

STRETTON GRANDISON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at The Stables, Canon Frome
on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Helen Heathfield (Chairman), Malcolm Davies, Andy Towers, Richard Henson and Charles Pudge

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

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1. **To accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr Richard Crompton
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 8th November 2021**
The minutes were APPROVED and duly signed by the Chair.
4. **To receive a brief Report from Three Crosses Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester**
Cllr Lester's report included the following items:
 - Council tax is set to rise by 2.99%
 - Scrutiny Committee will be looking at the budget on 21st January 2022

Cllr Ed Godsall joined the meeting

Cllr Lester was asked who was responsible for monitoring the costs of works provided by Balfour Beatty? *The contract managers – although they do not do on the ground checks of works.*

Cllr Lester was further asked if he could chase up the replacement signs missing from the bottom of Fromes Hill – as well as pushing for better white lines to be painted at the junction. This follows several accidents over the past couple of months.

5. **Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
None
6. **Planning:**
 - a) **To consider any planning applications referred for comment, for determination by Herefordshire Council**
 - 214280 - **The Coach House, Birchend Farm, Bosbury, Ledbury, HR8 1HF**
Proposed garage to rear of house and log store to front
It was RESOLVED to support this application
 - 214395/3 - **Winterbyre, 4 Townsend Barns, Stretton Grandison, Ledbury, HR8 2TS**
Replace indoor oil-fired domestic heating boiler with outside 11 kWh air source heat pump. Install 7.5 kWh solar photovoltaic array on south-facing roof and Listed Building Consent
It was RESOLVED to support this application

The following decisions made by Herefordshire Council were NOTED

DATE	APPLICATION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PC COMMENT	HFD COUNCIL DECISION
Sept 2021	213060	2 Steppes Cottages, Lower Eggleton, HR8 2UL Proposed single storey extension to form garden room and porch	Support	Approved with conditions
Nov 2021	213637	Land adjacent Ivy Cottage, Lower Eggleton, Ledbury, HR8 HUQ Proposed erection of building to house ground source heat pump system and for use as general purpose storage in connection with green energy business. (Retrospective).	Comment	Refused
-	214087	Peartree And Plumtree House, Fromes Hill, Ledbury, HR8 1HT Proposed erection of single storey extension.	No comment	Approved with conditions

7. Highways/Footpaths:

a) To consider any highway or footpaths issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty

The following items were RAISED for reporting:

- New signage and white lines at the bottom of Fromes Hill – see item 4
- An update on the legality of the Green Lane by Ivy Cottage was requested from the Locality Steward.

It was AGREED that the clerk should put a note in the Hop Churches magazine requesting that people do not ride horses along footpaths.

b) To consider possible future drainage schemes that need funding through the lengthsman scheme

The following schemes were RAISED to be discussed further in March.

- Watery Lane
- Frogend Lane junction

8. Finance:

a) To consider the January finance report and bank statements. – Appendix 1

The clerk REPORTED that finances were good for the period and within budget. The report was APPROVED and signed as evidence of budget monitoring and bank reconciliation

b) To receive update on Poorlands Meadow Trust

It was REPORTED that no applications for funds had been received. The Trustees will readvertise the funds and meet again on 14th March to discuss any applications.

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

- a) Clerks December Salary
NOTED

d) To consider the following invoices for payment

- a) Clerks January Salary
b) Clerks January expenses £14.54 – previously circulated
c) HMRC – PAYE £288.00
d) Autela Payroll Services - £50.40

The above invoices were APPROVED for payment by BACS

9. To consider next steps with The Great Collaboration

It was REPORTED that the Parish was listed on the Great Collaboration website. It was AGREED that Cllr Helen Heathfield could undertake writing a blog and putting information in the Hop Churches magazine with regards activities undertaken. It was AGREED that all Cllrs would look at the website before the next meeting to decide whether to provide an annual subscription of £50 towards its upkeep.

10. To consider hare coursing in the parishes

It was REPORTED that these activities had ceased for the time-being due to the wet weather. It was AGREED that the clerk should write to the Wildlife Crimes Unit at Hindlip Hall, requesting that as the weather dries up, officers monitor activity in the area. The Rural Crime Officer is aware of the issue.

11. To consider the next litter pick

It was RESOLVED to hold the litter pick on Saturday 15th January 2022 – meeting at Stretton church at 11am. Cllr Helen Heathfield will collate the sign-up sheet for insurance purposes.

A further litter pick will be arranged for February.

12. To consider any correspondence received by the Clerk

None

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

Update on the 2022 Balfour Beatty Annual Maintenance Plan Schemes in the area

14. To note the date of the next meeting –14th March 2022 – The Stables, Canon Frome

NOTED

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____