Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13 January 2025 at 7pm, in Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance:	Councillors: M. Clarke, T. Gray, R. Horton (Chair) and B. Hunter,
Also in Attendance:	Councillor K Gilliott (DCC & NEDDC)
	Councillor A Cooper (NEDDC)
	Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)
Apologies:	Councillors J. Maxwell and J. Thompson

FC/0125/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J Maxwell (work) and J Thompson (holiday).

FC/0125/02 Variation to Order of Business

Resolved: Item 7b) taken before item 7a)

FC/0125/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public

None

FC/0125/04 Declaration of Members Interests

None

FC/0125/05 Public Participation

DCC Councillor Gilliott advised that:

- Budget position worsening with overspend at £140 million.
- Highways drawing up programme of future works so please let him know if any roads need attention.
- Decision on whether election suspended (due to devolution plans) expected early February

NEDDC Councillor Cooper advised that:

- Council constitution no longer includes any Liberal Democrats
- A new steering group appointed to oversee the Local Plan.

FC/0125/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 November 2024 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

FC/0125/07 Business and Budget Planning

b) The Council considered the precept options and **Resolved:** to set precept at £38,661.33 which equates to an increase of £61.16 on last year for Band D households (£6.12 per month, over 10 months, and to issue letter to residents explaining this.

a) The Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2025/26 and **Resolved:** to set income budget at £74,414 which includes a transfer from reserves of £25,653 and an expenditure budget of £53,129.

c) Council Business Plan – the Council **Resolved:** to develop list of potential projects in addition to those already agreed as:

Woolley Moor SID

Defibrillator Cabinet at Woolley Moor

Additional Playground equipment

Cemetery Signage

Lodge drainage

Lodge - Energy rating improvements

Pavilion maintenance

Defibrillator in Handley

Tree Planting at the Pavilion Playing Field

FC/0125/08 Village Matters

1) Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – Application for is with DCC.
2) Jubilee Playing Field
   a) Enhancements – Councillor Hunter advised that funding is still being sought, of £105,000 required there is £13,500 agreed with a decision on lottery funding of £60,000 awaited.
   b) Tree Planting – Councillor Horton is selecting the trees, ensuring grant requirements are met.
   c) Playground Inspection –guidance on potential solutions for the flooring ties under seesaw is being sought.
   d) Ash Trees – the Council noted, and accepted, the proposal from resident to pollard these in order to slow growth.
   e) Trees on Council Land – the Council **Resolved:** to collate inventory of trees, with photographs, and seek advice on maintenance and protection.
3) Cemetery:

- Signage – Councillor Hunter has design and quote for signage, and these will be progressed once the Council changes its email address in March 2025.

FC/0125/09 Planning

a) The Council considered planning applications 24/00933/FLH and **Resolved:** to make no objection.
b) Highstairs on S106 – it was **Resolved:** To arrange another meeting with the developer involving Councillor Hunter.

FC/0125/10 Finance

a) Accounts for payments – the Council reviewed and approved the payments as at schedule 1.
b) Income –noted
c) Bank Reconciliation – noted and signed by the Chair.
d) Budget Summary – noted.

FC/0125/11 Report of the Clerk

The Council noted the action plan which had been circulated with meeting papers.

FC/0125/12 Correspondence & Consultations

a) Dalc circulars December 2024 and January 2025 - noted.
b) General correspondence - noted.
c) Resident correspondence – noted.

FC/0125/123 Next Council meeting

a) Future agenda items **–** Council projects for Business Plan
b) **Resolved:** that the next meeting of the Council to be held at 7pm on Monday 24 February 2025 in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm

Schedule 1: Payments:

Description	Supplier			
Utilities	British Gas	17.30	0.86	18.16
Contractor	cLARKE'S cEMETER`	560.00		560.00
Salaries	Employee	388.15		388.15
Environment	NEDDC	178.88		178.88
Environment	NEDDC	50.00	10.00	60.00
Landlord	British Gas HomeCa	54.55		54.55
Administration	Scribe	345.60	69.12	414.72
Administration	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
Utilities	British Gas	18.13	0.91	19.04
Environment	Royal British Legion	150.00		150.00
Salaries	Employee	17.77		17.77
Administration	Adobe	13.31		13.31
Administration	Royal Mail	1.50		1.50
Administration	aMAZON	11.79		11.79
Administration	HP Ink Services	8.63		8.63
Salaries	Employee	326.10		326.10
Environment	Burleys	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Landlord	British Gas HomeCa	58.12		58.12
Administration	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
	Total	**4,711.83**	**580.89**	**5,292.72**