

STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016

Present:

Councillors Douglas Smith (chairman), John Hamilton-Paterson, George Orgee, Charles Pudge, George Troughton

In attendance:

Janet Chester - clerk
Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester

Members of the Public: 0

<u>Item</u>	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Action</u>						
1.0	<p>To Receive Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason</p> <p>Cllrs Malcom Davies (family commitment), Rob Manning (work) and Brian Willder (prior commitment)</p>							
2.0	<p>To Receive and Record any Declarations of Interest and Written Requests for Dispensations - none</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Councillor Name</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Agenda Item</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Interest Declared</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Councillor Name	Agenda Item	Interest Declared				
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3.0	<p>To Consider Approval of the Minutes of the previous meetings held on Tuesday 4th October 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the meetings were approved as a true and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman. RESOLVED</p>							
4.0	<p>To Receive Brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester</p> <p>Cllr Lester advised that Herefordshire Council (HC) are currently concentrating on their 2017/18 budget which is currently under consultation. Central Government grant has been reduced by 90% between 2010 and 2016 and HC need to find savings of £7m in 2017/18. They have a gross budget from government of £360m, £116m of which is ring-fenced for schools, £50m for housing benefit, £9.7m public health, £13.3m better care fund and £28m fees, rents and charges. They have a net budget of £145m - £53m for adult social care & wellbeing, £23m for children's services and the remainder for roads, planning etc. HC have balanced their budget for the last three years and will discuss the 2017/18 budget at the February meeting and decide it at the March meeting. Between 2010 and 2020 they are having to make savings of £7.1m in the year 2017/18 and a total of £87m by 2020. Since 2010 HC have achieved the development of the Old Cattle Market which is proving to be the fastest rising development in the country. Hereford bypass will be completed by 2027 and £47m funding has been agreed from Government. £23m energy and waste plant has been built, 65m wheelie bins delivered. Balfour Beatty have made £3m savings whilst resurfacing 19% of the county's highway network. Fastershire broadband is now reaching 80% of the county. In 2012 HC was in special measures for Safeguarding children, this is improving. In Key Stages 1, 2 & 4 results are above national average and early year's provision statistics are encouraging. £8m has been invested in Schools Capital Investment programme which has resulted in a new</p>							

	<p>school being built in Colwall. First time offender rates have halved. HC have agreed to take 25 unaccompanied asylum seeker children by July 2017.</p> <p>Cllr Lester was asked to enquire about a speed camera or Safer Road Partnerships deployment for Stretton Grandison.</p>	
5.0	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>No matters raised</p>	
6.0	<p>To Discuss Councillor Vacancy and Consider any Co-options</p> <p>The clerk has been approached by one interested person. The clerk will invite them to attend the January meeting.</p>	Clerk
7.0	<p>Planning:</p> <p>7.1 To Consider any Planning Applications submitted to Herefordshire Council:</p> <p>163017 – Land to the Rear of The Wheatsheaf Inn, The Stables, Fromes Hill, Ledbury Proposed conversion of former stables and agricultural barn to form single self-contained dwelling unit PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.</p> <p>163717 & 163718 – Old Birchend, Bosbury, Ledbury, HR8 1HF Proposed single storey conservatory extension PC Comment: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.</p> <p>7.2 To Note Details of any Decisions Notices received from Herefordshire Council (as per planning record attached) – noted</p>	
8.0	<p>Stretton Grandison Group Neighbourhood Development Plan</p> <p>A further meeting is to be held to receive the comments from residents on the draft Issues and Options paper that had been produced by Kirkwells. This meeting is to be held on 13th December at The Stables, Canon Frome at 7.30pm to complete this paper.</p> <p>Ward Councillor Lester asked to be copied in on any correspondence and offered his help if required.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CLERK</p>
9.0	<p>Finance / Governance:</p> <p>9.1 To Consider Payment of Outstanding Accounts:- AGREED</p> <p>000372: J Chester – clerk Oct/Nov – as agreed</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>9.2 To Note Finance Report and Bank Balances</p> <p>The clerk advised that she had negotiated with Lloyds Bank and they have agreed to £50 compensation for mistakes made by them. The Finance Report was noted. The current account balance as at 30th November £2931.64, Reserve account as at 30th November £3002.03. RESOLVED</p> <p>9.3 To Receive an Update on Poorlands Meadow Trust</p> <p>It was AGREED that Cllrs Davies, Smith and Hamilton-Paterson become signatories on the account being the members from Stretton Grandison. Cllr Davies is arranging the new bank</p>	<p>MD/JHP/DS</p>

