

Stretham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7pm
In the Pavilion, Short Road, Stretham

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

1. Apologies and approval of absences

Councillors Taylor, Bright and Mackenzie

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 1st December 2015 are a correct record

The Council resolved that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st December 2015 are an accurate record. This was proposed by Councillor Thake and seconded by Councillor Parish.

4. To receive an update on the progress of actions from the last meeting of Stretham Parish Council on 1st December 2015

Pavilion nursery idea –BSV Construction has submitted a quote in the sum of £107,000 for the alterations to the Pavilion to create a children’s day nursery. It was agreed a meeting with Mrs Chantler is now required and the Councillors to be involved are Charles Roberts, Richard Nuttall and Andrew Prevett.

All Weather Pitch – is now ready to open. Stretham Sporting FC would like to hold a small Opening Event on Saturday 9th January 2016 at noon. It was agreed that Councillors Pearce, Nuttall and Murfitt will attend to represent the Council.

Local Highway Initiative application – The Clerk attended the Highways Department at Witchford on 14th December and was interviewed by the decision making Panel. The Panel would like to see more financial commitment from the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Prevett that the Council invest up to £400 on this highway improvement and this was seconded by Councillor Nuttall. The Council therefore resolved to commit up to £400 to this project.

Ely Road Play Area – the Grand Opening had to be delayed as the surface is unable to be laid due to the wet ground. The bins and a bench are ready for installation and the fence has been erected.

The repairs to the Recreation Ground Play Area are complete.

Village Defibrillator – The Council now has a grand total of £1373.31 to purchase a Village Defibrillator. The Raffle at the Farmers Market raised £198.61 and the Red Lion raised

£424.70. The Council passed thanks to the Red Lion for raising the money. Councillor Parish and the Clerk will work together to purchase a defibrillator and training.

Pearce Memorial issue – Councillor Parish has visited the cemetery and provided measurements of all memorial stones in the new section. It became apparent that the Pearce memorial is unfortunately not the only memorial stone that is larger than permitted measurements. Councillor Parish and the Clerk both cannot understand how this has happened as both check the measurements prior to approval being given. The Clerk asked that all future requests be checked by more Councillors to give reassurance that this will not happen again. After lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Thake that the Council accept the Pearce memorial as it stands however ask for a contribution from W Kent Memorials towards the upkeep of the area around the stone. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Prett and all Councillors were in favour.

5. Public participation

No members of the public present.

6. To consider planning applications

- 15/01406/FUL, Land south of 75 The Drove, Bedwell Park, Witchford (consulted as a neighbouring parish)

The Council agreed to support the views of Witchford Parish Council on this application.

- 15/01346/FUL, Land north of Amberside, Stretham Station Road, Wilburton (consulted as a neighbouring parish)

Several letters of objection have been received by the Council from concerned residents living in the area of this application. The application was discussed in detail and the plans viewed. The main concern is that the land is outside of the development envelope. There is also a considerable flood risk (this land is very close to a piece of land that the Council owns that was flooded at times in 2015). It was proposed by Councillor Parish to object on the following grounds:

- Flood risk
- Outside of the development envelope
- Detrimental to the open landscape

This proposal was agreed by all Councillors aside from Councillor Speed.

- 15/01472/FUL, Meadow Farm, Fieldside, Stretham

The Council's original objections stand with this application.

7. To receive planning application decisions

15/01136/FUL, 28 Ely Road, single storey extension – APPROVED

Tree work at 5 Walnut Tree Close – APPROVED

Property name change approved at Gravel Farm, Newmarket Road (from The Office to Studio 3)

8. To receive an update on progress of SWCLT

Councillor Roberts provided a full update to the Council. The work is going smoothly on site and is currently running to schedule. The houses are starting to be built and it is hoped that the first 3 CLT houses will be ready for occupation in May 2016.

9. Finance

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

The following accounts were presented for payment:

Parish Council account

Name	Chq no	Amount
Mr L Gotobed	002177	£72.48
Mr P Penny	002178	£390.00
Mrs R Watts	002179	£1017.88
Mrs M Hutter	002180	£40.00
Truelink Ltd	002181	£132.67
Mr S Coleby (C and C Media)	002182	£673.20
Glasdon UK Limited	002183	£626.94
HMRC	002184	£137.03
Skanska Construction Ltd	002185	£70.32
Mrs V Russell	002186	£78.55
Goff Petroleum	002187	£454.49
Janet Parish	002188	£204.47
Charles Roberts	002189	£69.32
K A Bell	002190	£265.99
AmeyCespa (East) Ltd	002191	£2200.00

The balance of Parish Council current account at 5th January 2016 £15,097.30 (a cheque in the sum of £5,989.06 is still to clear this account so the balance is actually £9,108.24)

SSRC account

Name	Chq no	Amount
Mr P Penny	000374	£261.30
Anglian Water	00375	£78.68

The balance of SSRC current account at 5th January 2016 £1,196.90

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

Parish Council account income:

Income since last meeting: farmers market income £156.00, defibrillator raffle £198.61, room hire £200.00, vat repayment £4,619.38

SSRC account income: none

Artificial Grass (Cambridge) Ltd has submitted an invoice for £24,205.50. The Clerk proposed that this amount is moved from the Business Bank Instant account over into the Treasurers Account and a cheque be raised and signed at this meeting. Once Amey Cespa has paid the £20,000 into the Treasurer's Account and ECDC has paid the CIL payment, the £24,205.50 will be moved back into the Business Bank Instant account. It was proposed by Councillor Murfitt and seconded by Councillor Parish that this proposal be accepted. All Councillors in agreement. Cheque number 002192 was raised in the sum of £24,250.50 and signed.

10. To receive correspondence

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.

Amenities Working Party – Councillor Parish asked the Clerk to chase when the bus shelter roof repairs will be taking place. The Christmas Farmers Market was a great success and well attended.

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.

Recreation Ground Working Party – Due to meet in January to look at Outdoor Gym tenders.

Feast Sub-Committee – the first meeting for the 2016 Feast was on Monday 7th December and was well attended.

Ely Road Play Area Working Party – Jean Adamson agreed for the play area to be named after Topsy and Tim for which the Council are very grateful.

12. To receive Councillors questions and review Rolling Timetable

Councillor Speed reported a tree root protruding from a pavement close to Jubilee Gardens. Clerk to report to Highways. Councillor Speed also reported considerable ivy around a tree in Jubilee Gardens, Clerk to resolve with Truelink.

Councillor Thake reported that a ditch between Green End and Fieldside needs clearing out. Clerk to report to County.

Councillor Murfitt reported the increased number of speeding vehicles on Short Road. Short Road is also being used as a rat run when the A10 is busy at peak times. Names of particular offenders were given. It was agreed to place a piece on the speeding vehicles in the Newsletter and to mention that the Council already has the names of suspected offenders. Residents will be encouraged to report the registration plates directly to the Police on 101.

Councillor Nuttall reported that the new PC website is now having up to 80 hits a day. The Councillors were pleased the new website is being used.

Councillor Prevett raised the bike track which seems to be been developed close to the Lazy Otter on the 'old' A10 section of road. The Council knows nothing about this. Clerk to contact Kier Petherick to see if he has any helpful information.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.