

Stretham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 at 7pm
In the Parish Rooms, High Street, Stretham

Present: Councillors Parish (Vice Chair), Nuttall, Pearce, Murfitt, Speed, Taylor (arrived 7.36pm), the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk

One member of public was present, Mr Peter Penny.

The new Assistant Parish Clerk, Mary Hook, was given a warm welcome to the meeting.

1. Apologies and approval of absences

Councillor Roberts (work commitments), Councillor Mackenzie (work commitments), Councillor Bright (work commitments), Councillor Thake (work commitments)

In the absence of Councillor Roberts (Chairperson), Councillor Parish chaired the meeting.

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None

3. To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd August 2016 are a correct record

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

4. To receive an update on the progress of actions from the last meeting of Stretham Parish Council on 2nd August 2016

The Councillors received a full update on tasks completed since the last meeting. The first quote to extend the fencing at the All Weather Pitch to stop balls flying into the Bowls Club has come in well over £1000. The Clerk was asked to look into other options. Councillor Parish requested that the brambles be cut back along the verge close to the Topsy and Tim Play Area. The Noticeboard is still being sorted, some issues with the Topsy and Tim logo. All correspondence and planning applications responded to.

5. Public participation

The meeting adjourned at 7.10pm.

Pete Penny attended the meeting to update the Council on a number of issues around the village. Mr Penny is very concerned about speeding vehicles around the village and offered to look into the local Speedwatch Scheme with a view to acting as Coordinator in Stretham. The Clerk agreed to forward Mr Penny the contact details.

Mr Penny also reported heavy farm machinery travelling along Top Street and tearing up the

recently laid surface. It was agreed to report this to Pam Joyce, Highways and also to put a note in the Newsletter.

The meeting reconvened at 7.19pm.

6. To discuss recent vandalism at at Topsy and Tim Play Area

Around the middle of August, one of the brand new swings at the play area was vandalised and broken from the chain. It is now not usable. A child has been named as the alleged person responsible for the damage. The Clerk has reported this via email to the local PCSO, Jonathan Hall and he advised to report this incident on 101. The Clerk sought clarification if the Council would like this to happen. The Council agreed that this should be reported formally. The Council also agreed that a letter to the child's parents should be sent once a quotation has been received for the repair and the cost should be charged to the child's parents.

Aside from this, a boot scrapper has been installed twice at this All Weather Pitch and been yanked out and twice and on the second time, was damaged beyond repair.

The Council was extremely disappointed to hear that such occurrences are happening and all agreed a zero tolerance approach to handling these situations should be taken.

Both incidents will be detailed in the Newsletter and people asked to come forward to the Clerk anonymously or to report names to the Police on 101 if known.

Councillor Murfitt reported that a large number of people are gathering at the All Weather Pitch on a Sunday evening and that rubbish is being left around. The Clerk agreed to raise awareness of this to the PCSO.

7. To consider if the Council wish to make a bid for any Highway Improvements via the LHI Scheme

The Councillors agreed to re-agenda this item in October as a number of Councillors are not in attendance.

8. To consider planning applications

None.

9. To receive planning application decisions

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

10. To receive an update on progress of SWCLT

The Clerk provided a full update to the Council in her capacity as Clerk to SWCLT. All progressing very well and the first 3 houses should be ready early October. It is likely that two of the three houses will go to shared ownership.

11. 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	002308	£80.00
Mr P Penny	002309	£395.00
Mrs R Watts	002310	£1096.44
Mrs M Hutter	002311	£60.00
James Thew	002312	£80.00
HMRC	002313	£147.03
Cambridgeshire County Council	002314	£250.00
Truelink Ltd	002315	£1503.08
Artificial Grass (Cambridge) Ltd	002316	£1260.00

The balance of Parish Council current account at 6th September 2016 £10,519.94

SSRC account

Name	Chq no	Amount
Mr P Penny	000388	£302.60

The balance of SSRC current account at 6th September 2016 £1,052.34

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

Parish Council account income:

Land rent £1,740.16

SSRC account income:

Room hire £160.00

Councillor Parish sought approval for the Assistant Clerk's training at a cost of £400. It was proposed by Councillor Speed and seconded by Councillor Taylor to proceed and book the training and all Councillors were in agreement.

12. To receive correspondence

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

13. To receive reports from Working Parties and Sub-Committee

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

14. To receive Councillors questions and review Rolling Timetable

Councillor Murfitt reported the verge on the Cambridge Road side of the Recreation ground needs flailing on top as does the mound near the Bowls Club. The Clerk was asked to add this into Truelink's list of responsibilities. It was agreed the Kev Bell should clear the mound away. There are also brambles growing on the footpath behind the Church.

Councillor Parish raised the issue that the map of the village is out of date. The Clerk explained that without a Mapping Tool, it was practically impossible to create an up to date

map. The Assistant Clerk will look into the cost of Mapping packages.

Councillor Parish again raised the issue of the black cable dangling on the fence on the Footpath between the cemetery and Plantation Gate. The Clerk confirmed she is unable to locate Mr Stuart Biswell's address as it is understood it belongs to him. Clerk to continue to attempt contact about it.

Meeting closed at 7.59pm.