide information about historical usage
- The blockage that is at the gate to the road from the field is against the law and he wanted to know what we were doing to address the issue
  - The Parish Councillors responded directly to say that the maintenance of the road was not the responsibility of the Village or the Parish Council – as such they should be contacting the Highways team and the County Council directly for the maintenance issue

- The Parish Council further explained that our interest in the road and actions towards the reclassification were on behalf of the villagers who have raised concerns about its usage
- The villagers concerns were reiterated and include the desire for reducing the risk of fly tipping / vandalism / antisocial use of the road if the classification of the road is not changed
- He confirmed the Green Lane Association had replaced way markers that had been removed
  - The Parish Council confirmed that those signs should only be replaced by the Highways team and it should be reported but they should not be doing this themselves. This was supported by Adrian Warwick and he requested that it be reported in the future.

Adam made further notes about the Green Lane Association using the roads generally stating:

- They were not using the roads in a way that would cause undue harm
- It was not frequently used
- They suggested we could somehow allow access to their vehicles without allowing access to caravans
- Anti-social behaviour would be at a minimum
- The purpose of the group and the use of these country roads was for the benefit of people who enjoy driving in the country
- They want this to work for everyone including the local people
- Adam wanted to show he was trying to come to the source and discuss it with the Parish Council first but understands why we're not the correct source for this issue

Adrian Warwick gave an update from a recent visit that addressed the road and stated:

- The village is concerned about the Right of Way to protect the narrow lane and it was the feeling of the village that it be downgraded
- Meetings have been had with the Safety Team and it was agreed that it wasn't suitable and in safety terms it was seen to be unsafe – this is where he stands on this issue and he would support the village

### **3. News from Rugby Borough Council (RBC)**

- If there is anyone the PC feel that deserves a Civic Honour in the community, then the final day for nominations is 8th December
- The Boundary Commission are likely to be carrying out a review, will know more following a meeting on 5th September.

### **4. To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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

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

#### **Website**

- We're moving forward with HugoFox
- We will enquire as to whether they can do the transfer of the site for us initially and apply for Transparency funding accordingly

#### **Traffic calming**

- A meeting with Jo Edwards took place on 10<sup>th</sup> August – notes were distributed.
- There was a discussion about how this could link with the Neighbourhood Plan and if we could get the mobile enforcement unit to come for a few visits.
- We also discussed collecting data anonymously and asking a few follow up questions.

#### **Fosse Way signage**

- The Traffic and Road Safety team were contacted about the signage on Fosse Way – This has not yet been resolved and we'll follow up with Jo as well as check whether Jenny heard back.

#### **Ann's Lane classification**

- This is ongoing and Terry will continue to pursue it accordingly.

## **6. Correspondence**

**Email – Over 30 emails were distributed; the following messages were discussed at the meeting:**

- Neighbourhood Plans – The legal differences in the Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan will be distributed and we can investigate if this is needed
- Events – there were a series of events that we need to send RSVPs for by the end of the week
- Concern was sent by several people in the village about the recent break-in – we decided to look into the Neighbourhood watch again as above

**Facebook:**

- We had a query on Facebook about housing quota but when they were asked to clarify we didn't hear back – it would be explained in the Local Plan if information is needed

**7. New and current planning applications – None received**

## **8. Finance**

- Two cheques were signed according to the accounts
- An update was approved and signed by Chairman Terry Smith

## **9. Any other Business**

- Adrian Warwick noted that there was still Councillor seeding funding available and applications close soon

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

**11. Date of the next meeting – Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 7:45pm in the Village Hall**