	<p>mandate. RESOLVED</p> <p>9.4 To Decide Precept requirement for 2017/18</p> <p>The clerk had circulated to councillors a proposed budget for 2017/18 with a recommendation to request £6500.00 precept. This was discussed further and agreed. RESOLVED</p>	
10.0	<p>Highways / Footpaths</p> <p>10.1 To Note weekly report from Balfour Beatty Locality Steward Cathy Berkeley</p> <p>Noted - The weekly reports emailed through are read and noted, and any issues reported.</p> <p>10.2 To Receive any new Issues on Road Conditions / Traffic Management / Flooding / Footpaths</p> <p>The clerk was asked to chase the reinstatement of white lines outside The Hop Pocket. RESOLVED</p> <p>10.3 To Appoint a footpath Officer</p> <p>Mrs Janet Pudge has accepted the position of footpath officer. The chairman expressed the parish councils thanks to her. The clerk will advise the Locality Steward who will contact Mrs Pudge. RESOLVED</p> <p>10.4 To Consider Expression of Interest for lengthsman / P3 PROW grant from Balfour Beatty</p> <p>It was decided not to become party to this scheme as the parish does not currently have a lengthsman and as the scheme is being withdrawn over the next couple of years it seems pointless appointing a lengthsman. All defects will be continue to be reported to Balfour Beatty to repair. RESOLVED</p>	
11.0	<p>Information Section / Correspondence / Discussion</p> <p>11.1 To Note Correspondence Received</p> <p>The Marches Freight Strategy consultation – thoughts were that hard verges are required for slow moving vehicles / tractors to pull in to to allow other vehicles to pass. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.</p> <p>11.2 To Receive any Comments on Bosbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation</p> <p>No comments made.</p> <p>11.3 To Consider Applying for Defibrillator funding</p> <p>This was discussed but it was felt that there was not a suitable site for a defibrillator in the parishes so no funding would be applied for. RESOLVED</p> <p>11.4 To Consider Venue for Future Meetings</p> <p>After discussion it was decided to hold all meetings at The Stables. RESOLVED</p> <p>11.5 To Review Information & Outstanding Actions (attached)</p> <p>Reviewed and updated</p>	All
12.0	Training / Meetings / Reports	

	<p>12.1 To Note the Dates of any forthcoming training courses / meetings and decide attendee(s)</p> <p>The clerk had circulated the HALC training diary and encouraged councilors to attend the training courses to increase their knowledge.</p>	ALL
13.0	<p>To Raise Items for Next Scheduled Parish Council Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorland Meadow Trust Update • NDP Update 	ALL
14.0	<p>To Decide Date of Next Scheduled Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10th January 2016 at The Stables, Canon Frome at 7.30pm</p> <p>There being no other business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.04pm</p>	

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman

INFORMATION SHEET – DECEMBER 2016

PARISH CLERK UPDATE

- Road defects reported to Locality Steward
- Website updated
- Comments sent to planning department on planning applications received
- NDP meetings arranged
- NDP support work undertaken
- HALC “Social Media” training course attended
- HALC AGM & Conference attended
- HALC Eastern Area meeting attended
- New meeting venue investigated

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Balfour Beatty – Weekly Locality briefings *
- Balfour Beatty – Parish Briefing Notes & Presentation *
- HALC – Eastern Area Meeting 9th Nov papers *
- HALC – AGM & Conference *
- Herefordshire Council – Hfd Council Budget Meeting 28th July Presentation Slides *
- Herefordshire Council – Refugee & Asylum Seeker update *
- Herefordshire Council – Local Flood Risk Management Consultation 30 Jan 2017 *
- Herefordshire Council – “Your conversation” Healthwatch survey *
- Herefordshire Council – Broadband Survey *
- Herefordshire Council – Paliamentary Constituency Boundary proposals *
- Herefordshire rural Hub Newsletter *
- West Mercia Police – SNT Newsletter *
- Herefordshire Council – Public Access Defibrillator Funding *

* Circulated to Cllrs.

