

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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Andy Towers, Charles Pudge and Richard Crompton.

**In attendance:** Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk,

**Public:** 4

**1. To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Ed Godsall.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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 following items were RAISED:

- Was anyone else at Canon Frome having difficulties with broadband? *Fastershire's contact details were given.*
- Thanks were expressed to the clerk and Council for all their efforts with the highway measures.
- Concern was raised over the large tump of chicken manure in Stretton Grandison. Is it leaching into the rivers?
- What was the legality of having a bonfire in a built-up area?

*Cllr Malcolm Davies and Ward Cllr Jonathan Lester joined the meeting.*

**5. To receive a brief report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**

Cllr Lester's report included the following items:

- The bypass transport packages have been cancelled.
- Council tax is set to rise by 4.99%
- Issues with the River Lugg is having a knock-on effect on NDP's

**6. Planning:**

**a) To consider any planning applications referred for comment**

- **202981 – 1 Hopton Cottages, Stretton Grandison, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2TW**  
Retrospective outbuilding in front of property.  
It was RESOLVED to support this application

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

The following table was NOTED

<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PC COMMENT</b>	<b>HFD COUNCIL DECISION</b>
Sept 2020	<b>202585</b>	<b>The Townsend, Townsend Farm, Stretton Grandison, Ledbury, HR8 2TS</b> Two proposed mobile poultry unit for free range egg production, four feed bins and new access track.	Object	<b>Refused</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020	<b>202312</b>	<b>Land at Blackway Farm, Eggleton, Herefordshire,</b> Proposed agricultural dwelling and double garage.	Support	<b>Refused</b>
Nov 2020	<b>203476</b>	<b>Land west of Yew Tree Farm, Fromes Hill, Herefordshire,</b> Proposed Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a single dwellinghouse.	Object	<b>Refused</b>
Nov 2020	<b>203457</b>	<b>Land at Yew Tree Farm, Fromes Hill, HR8 1HW</b> Proposed single dwelling	Support	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>

**c) To consider The Farm, Bosbury, Woodland Management Consultation**

It was RESOLVED to thank the agent for such a comprehensive report. It was queried whether they would consider an expansion of the woodland area using trees provided by volunteers and working with local schools?

**d) To consider the NDP following recent information regarding the Basic Condition Statement and HRA.**

The clerk REPORTED that she had received information from Herefordshire Council NDP Team. This stated that the NDP, whilst having to go ahead to referendum stage, could not be formally "made" as it no longer met the Basic Condition statement due to the raised phosphate and nitrate levels in the River Lugg Catchment Area. The plan would continue to carry significant weight, and once the issue is resolved would go on to be "made". Timescales are at present unknown but Herefordshire Council NDP Team are working hard to resolve this. It was AGREED that an extra-ordinary meeting was needed to decide whether to put out a leaflet advertising the referendum to parishioners.

*3 parishioners left the meeting*

**7. 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 is waiting on a date for installation. The SID's have been delivered and are ready to be installed.

**b) To consider the need for speed reduction and double white lines between Lower Eggleton and Fromes Hill**

It was REPORTED by Mr. Stephens that there have been several serious accidents along this stretch of highway. It was AGREED that the clerk should submit two Traffic Regulation Order assessments. The first for the installation of double white lines to prevent overtaking at dangerous points. The second to request a speed reduction from 60mph to 50mph over this stretch. It was AGREED that the clerk would liaise with Mr. Stephens and then approval of the TRO submissions could be done via email between meetings.

*1 parishioner left the meeting*

**c) To note the update on the Traffic Regulation Order at Fromes Hill**

It was NOTED that the traffic surveys – postponed due to the pandemic – will now be undertaken. It was further NOTED that a speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph is being considered.

**8. Finance:**

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

The clerk REPORTED that finances appeared overspent although this was not the case as grant monies had been received to offset expenditure. The following budget areas have minor overspends against them: Insurance and elections. Elections will come out of the reserves set aside for election costs. The Highway measures and NDP budget areas are largely covered by grant money. The report was APPROVED as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation.

**b) To Receive Update on Poorlands Meadow Trust**

It was REPORTED that banks were still hard to access under the current lockdown. It was AGREED to discuss moving to Unity Bank Ltd at the May meeting and the possibility of opening a Poorland account with them too.

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

- a) Clerks February Salary
- b) Stocksigns Ltd – 2 SID's as agreed £5857.46
- c) Herefordshire Council – Traffic Calming Measures as agreed £6087.83
- d) Balfour Beatty – 2 SID bases as agreed £960

The above payments were NOTED

**d) To note the following invoices for payment**

- a) Clerks March Salary
- b) Clerks March expenses £24.34 – previously circulated
- c) HALC 2021-22 Subscriptions £459.11
- d) Eyelid Productions Ltd – Annual web support £100
- e) HMRC PAYE £240.60

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment.

**9. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk**

None

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

An update on the situation with phosphates and nitrates in the River Lugg catchment area.

**11. To note the date of the next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Via TBC**

This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meetings – to run concurrently – starting at 7.15pm. It was REPORTED that Central Government have not yet extended the ability for Parish Councils to meet online past the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The clerk will inform everyone nearer to the meeting date of how and where the meeting will take place.

*The meeting closed at 21.00*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_