

## Stretton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 January 2026 at 6.30pm, in Stretton Village Hall.

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

#### **FC/0126/01 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor J Maxwell (work commitments)

#### **FC/0126/02 Variation to Order of Business**

None

#### **FC/0126/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public**

None

#### **FC/0126/04 Declaration of Members Interests**

None

#### **FC/0126/05 Public Participation**

##### DCC Councillor Darren Muizelaar

- DCC are focusing on 2026/27 budget.

##### NEDDC Councillors Andrew Cooper & Kevin Gillott

- NEDDC is considering a Council Tax increase of 2.99%, which equates to £6.50 increase for Band D households per annum.

#### **FC/0126/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2025 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

#### **FC/0126/07 Village Matters**

- 1 Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – device has been ordered, the Council **Resolved:** to view YouTube videos on installation and downloading data
- 2 Defibrillators – the Council considered the options and **Resolved:**
  - a) Handley – to issue letter to residents requesting if anyone would allow the cabinet to be connected to their electricity supply.
  - b) St Mark's Church – to contact Church regarding installation of defibrillator and heated cabinet.
- 3 Jubilee Playing Field:
  - a) Play Equipment Enhancements:  
Councillor Hunter gave an update on progress being made and it is expected project will be completed by Spring 2026 following a temporary closure for installation.
4. Cemetery Update:
  - Lodge Maintenance - the Council noted the works done to clear gutters and remove ivy.
  - Drainage– it was **Resolved:** to schedule investigation to understand correct position and establish costs if works needed.
5. Woolley Moor Show – the Council **Resolved:** to give permission for the next show to take place on 15 August 2026 and allocate a budget of £110 - £100 for Woolley Moor Committee and £10 prize money.

6. Residents' Complaints/Requests – the Council considered the complaint regarding fireworks and **Resolved:** to include “No Fireworks” notice on signage that will be produced for new playground equipment.
7. Snow Warden Scheme – the Council noted that grit would be delivered by DCC to replenish stocks and **Resolved:** to bolster support to residents by commissioning grit bin refill service.
8. Christmas Trees – the Council noted the annual cost of £2500 and **Resolved:** to seek more economic options for future years.
9. Handley Trough – the Council noted that plans for wildflower planting could not proceed as trough full of water. It was **Resolved:** to sow the wildflower seeds on Jubilee Playing Field.

#### **FC/0126/08 Planning**

None

#### **FC/0126/09 Budget Planning 2026-27**

The Council considered the forecast outturn for 2025/26 and reviewed the proposed budget for 2026/27 and precept options, it was **Resolved:**

- a) Approve the 2026/27 revenue budget totalling £26,526 (payments) and £60,589 (receipts)
- b) Approve earmarked reserves of £14,500 for Handley defibrillator, EPC and Drainage works at Cemetery.
- c) Request precept of £38,661 for 2026/27, which is no increase on 2025/26, equating to small reduction (for Band D households) of £4.61 ≈ 9p per week.

#### **FC/0126/10 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/0126/10 Correspondence & Consultations**

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

#### **FC/0126/11 Report of the Clerk**

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

#### **FC/0126/12 Next Council meetings**

**Resolved:** that next ordinary meeting to be held at 7pm on Monday 9 March 2026 in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 19.35pm

**Schedule 1 PAYMENTS**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplier</b>			<b>Total</b>
Lodge Maintenance	LM Building & Maintenance	120.00		120.00
Cemetery Grounds Maintenance	Clarke's Cemetery & Churchyard Services	600.00		600.00
cemetery signage	Bruce Hunter	207.56		207.56
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Staff Costs	Employee	336.10		336.10
BG HomeCare	British Gas HomeCare	57.88		57.88
Hanging Baskets	Woolley Moor Nurseries	2,295.00	459.00	2,754.00
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
Utilities	British Gas	18.50	0.93	19.43
Staff Costs	Employee	283.70		283.70
BG HomeCare	British Gas HomeCare	59.61		59.61
Christmas Lighting	Burleys	2,500.00	500.00	3,000.00
Subscription Costs	Scribe	345.60	69.12	414.72
Bank Interest	Unity Trust Bank			
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,715.13</b>	<b>1,029.05</b>	<b>7,744.18</b>

