

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 March 2026 at 7pm, in Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance: Councillors: M. Clarke, R. Horton (chair), B. Hunter, and J Thompson.

Also in Attendance: Councillor A. Cooper (NEDDC)
Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors T Gray and J Maxwell

FC/0326/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T. Gray and J Maxwell (work commitments)

FC/0326/02 Variation to Order of Business

None

FC/0326/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in item 15 (employee allowances), to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, to discuss the item.

FC/0326/04 Declaration of Members Interests

None

FC/0326/05 Public Participation

NEDDC Councillor Andrew Cooper

- NEDDC is considering a Council Tax increase of 2.99%, which equates to £6.50 increase for Band D households per annum.
- Awaiting Government announcement on Local Government Review, expected Summer.
- Timetable for Local Plan has been approved, advised Council to check land usage and to discuss details with Councillor Gilliott when plan published for consultation.
- Food Waste collections begin at the end of March.

FC/0326/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 January 2026 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

FC/0326/07 Accountability and Governance

- a) Assertion 10 - the Council considered the implications on 2025/26 audit and future years and **Resolved:** to implement the Assertion 10 action plan and track progress through monthly Report of the Clerk.
- b) Council Policies – the Council reviewed the policies and **Resolved:** to approve:
 - Reserves and Investment Policy
 - Risk Management Strategy
 - Disciplinary & Grievance Policy (subject to removal of duplicate reference)
 - Training and Development Policy

FC/0326/08 Local Council Award Scheme

The Council considered the proposal to apply for the Bronze Awards and **Resolved:** a) to submit application on the basis that all required documentation, information and conditions is in place to meet the Bronze (Foundation) Award criteria of the Local Council Award Scheme, as set out in the NALC Guide (pages 5–6), and that all required items are published on the Council's website where applicable. b) to pay the registration fee of £50 which can be met from the Council's underspend for 2025/26

FC/0326/09 Village Matters

- 1 Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – awaiting delivery
- 2 Defibrillators – the Council noted the maintenance reports for existing defibrillators and that St Mark’s Church are discussing proposal for defibrillator at their next PCC.
- 3 Jubilee Playing Field:
 - a) Play Equipment Enhancements:
Councillor Hunter gave an update on progress being made. Following discussion on flooring options it was **Resolved:** to allocate a further £5000 towards the project (match funding the same offered by Woolley Moor Show Committee).
4. Cemetery Update:
 - o Lodge Maintenance - the Council **Resolved:** to remove the outside toilet and replace the frame on toilet door.
 - o Drainage– Council noted that further investigation works had been requested.
5. Complaints/Requests – none.

FC/0326/10 Planning

The council considered planning application 26/00147/FLH and **Resolved:** to make no objections.

FC/0326/11 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/0326/12 Correspondence & Consultations

- a) Dalc circulars January and February 2026 - noted.
- b) General correspondence - noted.
- c) Resident correspondence – noted.

FC/0326/13 Report of the Clerk

The Council noted the action plan which had been circulated with meeting papers and agreed to:

- a) Delegate approval for floral display quote to Clerk providing it is within budget agreed in January (minute reference: FC/0126/09 (a).
- b) Seek alternative lamppost in Woolley Moor for floral display as post number 76288 damaged.

FC/0326/14 Next Council meetings

Resolved: the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 6.30pm on Monday 11 May 2026 in the village hall.

The meeting closed to the public at 19.56pm

FC/0326/15 Working at Home Allowance

The Council considered the report and **Resolved:** subject to checking permitted allowable rate, to continue payment of tax-free monthly homeworking allowance (flat rate) as an expense reimbursement when functionality in HMRC payroll withdrawn (6 April 2026).

Schedule 1 PAYMENTS

Description	Supplier	Net		Gross
Utilities	British Gas	17.87	0.89	18.76
Staff Costs	Employee	336.10		336.10
Cemetery Grounds Maintenance	Ash Wood UK	342.00		342.00
new playground costs	Net World Sports	767.50	153.50	921.00
new playground costs	Ash Wood UK	514.95	102.99	617.94
new playground costs	Ash Wood UK	150.00		150.00
BG HomeCare	British Gas HomeCare	59.53		59.53
PAYE	HMRC	664.76		664.76
Planning Fees	Derbyshire County Council	110.00		110.00
Utilities	British Gas	19.70	0.99	20.69
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
Mileage	Employee	7.30		7.30
Subscription Costs	Adobe	33.28		33.28
Postage	Royal Mail	1.66		1.66
Dog Bins	NEDDC	212.38	42.48	254.86
HP Printer Cartridge	HP Ink Services	21.65		21.65
Staff Costs	Employee	335.70		335.70
BG HomeCare	British Gas HomeCare	59.53		59.53
Utilities	British Gas	24.77	1.24	26.01
Bank Charges	Unity Trust Bank	6.00		6.00
	Total	3,690.68	302.09	3,992.77