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Stretton Grandison Group Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the parish council
held at The Stables, Canon Frome, HR8 2UN
On Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm**


Present: Cllrs: Douglas Smith (Chairman); Charles Pudge, Ed Godsall, Richard Henson and Helen Heathfield.

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk and Ward Cllr. Jonathan Lester

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1. **To accept any apologies for absence and note the reason**
None
2. **To record any Declarations of Interest and consider any written Requests for Dispensations**
None
3. **To consider the co-option of Parish Councillors for the parishes of Eggleton, Castle Frome and Canon Frome.**
No-one put forward.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May 2019**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
5. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 13th May 2019 and consider the issues raised therein.**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair. The issues raised therein will be dealt with under item 11.
6. **To receive a brief report from the Ward Councillor – Cllr. Jonathan Lester**
The report included the following points:
 - The May elections have left Herefordshire Council with no one party in control.
 - The Parish Council Initiative has been put on hold until the Autumn.
 - Cllr Lester is Chair of the General Scrutiny Committee
 - At the first Cabinet meeting both the Children and Young Person Plan and Council Performance was discussed.
 - The future of the bypass is uncertain at present.
7. **Public participation session for local residents to raise matters relevant to the parish council**
The following matters were raised:
 - Why are roads being up-graded where it is not needed and those that need work not being done?
 - Nothing is being done about the potholes in the villages
 - Several white-lines on the highways have worn away to the extent that junctions are now dangerous.
 - Is it true that roads are being top-dressed as the previous tarmac used was faulty?
 - Who funds the A417? Herefordshire Council and the Highways Agency or only HC? *Only HC.*Cllr Lester responded to the queries and AGREED to find out the answers. He also ENCOURAGED parishioners to email him between meetings if they had issues that they wished him to address.
8. **Planning**
8.1 To note any planning applications approved/refused by Herefordshire Council since the last meeting
The following applications were NOTED:

DATE	APPLICATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PC COMMENT	HFD COUNCIL DECISION
13 MAY 2019	191352	Pear Tree House, Fromes Hill, Ledbury, HR8 1HT - Change of use from class C3 dwelling house, Class D1, to non-residential institution.	Support	Approved with conditions
8 JULY 2019	191418	Plum Tree House, Fromes Hill, HR8 1HT – Two storey extension to Children's Care Home	Support	Approved with conditions

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8.2 To consider any new planning applications for determination by Herefordshire Council.

8.2.1 192049 - Lower House, Canon Frome, Ledbury, HR8 2TG

Work done on trees with TPO that were dangerous to public and footpath and residents of Canon Frome Court. Remedial work on stumps left on trees. Approx 12 in number. These trees were cut and now need remedial work to make good

It was RESOLVED to make the following comments:

- no-one at Canon Frome Court had complained about the trees.
- a complaint has been made to planning as to why this application wasn't submitted prior to the work being done.
- Will the trees be protected from now on?

8.2.2 191897 - Lower House, Canon Frome, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2TG

Proposed two storey and single storey extension to 'The Stables' conference/meeting venue.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

8.3 To note the responses submitted on the following applications.

191418 - Plum Tree House, Fromes Hill, HR8 1HT

Two storey side extension to Childrens' Care Home - Supported
NOTED

9. NDP

9.1 To receive an update on the consultation and next steps

The Clerk REPORTED that the first informal consultation had just taken place. Percentage returns of the questionnaire were high at about 68%. These results are now being collated by the Steering Group and would be sent to the NDP Consultant over the Summer in order to update the draft NDP ready for Regulation 14 consultation in the Autumn.

10. Finance

10.1 Confirmation of bank balances and note and sign finance report - Appendix 1

The Clerk REPORTED that the VAT return had now been credited to the account and that spending was as expected. The report was APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair as evidence of bank reconciliation and budget monitoring.

10.2 To consider invoices for payment

10.2.1 Clerks expenses £133.83

10.2.2 Clerks salary for June and July

10.2.3 HMRC £363.12

10.2.4 Autela Payroll Services £39.23

10.2.5 The Stables Meeting Room Hire £168

10.2.6 Kirkwells Ltd - NDP Consultation £600

10.2.7 Office Solutions - NDP Printing - informal consultation £1004

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment and the cheques were signed.

10.3 To receive an update on the Poorland Meadow Trust

It was NOTED that the setting up of this account was still underway.

11. To consider speeding issues through Stretton Grandison and Eggleton.

The clerk REPORTED that The Police Crime Commissioner, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty would all be attending the September meeting in order to put measures in place to improve the highway through Stretton Grandison. Funding was also being sought from local businesses to contribute to any scheme that was forthcoming. Parishioners AGREED that they wanted the following measures looked at: speed indicator devices; improved signage; road narrowing schemes and the possible use of traffic lights. The clerk REQUESTED that if any one had any questions they would like the PCC to answer then they needed to email them to her over the summer in preparation for the meeting in September.

12. To consider faster broadband in Canon Frome.

Cllr Helen Heathfield REPORTED that her and a group of parishioners had met to try to improve the broadband situation in Canon Frome. At present it experiences some of the lowest speeds in the country. It was NOTED that the lack of broadband severely impacts on businesses, education and health and safety of parishioners. Parishioners were encouraged to contact Fastershire to keep the pressure on the need to rectify this situation. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would write in support of this.

Three parishioners left the meeting.

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13. **Highways and footpaths**

13.1 To consider any highway or footpath issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The clerk REMINDED everyone that they didn't have to wait until a meeting to report an issue, they could report it via the Herefordshire Council app.

13.2 To consider an update on the verges mowing schedule from Balfour Beatty.

It was RESOLVED to write a letter to Balfour Beatty requesting that the verges in the Parishes are managed in line with Plantlife guidelines.

13.3 To receive an update on the gates across the footpath in Lower Eggleton

It was REPORTED that the Locality Steward and planning enforcement would be keeping a watch on this. It was thought there might be some confusion as to the gates being discussed. The clerk will seek clarification.

14. **To consider any outstanding actions and updates**

None

15. **Correspondence**

14.1 To consider any correspondence received by the clerk

– Request of support of National Lottery Community Fund Grant Application to repair the listed greenhouse at Canon Frome Court.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would write a letter of support of this application.

16. **To consider any items for the next agenda – no discussion**

White lines on the highways.

17. **To note the date of the next meeting – Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm**

NOTED

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

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