Outstanding Actions – These are the consolidated actions outstanding after the last meeting held in October 2016:

Date/ Meeting	Minute	Action	Status	Comments
March 2016	4.2	Clerk	reported	White lines at junctions at top of Fromes Hill need re-instating Potholes by The Old Rectory and Fuggles in Castle Frome
March 2016	9.2	Cllr Davies		To arrange new signatories on Poorland Meadow Trust bank account
Oct 2016	6	All	Complete	Appoint footpath officer and then advice Cathy Berkeley
Oct 2016	7	All		Spread word about Councillor Vacancy
Oct 2016	10.3	MD/DS/JHP		Complete new bank mandate for Poorlands Meadow Trust
Oct 2016	10.5	All	Complete	Consider 2017/18 Precept proposal for reaching decision at Dec meeting
Oct 2016	11.4	MD/DS	Complete	Meet with Locality Steward to view visibility problem at Stretton Grandison
Oct 2016	13	All Cllrs		Consider undertaking training and attending training courses

PLANNING RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PC COMMENT</u>	<u>HFD COUNCIL DECISION</u>
16.10.15	152939	Bears Forge, Canon Frome Court, HR8 2TD Proposed removal of interior wall	None	GRANTED 1.12.15
7.12.15	153605 – prior approval	The Hill, Castle Frome, HR8 1HL Proposed canopy and lean-to on the side of an existing biomass building	Not required	PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED 8.2.16
9.12.15	153532 / 153533	Hedgerow West of B4214, Near The Frogend, Bishops Frome and west of Hop Pocket entrance Hedgerow Removal	None	REFUSED 18.1.16
11.1.16	160057 – PRIOR APPROVAL	Hasnett Wood, Canon Frome, Munsley Proposed forestry building	Not required	PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQ 19.1.16
18.1.16	153808	The Porch, Lower Eggleton, HR8 2UG Proposed four bedroom dwelling including freestanding garage	None	GRANTED 29.2.16
4.3.16	160595	New House Farm, Bishops Frome, Herefordshire, WR6 5BT 22 nos additional business units and new sewerage treatment plant	The Parish Council have no objection provided a licence is granted by the Environmental Agency	GRANTED 1.8.16
18.3.16	160795	Yew Tree House, Stretton Grandison, HR8 2TS Proposed garden room to rear	The Parish Council have no objections to this application	REFUSED 29.4.16
12.5.16	160883	The Hill, Castle Frome, HR8 1HL Proposed lean-to extension to side of existing biomass boiler house	PC no objection	GRANTED 15.7.16
2.6.16	P161593/AM *ADVICE ONLY*	The Old Coach House, Townsend Farm, Stretton Grandison, HR8 2TS Proposed non-material amendment to planning permission ref: 011987/F	Not required	GRANTED 14.6.16
13.7.16	162281	Belfield, Canon Frome, Ledbury, HR8 2TF Convert existing double garage into a 2 bed annex accommodation to be used primarily by family and possibly as a holiday rental	PC have no objection	WITHDRAWN 7.11.16
2.8.16	161893	Old Birchend, Bosbury, Ledbury, HR8 1HF Removal of rear staircase and relocation of a ground floor toilet (retorseptive)	PC no objection	GRANTED 24.8.16
12.9.16	163016	Coppice House, Castle Frome, Ledbury, HR8 1HX Proposed single storey side extension, new porch and new rear dormer with interior and exterior	PC support this application	GRANTED 4.11.16

		alterations		
5.10.16	163024 & 163025	Meephill House, Canon Frome, HR8 2TF Proposed erection of an annexe	PC no objection	
7.10.16	163152	Land at Middlefields Farm, Castle Frome, Ledbury, Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 150349 (Proposed erection of single dwelling to replace mobile home) – handing of floor plan, change fo windows and doors and chimney position	PC no objection	
18.10.16	160795 APPEAL APP/W1850/D/16/3154790	Yew Tree House, Stretton Grandison, HR8 2TS Proposed garden room to rear	The Parish Council have no objections to this application	APPEAL GRANTED 7.11.16