

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 16th November 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), 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 Cllr 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 meetings held Monday 14th September and 14th October 2020**
Both sets of minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
4. **Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
 - It was queried why planning application 202585 would take until 2022 to determine. Cllr Lester will press the planning officer on this.
5. **To receive a brief report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Cllr Lester's report included the following items:
 - A recent planning application in Yarkhill, was taken to planning committee and refused
 - There is a new Covid testing centre in Leominster
 - The resurfacing of the bridges either side of Stretton Grandison is the priority for Balfour Beatty. They will be looking at resurfacing through the village next summer.

It was RESOLVED to take item 8 next:

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 she had yet to hear back with regard to the funding application submitted. It was NOTED that overtaking was an issue in the village and should be included as a discussion point at the meeting due to be held with Cllr John Harrington. Doubt was expressed that the pothole patching would last until the top dressing took place in summer 2021. Disappointment was expressed that Cllr Harrington had yet to set up a meeting about highway concerns despite it having been requested for over a year now. Cllr Lester was REQUESTED to query why diversions were causing such traffic issues in the village.
Recent speeding data from the Police showed 4.5 hours of detection time in both September and October – with the respective offences reported – 94 and 73. It was QUERIED whether this data can show where the offenders come from?
 - b) **To consider issues with overgrown verges.**
It was AGREED to defer this item until Cllr Charles Pudge is present.
6. **Planning:**
 - a) **To consider any planning applications referred for comment**
 - **203313 - Land at the Barn, Canon Frome, Herefordshire,**
Proposed Outline application with all matters, save access, reserved for the erection of 3 detached dwellings.
It was RESOLVED to support this application as it is included as a site within the NDP
 - **203476 - Land west of Yew Tree Farm, Fromes Hill, Herefordshire,**
Proposed Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a single dwellinghouse.
It was RESOLVED to object to this application as it falls outside the settlement boundary in the NDP
 - **203457 - Land at Yew Tree Farm, Fromes Hill, Herefordshire, HR8 1HW**
Proposed single dwelling
It was RESOLVED to support this application.
 - 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
14 th Oct 2020	202965	Land West of The Willows, Canon Frome, Outline application for new dwelling and garage, with all matters reserved.	Object	Withdrawn

7. Finance:

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

The clerk REPORTED that finances remained underspent for the period. 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 is present

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

a) Clerks October Salary

NOTED

d) To consider the following invoices for payment

a) Clerks November Salary

b) Clerks November expenses £151.81 – previously circulated

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment

e) To consider the draft budget and precept for 2021-22

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget and precept for 2021-22

9. To consider oak trees in the parishes.

It was REPORTED that Cllr Heathfield had purchased 100 oak tree saplings for planting in the parishes. If anyone knows of any land they can be planted can they please be in touch. Cllr Ed Godsall AGREED to speak to the The Homend Estate.

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

It was REPORTED that it still had frustratingly yet to be installed

11. To consider organising a parish get-together.

It was AGREED to defer this item until the Coronavirus Pandemic situation was safer to do so.

12. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

- Herefordshire Councils Review of Current Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints
The clerk ADVISED that individual Councillors should submit their comments directly to Herefordshire Council.

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

PLWB loan to enable Affordable Housing at Canon Frome Court

14. To note the date of the next meeting – 11th January 2021 – via Zoom

NOTED

A resolution was passed to exclude the press and public from the following confidential item

The parishioner and Cllr Jonathan Lester left the meeting

15. To consider the Clerk's Annual Appraisal.

The clerk's annual appraisal was deemed successful. She was thanked for her hard work.

The meeting closed at 20.42

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

18.11.20