

**Stretham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 at 7pm**  
**In the Parish Rooms, High Street, Stretham**

Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Parish (Vice Chair), Nuttall, Pearce, Murfitt, Prevett, Thake, Bright, the Clerk

**1. Apologies and approval of absences**

Councillor Taylor, Councillor Mackenzie, Councillor Speed

**2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations**

Councillor Roberts declared an interest in item 8 on the Agenda, in his capacity as Trustee of the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust.

**3. To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 are a correct record**

The Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 are an accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor Parish and seconded by Councillor Pearce.

**4. To receive an update on the progress of actions from the last meeting of Stretham Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The Councillors received a full update on tasks completed since the last meeting. All correspondence and planning applications responded to.

**5. Public participation**

There were no public in attendance.

**6. To consider planning applications**

- 16/00611/OUM – Meadow Farm, Fieldside – amendment

The Councillors agreed that the amendment does not change the objection to this application already submitted.

- 16/00872/OUT – Flexon House, 93 Stretham Road, erection of 2 detached dwellings

The Councillors carefully considered this planning application and agreed to raise no objections.

**7. To receive planning application decisions**

- 16/00410/FUL – Extension to anaerobic digester, Chittering – APPROVED

- 16/00733/FUL – Single storey front extension, 15 Akeman Close - APPROVED

## 8. To receive an update on progress of SWCLT

Councillor Roberts provided a full update to the Council. Rachel Watts has now taken on the Clerk role and is in the process of making contact with those definitely interested in the shared ownership properties. The first three houses are due for handover in September. Good progress is also being made with the next batch of 5 houses due for completion early in 2017.

## 9. Finance

### To authorise payments from SPC and SSRC accounts and to note income

The following accounts were presented for payment:

#### Parish Council account

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mr L Gotobed	002297	£72.48
Mr P Penny	002298	£402.90
Mrs R Watts	002299	£1060.73
Mrs M Hutter	002300	£40.00
James Thew	002301	£90.00
HMRC	002302	£147.03
Laura Shearing	002303	£707.00
K A Bell	002304	£185.00
Truelink Ltd	002305	£900.71
N Curtis (Camclean)	002306	£63.00
SSRC	002307	£1000.00

The balance of Parish Council current account at 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 £30,272.87

#### SSRC account

<b>Name</b>	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Mr P Penny	000386	£190.00
Anglian Water	000387	£59.70

The balance of SSRC current account at 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 £218.32

It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Speed that the above accounts be paid. All in agreement.

Parish Council account income:

Room hire £17.00, meter money £6.00, land rent £225.00

SSRC account income: none

A payment of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money in the sum of £16,563.43 has been paid by ECDC into the Treasurers Account. The Clerk produced a letter requesting this amount be transferred into the Business Bank 30 day Account as agreed at the last meeting. The transfer letter was signed by Councillor Roberts, Councillor Parish and the Clerk.

**10. To receive correspondence**

There was no urgent correspondence and all general correspondence was circulated.

**11. To receive reports from Working Parties and Sub-Committee**

All working parties and sub-committees reported into the meeting.

Footpaths - it was reported that a number of trees/bushes are overhanging onto the pavement and causing an obstruction at the Old Rectory, High Street. It was also reported that where the driveway to the property is being washed down, the rubbish from it is collecting and going down the High Street. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Roth and asked for these issues to be resolved. The Clerk was also asked to report to Sanctuary Housing that the Birch trees on Wood Lane need attention.

Recreation – Mrs Langford and one other person has emailed the Clerk regarding their concerns with dogs on the Recreation Ground. Both have been responded to. The Council remains committed to allowing dogs to use the Recreation Ground both on and off the lead. It is the owners responsibility to ensure their dog is well behaved.

Amenities – The Clerk has not yet written to Mr Biswell in relation to the black electric cable as an address cannot be located. Councillor Roberts will attempt to obtain his address. Approval was given for the memorial stone of the late John Morley. The Clerk explained that there are no fees set for interment of cremated remains of an adult or child. It was agreed by Council to charge half the fees of interment of an adult or child and the exclusive burial rights.

**12. To receive Councillors questions and review Rolling Timetable**

Councillor Murfitt reported that Mr Gotobed has experienced problems cleaning one of the bus shelters due to a mobility scooter being parked inside for a good number of hours.

Councillor Parish asked for the location of the new defibrillator to be advertised in the September newsletter and for the training to now be arranged.

Councillor Parish reported that the Ely Road bus shelter has a good number of cobwebs. Clerk will arrange removal.

The Clerk put forward a query from Jo Andow who runs the new Slimming World group at the Pavilion. Jo would like to put a banner up in the village advertising the group. After discussion, it was agreed that the banner can be erected on the verge outside the Pavilion car park but only whilst the group is in session and not permanently.

A question about a joint Remembrance Sunday arrangements with St James' Church was raised and it was agreed that both memorials should be covered on the day.

**13. To receive the Minutes of the Finance, Governance and Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and ratify the decisions made**

The Minutes of both the open and closed sections of the meeting were circulated. Councillor Nuttall raised one missing item relating to the running of a separate budget for the Pavilion Nursery. This would be managed by Councillor Nuttall. Aside from this, Councillor Bright proposed to accept all the decisions taken at the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Pearce. The Council therefore ratified the decisions.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.