

**Stretham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 7pm**  
**In the Pavilion, Short Road, Stretham**

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

Two members of public were also in attendance for the first part of the meeting

**1. Apologies and approval of absences**

Councillor Murfitt

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

Councillor Nuttall declared an interest in item 11 on the Agenda, specifically planning application 15/01531/OUT Land adjacent to 16 Fieldside due to being a direct consultee.

Councillor Roberts declared an interest in item 13 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> January 2016 are a correct record**

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

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

Ely Road Play Area – the Grand Opening will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 3.45pm. The bins and a bench have been installed and the area needs some turf laid to finish it off.

The two picnic benches have arrived and the bases for them will be laid very soon. The bus shelter roof work is complete. The Correx signs will be erected by Highways soon.

**5. To receive an update from County and District Councillor Bill Hunt**

Councillor Hunt updated the Councillors and members of public in attendance with county and district news. A breakdown is available on request.

Councillor Hunt confirmed that Stretham Parish Council has been successful in the bid for funding for speed reduction gates to be erected on the A 1123 Wicken entry into the village.

Councillor Hunt praised Councillor Parish for her input and dedication with the new Ely Road Play Area and voiced what a wonderful asset to the village it now is.

## **6. Public participation**

The meeting adjourned at 7.37pm.

A resident of Berry Close visited to ask if the Council has received any updates on the proposed planning application on land to the north of Berry Close. Councillor Parish explained the Council has not heard anything further. Councillor Roberts explained that the Council already has concerns around the access to the development.

Mr Doug Stuart attended the meeting and asked for permission to record his contribution. The Chairperson gave permission. Mr Stuart raised a number of concerns relating to the consultation exercise already undertaken by the Council in relation to the proposed fitness equipment for the recreation ground. Mr Stuart also raised concerns about the accuracy of minutes of his contributions to council meetings. The Chairperson explained the current status of the fitness equipment project and the need to balance the interests of the whole community. Councillors saw no need for further action.

The meeting reconvened at 7.50pm.

## **7. To consider draft Parish Rooms Village Survey**

All Councillors had received the draft Parish Rooms Village Survey prior to the meeting and Councillor Parish explained the reasons for the survey and the questions. A few amendments were suggested and accepted. This survey will be distributed in the Newsletter in March, will be placed on the website and will also be available via Survey Monkey. Copies will also hopefully be placed in the Doctors Surgery, the shop and the Garage.

## **8. To formally appoint and set-up a Pavilion Development Sub-Committee**

Now that some credible ideas are being discussed about how to increase income from the Pavilion to assist in keeping the facility open, it was proposed by Councillor Roberts that a Sub-Committee be formed to assist in moving ideas and decisions along. A draft Terms of Reference for the Pavilion Development Sub-Committee was circulated and the content agreed. The following Councillors will be members of the Pavilion Development Sub-Committee: Roberts, Prevett, Nuttall, Taylor and Mackenzie. The proposal by Councillor Roberts was seconded by Councillor Pearce and the Council resolved to create this new sub-committee.

## **9. To consider applying to Register the Red Lion Public House to become a Community Asset**

Councillor Roberts explained the important history of the Red Lion Public House and the importance it holds within the Village, very much acting as a 'hub' for the community. It is possible to apply to register the Red Lion with East Cambridgeshire District Council to become a Community Asset. Applying for a Community Asset enables the Council to nominate the Red Lion as important for the social well-being of the area for inclusion on the local authority's 'List of Assets of Community Value' and bid for it if it comes up for sale. Councillor Roberts proposed to submit an application and this was seconded by Councillor Mackenzie. The Council resolved via a unanimous vote to proceed with the application.

**10. To receive and agree recommendations from the Recreation Working Party regarding the proposed Outdoor Gym**

The Notes of the Recreation Working Party meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. It is proposed to take two tenders forward to Public Consultation, these being Hags SMP and Fresh Air Fitness. Councillor Roberts proposed to accept the recommendations of the Working Party and Councillor Speed seconded this. The Council resolved unanimously to accept the recommendations.

**11. To consider planning applications**

- 15/01531/OUT – Land adjacent to 16 Fieldside

Councillor Nuttall left the room whilst this planning application was discussed.

The Council carefully considered this application and felt it fits with the surrounding area and is of low impact to dwellings nearby. Councillor Roberts proposed the Council raise no objections to the application subject to adequate width of the public footpath remaining. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Pearce and the Council resolved unanimously via vote in favour.

- 16/00031/VAR – Gravel Farm, Newmarket Road

The Council carefully considered this application. Councillor Roberts proposed the Council raise no objections to the application. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Prett and the Council resolved unanimously via vote in favour.

**12. To receive planning application decisions**

15/01387/FUL – Gravel Farm, Newmarket Road, Extension to rear – APPROVED

15/01472/FUL – Meadow Farm, Fieldside, first floor extension - APPROVED

**13. To receive an update on progress of SWCLT**

Councillor Roberts provided a full update to the Council. The roofs are going onto the first batch of houses and should be ready by early July. SWCLT is receiving a lot of attention nationally and this is very positive for the village of Stretham.

