

Stretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 July 2026 at 7pm, in Stretton Village Hall.

In attendance: Councillors: M. Clarke, T Gray, R. Horton (chair), B. Hunter, J. Maxwell and J Thompson.
Also in Attendance: K. Gilliott (NEDDC) from item 5
Kath Gruber (Parish Clerk)

FC/0726/01 Apologies for absence

None

FC/0726/02 Variation to Order of Business

As Councillor Gilliott would be attending later it was **Resolved:** to defer item 5 until he arrived.

FC/0726/03 Exclusion of the Press and Public

None.

FC/0726/04 Declaration of Members Interests

None

FC/0726/05 Public Participation (taken after item 9)

NEDDC Councillor Kevin Gilliott

- Local Plan feedback from Stretton Parish Council has been received.
- Advised that he had received considerable positive feedback regarding the SID installation in Woolley Moor.
- Local Government Review – Government decision expected this week.

FC/0726/06 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

The Council **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 May 2026 were a correct record under the provisions for approval.

FC/0726/07 Village Matters

- 1 Speed Indicator Devices (SID) – Councillor Gray confirmed that the equipment had now been installed and that a noticeable impact was evident.
- 2 Defibrillators
 - a) St Mark's Church Defibrillator –Councillor Hunter advised he had confirmed location with the Church and arranged for an electrician to install defibrillator.
 - b) Handley Defibrillator – Councillor Hunter advised that the electrician would visit the site to review arrangements for installation after he fitted the St Mark's defibrillator.
3. Jubilee Playing Field:
 - a) Play Equipment - Councillor Hunter advised the project was now complete.
 - b) Project Income & Expenditure – Project funding position is being finalised with Council contribution, at approximately £4,000, being much less than the £20,000 allocated. It was **Resolved:** to draw down the S106 money from NEDDDC.
 - c) Playground Inspection – Councillor Hunter reported that the unfilled holes on the traverse wall had been filled as per inspectors' recommendation and that a follow up inspection is scheduled for August.
 - d) Breathe Work Hire request – **Resolved:** to grant permission to Roneta and Aivaras to use a temporary bell tent on the playing field on a trial basis during Summer 2026, subject to a Licence to Use Council Land.
4. Cemetery Update:
 - Lodge Maintenance - The Council discussed shower repairs noting that finding a match to the tiles was not possible, **Resolved:** to accept mismatch tiles being used.
 - Cemetery Records – it was noted that access to the records of burials in the old part of the Cemetery was needed and Council **Resolved:** to check what is held at DCC records office.
 - Drainage– Councillor Clarke advised that he had received a quote of £4,200 to clear the blockage between the gully and manhole in addition to removing toilet, **Resolved:** to commission the works.

- Overhanging hedges by toilet – **Resolved:** to get quote for clearing
- Tenant Lease – The Clerk advised that she had located a copy of the original lease. The Council **Resolved:** to investigate whether this negated the need for a new lease being required (minute reference FC/0526/15 (4) as information regarding the changes introduced under the May 2026 renters' rights legislation had been issued to the tenant.
- 5. Woolley Moor Show – arrangements were discussed and it was **Resolved:** a) that the children of Councillors Horton and Maxwell would judge the scarecrow competition b) to review arrangements for long grass cuttings.
- 6. Floral Displays –floral displays were installed w/c 30/6/26, the Council **Resolved:** that the Council reviews and improves the process for procuring and installing the annual floral displays, including obtaining all information required to support structural testing and highway licensing at the earliest opportunity. A quotation for the 2027 displays will be presented to the September 2026 meeting to enable an earlier order to be placed, with the expectation that installation will be completed by the beginning of June each year. The Clerk is authorised to liaise with the supplier regarding any matters identified during post-installation checks and to ensure they are addressed where necessary.
- 7. Noticeboards – **Resolved:** to repair the broken Woolley Moor noticeboard and clean the one at Handley.
- 8. Christmas Trees – the Council **Resolved:** to accept the quotation from Burleys to supply and install 24 half Christmas Trees on lampposts
- 9. Residents' Complaints/Requests –
 - **Resolved:** To note the resident's concerns regarding the playing field access barrier and to confirm that the Council considers the existing barrier to provide an appropriate deterrent to unauthorised vehicle access. The Council recognised that no barrier could guarantee prevention of access in all circumstances.
 - **Resolved:** To note the feedback received from a resident regarding the plaque by the school, investigate the matter, and take appropriate action where necessary.
 - **Resolved:** To provide contact information to resident interested in applying to NEDDC for an allotment

FC/0726/08 Planning

The Council considered planning applications

- a) 26/00444/LDC - **Resolved:** to object to application on the grounds that information received by the Council raises concerns as to whether the property is, as stated within the supporting statutory declaration, the applicant's principal private residence. The Council requests that Northeast Derbyshire District Council fully investigates and satisfies itself as to the accuracy of the evidence submitted before determining the application.
- b) 26/00492/LDC – **Resolved:** to make no objection.

