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STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held online via Zoom due to the Coronavirus
on Monday 14th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Richard Henson, Ed Godsall, Andy Towers and Richard Crompton.

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk,
Cllr Jonathan Lester – Ward Councillor

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- 1. To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Malcolm Davies
- 2. To Record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**
None
- 3. To Consider Approval of Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Monday 13th July 2020**
The Minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
- 4. Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
The Chair AGREED to take public comments during agenda items below. No other issues were raised.
- 5. To receive a brief report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Cllr Lester's report included the following items:
 - The Full Council meeting on the 4th August discussed how flood repairs are to be paid for.
 - The Leader of the Council as well as Committee Chair's have been re-appointed.
- 6. Planning:**
 - a) To consider any planning applications referred for comment**
It was AGREED to take application 202585 first.
 - **202585 - The Townsend, Townsend Farm, Stretton Grandison, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2TS**
Two proposed mobile poultry units for free range egg production, four feed bins and new access track.
The Chair opened the meeting to comments from the public. These included, in summary, the following items:
 - There appears to be a lot of discrepancies in the reports attached to the application.
 - No proper site assessment has been undertaken
 - Concern was raised about the air pollution caused by ammonia and poultry dust.
 - No Impact Assessment on the environment or amenity of residents has been carried out
 - The highway is already dangerous. Adding further traffic to it would only increase this danger.
 - No consultation with the properties who are only 200 yards from the site has been undertaken.
 - House prices will drop significantly.
 - Little information about the storage of the 60 tonnes of waste, produced annually, has been given.
 - Concerns were raised about the run-off caused by the site and the subsequent increased pollution into the water courses.
 - Would increased water usage affect local water pressure?
 - Concerns about increased noise pollution were raised.
 - The site is unacceptably close to a residential area – that is within a conservation area.
 - The proximity to the areas River Wye SAC and nearby SSSI's, should mean that an Environmental Impact Assessment is undertaken.
 - The area is already recognised as a nitrate vulnerable zone.
 - The site would not bring additional employment to the area.
 - This way is a sustainable way of producing food.
 - Surface water from the surrounding areas already runs off across the site.The following advice was given from the clerk and Ward Cllrs in attendance:
 - All comments should be submitted to Herefordshire Council.
 - If possible comments should be kept to those that are materially relevant.

- Given the significant public interest, the application can be referred to the Planning Committee for a decision.

- Planning Officers are now undertaking site visits.

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:

- Impact this will have on the conservation area and listed buildings therein.

- The traffic generation and highway access will make an already dangerous stretch of highway more so.

- The noise and air pollution (including Ammonia and poultry dust) from the site will be unbearable for the nearby community.

- The impact of the site on the life and amenity of the nearby community will be overbearing.

- The environmental impact of the application on the nearby River Wye SAC and several SSSI's will be unacceptable.

- The reports included within the application are based on presumptions.

- The reports on particulate and odour dispersion should be expanded to cover a range of wind speeds, together with a record of the distribution of wind speeds across the site.

- 202823 - The Hill Farm, Castle Frome, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1HL

Erection of three polytunnels for the storage of straw, fodder and the temporary housing of sheep as required for animal welfare reasons

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application with the following comment: Would a 50% increase in numbers of livestock increase the pollution of the area?

b) To note the planning record and details of decision notices received from Herefordshire Council

The following table was NOTED

DATE	APPLICATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PC COMMENT	HFD COUNCIL DECISION
July 2020	201734/5	Pullens Cottage, Lower Eggleton, Ledbury, HR8 2UJ Erection of a hardwood conservatory and LISTED BUILDING CONSENT	Support	Approved with Conditions

c) To consider submitting a response to Herefordshire Council's Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2020.

It was AGREED that the Clerk should submit the Referendum NDP in response.

d) To consider submitting a response to "The Planning for the Future" white paper.

It was AGREED that Cllr Helen Heathfield should formulate a response and circulate it to Cllrs for approval via email.

7. Finance:

a) To Consider the September finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1

The clerk REPORTED that budget was underspent for the period due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The report was APPROVED as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

b) To Receive Update on Poorlands Meadow Trust

It was AGREED to defer this item until Cllr Malcolm Davies was present.

c) To Note the following payments made between meetings under Clerks Delegated Authority (Finance Regulations item 5.5)

a) Clerks August Salary

b) Eyelid Productions – Website upgrade £50

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d) To consider the following invoices for payment

a) Clerks September Salary

b) Clerks September expenses £41.79 – previously circulated

c) Came and Co Insurance £351

d) Kirkwells Ltd – NDP Reg 16 and Examination £1680

e) HALC – Web Hosting £66

f) HMRC – PAYE £250.40

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

e) To consider the request to donate to the maintenance of Stretton Grandison Church Clock

It was RESOLVED to make a donation of £200 this year.

8. Highways/Footpaths:

- a) To receive an update on the installation of traffic calming measures through Stretton Grandison and consider next steps.

The clerk REPORTED that the grant submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioners Safer Roads Fund had not been approved – although they had AGREED to look a lesser figure. It was RESOLVED that the clerk should request funding of the white gates at a cost of £4245. The clerk REPORTED that the SID Assessments were going ahead. These would inform where the SID bases could be installed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council would endeavour to obtain further match funding for the project. Cllr Lester REPORTED that despite contacting the relevant people, the meeting date with Cllr Harrington to discuss the highway re-surfacing had still not been agreed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should assist with chasing this up. It was NOTED that the number of highway speeding offences are increasing – showing that police interventions are not working.

- b) To consider issues with overgrown verges.

It was AGREED to defer this issue until Cllr Charles Pudge is present.

9. NDP

- a) To receive an update regarding the NDP Examination

It was REPORTED that the NDP had passed the examination.

- b) To consider approving the updated NDP to go to referendum in May 2021

It was RESOLVED that the NDP should be put forward to go to referendum in May 2021. The Clerk REPORTED that due to the coronavirus the plan would be known as the Referendum Plan until then and carry significant weight.

10. To consider an update on Faster Broadband in Canon Frome

It was REPORTED that this was still ongoing. Progression was painfully slow.

11. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

None

12. To consider any items for the next agenda (no discussion)

Zoom Meetings; A Parish Get-Together

13. To note the date of the next meeting – 16th November 2020 – via Zoom

NOTED

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

16.09.20