**14. 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	002193	£72.48
Mr P Penny	002194	£389.75
Mrs R Watts	002195	£1074.04
Mrs M Hutter	002196	£40.00
Truelink Ltd	002197	£940.99
Mr S Coleby (C and C Media)	002198	£702.84
Stretham Parish Council	002199	£24,205.50
HMRC	002200	£137.03

Name	Chq no	Amount
Anchorfast Products Limited	002201	£1286.40
ECDC	002202	£176.10
Ambrose Roofing	002203	£600.00
Defibshop.co.uk	002204	£1620.00

The balance of Parish Council current account at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 £40,681.74

#### SSRC account

Name	Chq no	Amount
Mr P Penny	000376	£265.00
Anglian Water	000377	£60.42

The balance of SSRC current account at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 £876.17

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

Parish Council account income:

Income since last meeting: room hire £75.00, Red Lion defibrillator money £424.70, Stretham Sporting donation to AWP £600.00, cemetery fees £280.00, Amey Cespa (AWP) £20,000.00, ECDC CIL £16,563.43

SSRC account income: meter money £17.00, pitch hire £30.00

#### **15. To receive correspondence**

One tender has been received for the Newsletter template design after two other companies declined to tender. The tender received is from Proaction Design in the sum of £1050.00. Councillor Roberts was able to vouch for the work that Proaction Design produces and proposed that the Council accept the tender. Councillor Thake seconded this proposal and it was resolved by Council to accept this tender via a unanimous vote.

One tender has been received for the revamp of the Recycling Area. The tender was submitted by OddJobs 24/7 in the sum of £1529.10. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Prett to accept this tender. Via a unanimous vote, the Council resolved to proceed with OddJobs 24/7.

One tender has been received for turf to be laid at Ely Road Play Area from Anglian Turf Supplies in the sum of £1301.67. This is a reduced price if the Council allows Anglian Turf to advertise at the site. The Clerk explained the situation in that there is no time to obtain two other tenders for this work as they play area is due to open on the 12<sup>th</sup> February and cannot do so until the turf is laid. The ground not covered with the safety surface is uneven and contains sharp objects. It was proposed by Councillor Roberts that on the grounds of safety and urgency that this price should be accepted and that Anglian Turf Supplies should be allowed to advertise for one year. This was seconded by Councillor Prett. Councillor Nuttall countered this with an amendment to not allow Anglian Turf Supplies to advertise however no other Councillors were in agreement with this. Via a vote, the Council resolved to accept the quote of £1301.67 and move forward with the job as a matter of urgency.

An email from ECDC regarding a Beacon being lit in the village on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in recognition of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was read out and the Council agreed it would like

to light a Beacon in Stretham. The following Councillors will make the plans for this event: Roberts, Mackenzie, Parish, Taylor and Prevett.

Stretham Sporting FC has emailed to inform the Council they would like to hold a county-wide children's football tournament in August at the Recreation Ground. The Council was happy with this proposal and suggests a booking is made with Maureen Hutter. Stretham Sporting to be responsible for obtaining the relevant permissions from ECDC.

Stretham Sporting FC would also like to store some new goal posts securely and asked for the Council's advice on where to put them. The Council is happy for Stretham Sporting FC to secure the goals on the outside fence at the back of the All Weather Pitch and also for Stretham Sporting FC to arrange for a post to be erected to chain the goals to. Being outside the All Weather Pitch means there is no risk to users of the All Weather Pitch.

Via Mr Neil Ford, Mr and Mrs Hubbard have indicated that they would like to replace the broken bench at the Rec. The Council is grateful for this kind offer and are happy if Mr and Mrs Hubbard wish to proceed.

An information evening on the Local Plan is being held at ECDC mid-February and Councillors Thake, Pearce and Prevett indicated they may be able to attend.

All general correspondence was circulated.

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

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

**Amenities Working Party** – Councillor Parish provided a full update.

**Footpaths Working Party** – Footpaths are very muddy following the high levels of rain but generally in a usable condition, no complaints received.

**Eleanor's Field Working Party** – Awaiting Kier Petherick to flail the back section of the field in Spring 2016.

**Feast Sub-Committee** – the suggestions for the Feast Charity were agreed by Council. All arrangements are running smoothly.

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

No questions received.

**18. To receive the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and the Minutes of the Feast meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Received and decisions noted.

**19. To consider a proposal to exclude the public and press from part 2 of the meeting on the grounds of confidentiality relating to the Pavilion Nursery proposal**

Councillor Roberts proposed the Council exclude public and press from Part 2 of the meeting and this was seconded by Councillor Prevett. The Council resolved via a unanimous vote to proceed with the exclusion.

Meeting closed at 9pm.