FC/0726/09 Finance

- a) Accounts for payments – the Council reviewed and approved the payments as at schedule 1.
- b) Income –noted
- c) Bank Reconciliation– The Council received and noted the Bank Reconciliation as of 30 June 2026 showing reconciled bank balances of £60,764.96
- d) Budget Summary – noted.

FC/0726/10 Correspondence & Consultations

- a) Dalc circulars June 2026 - noted.
- b) General correspondence - noted.
- c) Resident correspondence – covered in agenda item FC/0726/07(09).

FC/0726/11 Annual Governance & Accountability Review 2025/2026

- a) Governance statement – the Council reviewed the revised Governance Statement with box 9 ticked as N/A and **Resolved:** sound controls in place and statement signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- b) Accounting statement – the Council **Resolved:** this had been completed in accordance with JPAG guidance and to be approved by the Chair.

- c) Exercise of Public Rights – the Council noted that the dates for the period for the exercise of public rights have been published as 3 June 2026 to 14 July 2026.

FC/0726/12 Report of the Clerk

The Council noted the progress being made on the action plan

FC/0726/13 Next Council meeting

Next Meeting - **Resolved:** the next meeting of the Parish Council to be on Monday 14 September 2026 at 7pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

Schedule 1 PAYMENTS

Payment Ref.	Description	Supplier			
	Playground Project	Walls Skip Hire	166.67	33.33	200.00
	Landlord	Entire Alarm Systems	80.00		80.00
	Administration	Microsoft	42.50		42.50
	Salaries		309.70		309.70
	Salaries		26.00		26.00
	Administration	JS Marriott	135.00		135.00
	Contractor	Clarke's Cemetery & Churchyard Services	600.00		600.00
	Playground Project	Ash Wood UK	2,617.10		2,617.10
	Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	775.14	155.03	930.17
	Landlord	British Gas HomeCare	59.53		59.53
	Playground Project	Outdoor Play Uk	2,478.75	495.75	2,974.50
	Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	71.54	14.31	85.85
	Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	315.31	63.06	378.37
	Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	175.48	35.10	210.58
	Playground Project	Civils and Lintels	508.26	101.65	609.91
	Salaries		8.80		8.80
	Administration	Adobe	6.66		6.66
	Administration	Royal Mail	0.91		0.91
	Administration	HP Ink Services	4.33		4.33
	signage	Essex Sign & Print	46.75	9.35	56.10
	Playground Project	NEXTDAYPAINT Ltd	90.24	18.05	108.29
	Playground Project	Bruce Hunter	56.80		56.80
	Administration	amazon	81.19	13.08	94.27
	Utilities	British Gas	15.26	0.76	16.02
	Administration	Unity Trust Bank	7.00		7.00
	Salaries		26.00		26.00
	Salaries		310.10		310.10
	Landlord	British Gas HomeCare	59.53		59.53
	Contractor	Clarke's Cemetery & Churchyard Services	600.00		600.00
	Playground Project	DCM Surfaces	17,114.00	3,422.80	20,536.80
	Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	40.58	8.12	48.70

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Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	17.79	3.56	21.35
Playground Project	Essex Sign & Print	32.24	6.45	38.69
Playground Project	Trade Paints	78.99		78.99
Playground Project	Bruce Hunter	40.04		40.04
Playground Project	Bruce Hunter	21.36		21.36
Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	418.50	83.70	502.20
Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	38.76	7.75	46.51
Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	18.04	3.61	21.65
Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	852.60	170.52	1,023.12
Playground Project	M Mosley	640.00	128.00	768.00
Playground Project	Robinsons Paver Hire Ltd	6,838.92	1,367.78	8,206.70
Playground Project	Walker Equipment Hire	28.62	5.72	34.34
Administration	Unity Trust Bank	7.00		7.00
Playground Inspection	Independent Playground Inspections Ltd	400.00	80.00	480.00
Contractor	Clarke's Cemetery & Churchyard Services	600.00		600.00
Playground Project	Chris I Britland (Contractors) Ltd	1,400.00	280.00	1,680.00
Total		38,323.69	6,519.82	44,843.51